



DECISION NOTICE - LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE

APPLICATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – MERKUR SLOTS, 551 LINCOLN ROAD, PETERBOROUGH, PE1 2PB

26 JULY 2024

This Decision Notice refers to the application of the premises licence Merkur Slots, 551 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2PB.

This Sub-Committee was convened to hear an application for a premises licence made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Applicant was Merkur Slots UK Limited. The Applicant applies for a Bingo premises licence for the premises situated at and known as 551 Lincoln Road, Millfield.

The Sub-Committee read the committee bundle and the additional information supplied by the Applicant.

There had been a number objections to the licence being granted from Responsible Authorities and from Interested Parties; these can be found at page 45 of the bundle. The Sub-Committee heard in person from the police and public health who object.

The objections relate to the three licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

We have ignored representations that are not linked to one or more of the licensing objectives. The Gambling Commission's Guidance is clear on what we can and cannot consider.

Section 153 of the Gambling Act 2005 states that the licensing authority shall aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks fit:

- in accordance with any relevant code of practice under section 24;
- in accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Commission; under section 25
- reasonably consistent with licensing objectives; and
- in accordance with the licensing authority's statement of licensing policy

In other words there exists a presumption to grant.

In support of the application, we have heard in person from the Applicant's Representative.

We have noted the additional conditions forwarded by the applicant. We consider the conditions sufficient to meet the stated objections.

Therefore, the Sub-Committee **GRANT** the licence as applied for subject to the additional conditions offered by the Applicant, and the reduced hours of operation.

If any person who lodged an objection to the grant of this licence is dissatisfied with the decision, they can appeal the decision to the Magistrates' Court sitting in Peterborough within 21 days of this decision. There may be a fee to pay.

Peterborough Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1ED. Tel No. 01223 376000. There is a fee to pay.

Councillor Steve Allen

Sub-Committee Chairman