

Notice of Decision



Decision No. 57/ON/482/2018

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by Ganpati Enterprises Limited pursuant to s.127 of the Act for renewal of an On-Licence in respect of premises situated at 458 Ashworths Road, Amberley known as "Pukeko Junction Cafe"

BEFORE THE Hurunui District Licensing Committee

Chairperson: Councillor M Black

DECISION (ON THE PAPERS)

This is an application by Ganpati Enterprises Limited for renewal of an On-Licence in respect of premises situated at 458 Ashworths Road, Amberley, known as "Pukeko Junction Cafe".

No changes to the conditions of the licence have been sought by the applicant.

The on-licence hours held are:

Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 10.00pm

Under previous licences, the licensed hours were daily until 6pm (winter) and 7pm (summer) with 15 private events per year until 10pm. An alteration to the resource consent extended the trading hours. When the new on-licence was applied for, the applicant sought the licensed hours to be extended. The additional hours were used between October/November 2018 and February/March 2019. These later trading hours have been limited due to staff availability.

The licensed areas are undesignated and include:

- The interior of the café,
- The outdoor decking, and
- The fenced and canvassed roofed courtyard area.

Ganpati Enterprises Limited has traded as Pukeko Junction Café since June 2018, first under a temporary authority and for a year with the on-licence. Reena Bist is the sole company director and shareholder. Initially she was responsible for administration roles for the premises however, since being granted her manager's certificate she has worked fulltime

usually front of house, and sometimes in the kitchen. Reena's husband, Ankit Bist is the operational manager for the café.

Ganpati Enterprises Limited purchased the lease of the premises for 16 years, however the lease is currently for sale.

The Police (Constable Craddock) and Medical Officer of Health's Alcohol Licensing Officer (Paula Williams) made comment to alcohol (beer and wine) being directly accessible to customers, who could potentially help themselves without staff knowing, especially during busy periods. This was seen during a site visit and noted as being unusual in this type of licensed premises.

The licensing Inspector also discussed the location of the alcohol with the licensee on 22 October 2019.

The District Licensing Committee have decided that the suitable area for the alcohol to be kept is in a 'staff only' accessed area, where customers may be able to see the choices available, but are unable to 'help themselves'.

The application was duly advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received.

In their reports, the Police, Medical Officer of Health, and District Licensing Inspector have raised no matters in opposition to this application.

We are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.131 of the Act. We renew the licence on the existing terms and conditions until 01 October 2022, that being three years from the first anniversary of the licence.

Due to a practice direction from the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority we authorise the issue of a replacement licence with a new number and notice of renewal.

DATED at Amberley this 30 October 2019



Secretary

Hurunui District Licensing Committee