

COMMITTEE REPORT

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE A

14 October 2025

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Applicant: Meehu Retail LTD

Ref.No. PR0149

Premises: Premier Store, 31-33 Saltergill Avenue, Middlesbrough TS4 3LD

Application received: 08 August 2025

Summary of Licensable Activities applied for: Sale of alcohol off the premises

Hours for Licensable Activities: 09:00am to 10:00pm daily

Full details of the Premises Licence application and accompanying operating schedule have been reproduced at **Appendix 1**.

1. Notification to Responsible Authorities:

The following Responsible Authorities have all received notification of the application:

Chief Constable	Planning Manager
Chief Fire Officer	Trading Standards Manager
Area Child Protection Group	Director of Public Health
Environmental Health Manager	Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)
(Public Safety and Public Nuisance)	Licensing Manager

2. Application advertised by the applicant: Evening Gazette – 19 August 2025

3. Legislation

The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- The Protection of Children from Harm

The Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

4. Background

These premises operate as a general store providing cigarettes, groceries and household products. The premises have previously had the benefit of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, which authorised the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises. The licence was granted in March 2008 until February 2018 when the premises licence was revoked by a licensing sub-committee following a review application by Middlesbrough Trading Standards .

The review was brought following concerns around the sale of counterfeit alcohol and non-payment of UK Excise Duty. Since this time the premises has operated as a general grocery store without the benefit of a premises licence.

On 8th August 2025 an application was received seeking the grant of a premises licence for Off sales of alcohol for the following hours:-

7am – 11pm daily

Members are reminded that as part of its overall Statement of Licensing Policy, the Council has established a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) in relation to off licence premises in Middlesbrough, covering eight wards including the Longlands and Beechwood ward, which is where these premises are situated.

A plan showing the area of the CIP affecting off licensed premises for Longlands and Beechwood ward is attached at **Appendix 2**. Within this ward, there are currently 9 licensed premises for off sales of alcohol.

Applications in areas covered by the CIA should therefore give consideration to potential cumulative impact issues when setting out the steps that will be taken to promote the licensing objectives.

5. The Representations

On 12 August 2025 a representation was received from Mr Bay Bashir, a business owner currently operating 3 off licensed premises in the area. His objection to the application is based around the four licensing objectives and the current issues experienced in the area including anti-social behaviour, vandalism, loitering, drunkenness, noise and disturbance to residents, increased alcohol availability and exposure to young people. A copy of that representation is attached at **Appendix 3**.

On 19 August 2025 a representation was received from Longlands and Beechwood Ward Councillor Joan McTigue objecting to the application on the grounds of Prevention Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm. Cllr McTigue raises concerns around littering including smashed bottles found in the area. A copy of that representation is attached at **Appendix 4**.

Following concerns raised by Cleveland Police, Public Health and Trading Standards representatives during the consultation period, the applicant amended the application to reduce the proposed licensing hours to:-

9am – 10pm daily

In addition, the applicant agreed to further conditions which are outlined at **Appendix 5**.

As a result no representations have been made by the Responsible Authorities.

6. The Licensing Policy

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Council's Licensing Policy.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder	Page 20
Public Safety	Page 25
Prevention of Public Nuisance	Page 27
Protection of Children from Harm	Page 30
Cumulative Impact – off licence premises	Pages 42 and 43

And any other sections of the Policy which Members consider to be relevant.

7. Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Guidance.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder	Starting at paragraph 2.1
Public Safety	Starting at para 2.6
Prevention of Public Nuisance	Starting at para 2.14
Protection of Children from Harm	Starting at para 2.21
Cumulative Impact	Starting at para 13.20

And any other sections of the Guidance which Members consider to be relevant.

8. Members' Options

Members may consider the following options:

1. Grant the application subject to conditions consistent with the operating schedule modified to such extent as considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, provided that Members are satisfied that the granting of the application will not add to the existing cumulative impact in the area of the premises.
2. To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
3. To reject the application.

Members are reminded that any aggrieved party (i.e. Applicant, Responsible Authority, Other Person) may appeal any decision of the Licensing Committee to the Magistrates' Court.

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