

DECISION NUMBER

1476/2021

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **TWENTY 1 LIMITED** for a new On-Licence pursuant to section 100 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 1/87 Ford Road, Onekawa, Napier, to be known as “Soho Café and Bar”.

BEFORE THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application (ON1476) for a new On-Licence was advertised in the Hawkes Bay Today on the 13 and 20 February 2021; together with statutory signage on the building. No objections were received and no s. 103 reports noted any opposition.

Therefore the matter is considered by the Napier District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of s.202 (1) and 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application

(1) The application was made on the 11 February 2021 on the prescribed form. The application seeks to establish a new license for a premise that has just been built within a Kmart complex. The applicant has obtained the necessary resource consent and lease to hold and manage a Liquor Licence. The general nature of the business will be that of a ‘cafe style ON-licence’.

(2) The cafe at 1/87 Ford Road, Onekawa, Napier, is owned by Wallace Developments who has given permission for this application. The licensed area is the indoor and outdoor areas of the relatively small café as detailed on the floor plan date stamped 11th February 2021. The principle entrance is that off Ford Road, Napier.

(3) The applicant is an incorporated company with one director/shareholder.

(4) The premise will be known as ‘Soho Café and Bar’ and is seeking to be ‘undesigned’ throughout.

(5) The complete file that the District Licensing Committee received included evidence that the following was provided as part of the application –

- The application
- Certificate of incorporation
- Floor plan
- A s. 100(f) RMA/ Building Act compliance letter from Council
- Letter from applicant's landlord agreeing to the application to be licensed.
- Letter from landlord representative as having the necessary evacuation scheme
- Copy of public notice on the building
- Host Responsibility Policy
- Full menu
- Public Advert wording
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

Decision Making

(6) In considering this application for On-Licence the District licensing Committee (here in after referred to as the 'Committee') had regard to the criteria specified under s. 105 of the Act.

(7) the object of this Act:

This is a new licence for a newly built premise. The applicant provided a Host Responsibility Policy that shows how alcohol will be sold in a responsible manner under the licence. If followed this should ensure the object of the Act continues to be complied with.

(8) the suitability of the applicant:

The applicant, Twenty 1 Limited, is an incorporated company with one director/ shareholder. The applicant has supplied the name of two certified managers for the premises which is seen as adequate.

(9) The inspector and reporting agencies do not challenge suitability of the applicant and neither do I.

(10) any relevant local alcohol policy:

The application accords with the Napier LAP.

(11) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:

The applicant has applied for the following days and hours –

- **Monday to Sunday, 8.00am to 10.00pm**

(12) the design and layout of any proposed premises:

The application included a floor plan that shows the areas to be licensed. This is a new licensed footprint within a relatively small cafe. The whole of the licensed premise is to be undesignated which is supported by the inspector.

(13) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods:

No.

(14) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:

Within the agency reports there are no concerns about the possible reduction in amenity and good order from any licence issue.

The premise, where it is, should ensure the amenity and good order of the locality are not effected by more than a minor extent.

(15) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality are already so badly affected by the effects of the issue of existing licences that—

(i) they would be unlikely to be reduced further (or would be likely to be reduced further to only a minor extent) by the effects of the issue of the licence; but

(ii) it is nevertheless desirable not to issue any further licences:

No concerns raised.

(16) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:

If the host responsibility policy is followed the licence holder should have no problems with compliance. The applicant appears to be taking their licensing responsibilities seriously which should assist the premise to be run in a compliant manner.

Reporting Agencies

(17) The following reports were received under section 103 of the Act.

(18) **Police** – Report received on 18 February 2021, offering no opposition.

(19) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 16 February 2021, offering no opposition.

(20) **Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 16 April 2021. The inspector provided a comprehensive report into the application, has met the applicant and concluded that the application is complete, appears to meet the criteria for a new on-licence and therefore has no opposition to the application.

Committees Decision and Reason

(21) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, my assessment above, I conclude that the application meets the s. 105 criteria under the Act to be granted an on-licence for the premise situated at 1/78 Ford Road, Onekawa Road, Napier and known as 'Soho Café and Bar'.

(22) Accordingly the application is **approved** for issue for one year subject to the conditions outlined in the Inspectors report and payment of any outstanding fees, if any.

3 Decision

Accordingly the application is **Approved** for issue from this date.

Dated at Napier District this 19 April 2021.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Napier District Licensing Commissioner