

**DECISION NUMBER**

**1296/2021**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Little River Artisans Limited** for a new Off- Licence pursuant to section 100 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 40 Hastings Street, Napier South, Napier and known as “Bistronomy Vinotech”.

**BEFORE THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for a new Off-Licence was advertised in the Hawkes Bay Today on the 30 July and 6 August 2021 with no objections received. A site notice was also displayed in accordance with s. 101(a) of the Act.

No matters of opposition were raised under section 103 reports; therefore the matter was 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) This application is for a new off licence by **Little River Artisans Limited** at 40 Hastings Street, Napier South, Napier and known as “Bistronomy Vinotech”. This is an existing premises which have new owners wanting new On and Off licences.

(2) The application for new off-license (along with On-license) was made on 30 July 2021 on the prescribed form. The general nature of the business will continue to be that of a Tavern (On-Licence) with over the counter alcohol sales (Off-licence).

(3) The premise owners have given written permission for the applicant to operate an off licence from the premise and they have Council certificate to say the activity complies with the properties resource consent. The principle entrance is to be located off Hastings Street.

(4) The complete file that I received included –

- The application
- Certificate of incorporation
- Social Responsibility Policy
- Lease deed
- Floor plan
- Photos of s. 101(a) compliance
- Copy of Newspaper advertisement
- Council Building and Resource Management Compliance Statement
- Fire evacuation declaration from owner
- Building and Planning Certificates of compliance
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

***Decision Making***

(5) In considering this application for Off-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.

**Sections 105 Analyses:**

**(6) the object of this Act:**

The Inspector inquired into the application seeking evidence that the object of the Act will be complied with under this licence. The applicant provided a host responsibility policy and alcohol management plan that if followed should ensure statutory compliance. In any event the first licence period of a year should be suitable time to assess compliance with the object of the Act before first renewal period.

**(7) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is a private company incorporated with two directors/ shareholders.

The applicant supplied names of two certified managers to be employed on the premises, which is seen as adequate.

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

**(8) any relevant local alcohol policy:**

Application accords with local policy.

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

Applicant has applied for the following hours –

**Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 10.00 pm.**

These hours are within the national trading hours and are considered reasonable for this type of operation.

**(10) the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

The premise is a single story tavern type premise that is defined on the plan date stamped as received by the Council with the application. The purchase and supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises is proposed to be made across all bar counters on the premises. No concerns by the agencies with layout etc.

There is no need for designations as the On-licence designations hold precedence and suffice.

**(11) 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:**

I accept the inspectors assessment that there have been no complaints about nuisance type offences in the area in the past and that if managed well this should continue with no or little reduction in amenity due to the issue of the licence.

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

The applicant has nominated two managers to manage the licence. The inspectors report notes the premise has appropriate systems that if followed should ensure the Act is complied with.

**Reporting Agencies**

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

(14) **Police** – Report received on 12 August 2021, of no opposition.

(15) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 29 July 2021, of no opposition.

(16) **Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 10th September 2021. The inspector provided, amongst other things, his assessment of the application in relation to the Act. The inspector also assessed the application against s105 criteria. This assessment has been referred to in this report.

The inspector concluded that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria for a new Off-licence. No opposition raised within the inspectors report and draft conditions suggested.

*Committees Decision and Reason*

(17) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, my site inspection and my assessment above, I conclude that the application generally meets the s. 105 criteria under the Act to be granted a new off-licence for the premise situated at 40 Hastings Street, Napier South, Napier and to be known as “Bistronomy Vinotech”.

(18) 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.

**Dated at Napier District this 14th day of September 2021.**

**Signed**



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**Stuart Hylton**  
**Napier District Licensing Commissioner**