

## The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 28 November 2023

Agenda Item	6.2
Report No	HLB/125/23

### Application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Love Dosa, 6 Mealmarket Close, High Street, Inverness, IV1 1HS

#### Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

##### Summary

This report relates to an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Fazila Ajikumar, 11 Suilven Way, Inverness, IV3 8PE

#### 1.0 Description of premises

1.1 The Love Dosa is situated on Mealmarket Close, Inverness and consists of a small South Indian Restaurant with thirty covers.

#### 2.0 Operating hours

2.1 The applicant seeks the following **on-sale** hours:

##### On sales:

Monday to Sunday: 1200 hours to 2400 hours

The applicant seeks the following **off-sale** hours:

##### Off sales:

Monday to Sunday: 1200 hours to 2200 hours

#### 3.0 Background

3.1 On 3 October 2023 the Licensing Board received an application for the grant of a premises licence from Fazila Ajikumar.

The application was accompanied by a Disabled Access Statement.

3.2 The application was publicised during the period 9 October until 30 October 2023 and confirmation that the site notice was displayed has been received.

3.3 In accordance with standard procedure, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Council's Community Services (Environmental Health)

and Planning and Building Standards were consulted on the application.

- 3.4 Notification of the application was also sent to NHS Highland and the local Community Council.
- 3.5 Further to this publication and consultation process, no timeous objections or representations have been received.
- 3.6 The applicant must nevertheless be given the opportunity to be heard before the Board determines the application and has accordingly been invited to the meeting. The applicant has been advised of the hearings procedure which may also be viewed via the following link:

[Highland Licensing Board - Hearings](#)

#### **4.0 Legislation**

- 4.1 The Licensing Board must, in considering and determining the application, consider whether any grounds of refusal apply and, if none of them applies, the Board must grant the application.

Relevant grounds of refusal are: -

1. that the premises are excluded premises;
  2. that the Board considers, having regard to the licensing objectives, that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a premises licence;
  3. that the grant of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives;
  4. that having regard to;
    - (i) the nature of the activities proposed to be carried on in the subject premises,
    - (ii) the location character and condition of the premises, and
    - (iii) the persons likely to frequent the premises,the Board considers the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol, or
  5. that the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises, or licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises, in the locality.
- 4.2 For the purposes of the Act, the licensing objectives are-
    - (a) preventing crime and disorder,

- (b) securing public safety,
- (c) preventing public nuisance,
- (d) protecting and improving public health, and
- (e) protecting children and young persons from harm.

4.3 If the Board would refuse the application as made, but a modification is proposed by them and accepted by the applicant, the application can be granted as so modified.

## **5.0 Licensing Standards Officer**

5.1 The LSO has provided the following comments:-

(i) Love Doza is a small Indian Restaurant situated in Mealmarket Close, Inverness.

(ii) The restaurant specialises in south Indian food, operating 30 covers for sit in diners as well as a takeaway food facility.

(iii) The LSO has visited the premises and in his opinion, they are suitable for the sale of alcohol as indicated in the operating plan, service will be to tables as ancillary to meals; in addition a small range of alcohol is available for off sale to accompany takeaway meals.

(iv) The application has been accompanied by section 50 certificates relating to planning, building control and food hygiene. A disabled facilities statement has also accompanied the application.

(v) Opening hours for on and off sales comply with Board policy.

(vi) In the opinion of the LSO, the application complies with the 5 licensing objectives.

(vii) Following the public consultation phase of this application no objections or representations have been received by the Board.

## **6.0 HLB local policies**

6.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2018-23
- (2) Highland Licensing Board Equality Strategy

## **7.0 Conditions**

### **7.1 Mandatory conditions**

If the application is approved the mandatory conditions set out in Schedule 3 of the Act will apply.

### **7.2 Local conditions**

No local conditions are considered necessary.

### **7.3 Special conditions**

No special conditions are considered necessary.

## **Recommendation**

The Board is invited to determine the above application.

If the Board is minded to refuse the application, the Board must specify the ground for refusal and, if the ground for refusal is in relation to a licensing objective, the Board must specify the objective in question.

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