

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Monday 24 November 2025

The Booze Market – Application for a new Premises Licence

Report of the Corporate Director of Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine a premises licence application under the Licensing Act 2003.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application for the grant of a premises licence has been made for a premises at The Old Bank, Main Street, Cross Hills, BD20 8TB. A copy of the application and associated plan is attached at **Appendix 1**. Initially the trading name stated on the application was Booze Bank. New signage shows it is to be called The Booze Market.
- 2.2 The applicant is Namita Pradeep Shelar of an address in Leeds LS1. Miss Shelar holds a Personal Licence issued by Leeds City Council.
- 2.3 Photographs of the premises and vicinity are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.4 The site was formerly a bank in a prominent position at the end of the Main Street of Cross Hills. In November 2020 there was an application from a different applicant for a premises licence in this same premises which was granted following a referral to a Committee and traded as The Old Bank until 2024. This new application is entirely separate to that previous licence which has since lapsed.
- 2.5 The applicant describes the premises as “a ground floor establishment focused on food and alcohol, offering tab beer and mocktails. It is designed to accommodate patrons comfortably with a focus on dining and socialising.”
- 2.5 The application is for the following sole licensable activity:
Retail sale of alcohol
- Monday to Sunday 10:00hrs until 23:00hrs
- With opening hours of:
- Monday to Sunday 10:00hrs until 23:30hrs
- 2.5.1 It should be noted that these are maximum hours permitted by the licence and there is no requirement for the business to sell alcohol or open to the extent of these hours. Hours permitted by a premises licence may differ from those permitted by Planning.
- 2.5.2 It should also be noted that although regulated entertainment was not applied for, the provisions of the Live Music Act 2015 mean that many forms of entertainment do not require a licence e.g. a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

3.0 PROMOTION OF LICENSING OBJECTIVES

3.1 Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 places a duty on the Licensing Authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

3.2 Each objective is of equal importance. It is important to note that there are no other licensing objectives, so that these four objectives are always paramount considerations.

4.0 CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 Copies of the application were sent to all statutory responsible authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

4.2 Applicants are required to publish a notice in a local newspaper and to display a brief summary of the application on an A4 size notice in a prominent position immediately on or outside the premises for at least 28 consecutive days. A record of the application was also published on the Council's website and the full application was made available for inspection at the Council offices. The consultation took place between 09 October 2025 and 06 November 2025.

4.3 North Yorkshire Police liaised with the applicant who agreed to the updating of the wording about staff training and the addition of some further conditions. See **Appendix 3**.

4.4 Environmental Health provided some comments and proposed additional conditions. See **Appendix 4**.

4.5 There have been four representations received from other persons which are attached at **Appendices 5 to 8**.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 All of the Sub-Committee's options are outlined in paragraph 13.0. No alternative options are available.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Due to a number of relevant representations being received the Licensing Sub-Committee must hold a hearing to determine the application.

7.2 In making its decision, the Sub-Committee must have regard to the applicant's submissions, the relevant representations, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

7.3 The Sub-Committee's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

7.4 In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 the applicant, and any person who has made a relevant representation, may appeal against any decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

7.5 Any appeal against a decision by the Licensing Sub-Committee must be made to the Magistrates Court within the period of 21 days beginning on the day on which an appellant is notified by the Licensing Authority of that decision.

8.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Not applicable

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Not applicable

10.0 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 The following sections of North Yorkshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy Licensing Act 2003 are relevant in considering the licensing objectives in relation to this application:

- Prevention of crime and disorder – paras 33 - 43
- Public Safety – paras 44 – 49
- The prevention of public nuisance – paras 50 - 52
- The protection of children from harm – paras 53 – 59
- Representations – paras 157 – 162
- Hearings – paras 163 - 164

10.2 **Other considerations** - The following sections of the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (updated February 2025) issued by the Home Office are relevant in considering the licensing objectives in relation to this application>

- Crime and disorder – section 2.1
- Public safety – section 2.8
- Public nuisance – section 2.21
- Protection of children from harm – section 2.28

10.3 **Appendix 9** contains the mandatory conditions which will be applied to all licences in addition to any conditions agreed by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

11.0 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Not applicable

12.0 REASONS FOR OPTIONS

12.1 In accordance with section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing authority must hold a hearing to consider the application and any relevant representations.

12.2 The Sub-Committee must, having had regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

13.0 OPTIONS

- 13.1 To take any of the following steps as the Licensing Sub-Committee considers appropriate.
for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
- i. Grant the licence as applied for (subject to the reduction in hours and added conditions as agreed with North Yorkshire Police).
 - ii. To grant the licence with conditions.
 - iii. To reject the application in whole or part

14.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 14.1 An application has been made for the grant of a premises licence for The Booze Market, The Old Bank, Cross Hills, BD20 8TB by Namita Pradeep Shelar, Leeds LS1.
If granted, conditions agreed with North Yorkshire Police will form part of the licence as well as any conditions imposed by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

APPENDICES:

- Appendix 1 - Copy of the application and plan
- Appendix 2 - Vicinity plan
- Appendix 3 - NYP conditions and agreement
- Appendix 4 - Representation from Environmental Health
- Appendix 5 - Representation from Nancy Hollingworth
- Appendix 6 - Representation from Graham Bird
- Appendix 7 - Representation received from Kenneth Lawn
- Appendix 8 - Representation received from Keith Rogers
- Appendix 9 - Mandatory conditions

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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.