

**DECISION NOTICE**  
**Western Area Licensing Sub Committee**  
**Decision made on 1 May 2018**

**Application for a Personal Licence**

**Decision:**

The Western Area Licensing Sub Committee resolved to uphold the notice of objection issued by Wiltshire Police and reject the application for a personal licence.

**Reasons:**

After taking into account the written representations from the parties and the oral arguments received at the hearing from the Applicant and the Police, the Sub Committee carefully considered the concerns raised by the Police that the grant of a personal licence to the Applicant would undermine the licensing objective for the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Sub Committee having regard to the Council's statutory duties under the Licensing Act 2003 and the licensing objectives considered it appropriate for the prevention of crime and disorder to reject the application.

From the evidence presented, and given the nature of the relevant offences, the Sub Committee considered there was a risk of reoffending in this instance, such as would prejudice the crime prevention licensing objective. The Applicant had a relevant conviction that would never be spent under Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. The Sub Committee acknowledged the Applicant's desire to move forward and were supportive of his efforts at rehabilitation but were concerned that apart from obtaining the certified qualification in order to apply for a personal licence, the Applicant had not undertaken nor demonstrated a firmer commitment to undergo further formal training. The Sub Committee were also concerned the Applicant had undertaken no formal training in managing challenging situations in a rural public house (such as dealing with under age-drinking).

The Sub Committee also considered the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (in particular Sections 4 and 120 and schedule 4); the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Licensing Policy of Wiltshire Council.

**Right to Appeal:**

All parties have the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of this decision.