

Notice of Decision



Decision No. 57/ON/500/2022

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by Salt n Pepper Cafe Enterprises Limited pursuant to s.127 of the Act for renewal of an On-Licence in respect of premises situated at 6 Chisholm Crescent, Hanmer Springs known as "Salt n Pepper Cafe"

BEFORE THE Hurunui District Licensing Committee

Chairperson: Councillor M Ward

DECISION (ON THE PAPERS)

This is an application by Salt n Pepper Cafe Enterprises Limited for renewal of an On-Licence in respect of premises situated at 6 Chisholm Crescent, Hanmer Springs, known as "Salt n Pepper Cafe".

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

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

On 10 December 2021, Police submitted a report in opposition to the application. The grounds for the opposition were in relation to s. 105(1)(a) suitability of the applicant and s. 105(1)(j) staff, systems and training. The report stated:

“(b) Suitability of the Applicant

The directors and shareholders of the Company Salt n Pepper Café Enterprises Limited are Dharambir SINGH and Amandeep SAINI.

SAINI has applied for a new On Licence for The Vintage Bar and Bistro. Police have concerns how SAINI will finance this premises as well as Salt n Pepper and enquiries are continuing into this.

(j) Staff, systems and training

For this application SAINI and a Sukvinder SINGH are the only managers for the premises. SAINI is also a manager with only one other for The Vintage Bar & Bistro. Police have concerns over how the two premises will be managed.”

On 13 May 2022, the Police submitted a supplementary report, which stated:

“Police and the Hurunui Licensing Inspector met with the applicants on 11 May 2022 to speak about the concerns.

Following the meeting Police no longer have concerns regarding 131 (b) and (j),

Police wish to withdraw their opposition.”

The Licensing Inspector supported the concerns of the Police. Section 10.0 of the Licensing Inspectors Report summarised her inquiries into the application as follows:

“The Inspector’s inquiries into this application identified areas that required in depth assessment to ensure the suitability of the applicant and the staffing of the premises. These have been worked through and further information supplied which has satisfied these concerns.

The Inspector is satisfied the applicant has made a commitment to work with HNZ and the Inspector to develop and implement effective training and record keeping systems for the restaurant.

The Inspector will periodically check progress with the licensee over the next 12 months.”

The Committee support the level of inquiries into the application made by the Police and Licensing Inspector. We consider the approach suggested by the Licensing Inspector, to periodically check progress with the licensee over the next 12 months, is reasonable and is not inconsistent with the purpose of the Act.

The Medical Officer of Health did not raise any 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 23 December 2024, 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 6th day of July 2022



Secretary

Hurunui District Licensing Committee

