

WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

7TH AUGUST 2020

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982,
SCHEDULE 4**

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A STATIC STREET TRADING LICENCE

APPLICANT: MR STEPHEN CONNELLY

PRIVATE HEARING	
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Ward(s) affected:	Cathedral
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Application Form Appendix 2 – Images of Trading Unit and Location Appendix 3 – Representation/Objection Appendix 4 – Street Trading Policy

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for the grant of a static Street Trading Licence submitted by Mr Stephen Connelly on behalf of Bears Great Escapes Limited, to trade from the following location:

High Street
Worcester (behind the Edward Elgar Statue)

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 8th June 2020 the Licensing Office received an application for a static street trading licence. A copy of the application is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 The application is requesting to sell ice cream and sorbets from from Monday to Sunday, between the hours of 10:00am and 10:00pm.

- 2.3 The applicant is seeking to trade from a ice cream tricycle in a static fixed location on the High Street, behind the Edward Elgar Statue, Worcester City Centre. Images of the proposed trading location and ice cream tricycle are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.4 Officers can confirm that the application has been advertised in the correct manner by way of a public notice, which has been displayed on the site.
- 2.5 On 9th June 2020, the Licensing Office in line with the street trading application procedure consulted with a number of statutory consultees these being:
- West Mercia Police
 - The Highways Authority
 - Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority
 - Environmental Health (WRS)
 - Worcester Business Improvement District (Worcester BID)
 - Town Centre Manager –Worcester City Council
- 2.6 In response to the public notice and the email to the statutory consultees, the Licensing Office received one representation which has been submitted by Michelle and Mark Rasdall of Mr Simms Worcester, objecting to the grant of a licence. A copy of the representation is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 2.7 No other representations have been received from any other interested parties.

3. LOCAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Council has adopted a policy in relation to street trading. A copy of the Street Trading Policy is attached at **Appendix 4**.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The relevant legislation relating to street trading licences is contained within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 4, the pertinent sections being set out below:
- 4.2 Paragraph 3 states that:
- (5) it shall be the duty of the council to grant an application for a street trading licence or the renewal of such a licence unless they consider that the application ought to be refused on one or more of the grounds, specified in sub paragraph (6) below
 - (6) the council may refuse an application on any of the following grounds:
 - a) That there is not enough space in the street for the applicant to engage in the trading in which he/she desires to engage without causing undue interference or inconvenience to persons using the street;

- b) That there are already enough traders trading in the street from shops or otherwise in the goods in which the applicant desires to trade;
- (7) If the council consider that grounds for refusal exist under sub paragraph (6) (a) or (b) above, they may grant the applicant a licence which permits him-
- a) to trade on fewer days or during a shorter period in each day than specified in the application; or
 - b) to trade only in one or more of the descriptions of goods specified in the application.

4.3 Paragraph 4 states that:

- (1) A street trading licence shall specify—
 - (a) the street in which, days on which and times between which the licence-holder is permitted to trade; and
 - (b) the description of articles in which he is permitted to trade.
- (2) If the district council determine that a licence-holder is to confine his trading to a particular place in the street, his street trading licence shall specify that place.
- (3) Matters that fall to be specified in a street trading licence by virtue of subparagraph (1) or (2) above are referred to in this Schedule as the “principal terms” of the licence.
- (4) When granting or renewing a street trading licence, the council may attach such further conditions (in this Schedule referred to as the “subsidiary terms” of the licence) as appear to them to be reasonable.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (4) above, the subsidiary terms of a licence may include conditions—
 - (a) specifying the size and type of any stall or container which the licence-holder may use for trading;
 - (b) requiring that any stall or container so used shall carry the name of the licence holder or the number of his licence or both; and
 - (c) prohibiting the leaving of refuse by the licence-holder or restricting the amount of refuse which he may leave or the places in which he may leave it.
- (6) A street trading licence shall, unless previously revoked or surrendered, remain valid for a period of 12 months from the date on which it is granted or, if a shorter period is specified in the licence, for that period.

4.4 Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a council to grant a licence, has the right of appeal to the magistrates’ court within 21 days.

4.5 The Sub-Committee should have due regard to the legislation when considering this application and should give full consideration to the information supplied by the applicant in both his application and at the hearing, and to the representations made by other interested parties, where they are relevant to the matters set out in the legislation.

5. FOR DECISION

5.1. That the Licensing Sub-Committee consider and determine whether to grant or refuse the application made by Mr Stephen Connelly for a static Street Trading Licence in Worcester City Centre.