

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003

DECISION OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

NAME OF PREMISES:- Greggs

ADDRESS: Unit 5, Pilgrim Quarter, New Bridge Street West, Newcastle, NE1
8BF

Date of Hearing: 15 April 2026

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APPLICATION

- Premises Licence
 Variation to a Premises Licence
 Other –Temporary Event

PARTIES TO HEARING

1. Applicant: Greggs Plc

Represented by Ben Williams, Barrister, Kings Chambers. Instructed by Donna Lockett as Agent (Lockett & Co).

<u>Responsible Bodies:</u>	Party	Present	Represented by:
Chief Officer of Police:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Representation withdrawn
Fire Authority:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and Safety:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planning Authority:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Licensing Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Representation withdrawn
CSGSB:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Weights and Measures:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Public Health:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Representation withdrawn

3. Interested Parties

Present

Represented by:

Ward Councillor Jane Byrne

No

DETAILS OF APPLICATION (LICENSING HOURS & ACTIVITIES)

The provision of Late Night Refreshment both on and off the premises every day 23:00 to 05:00

Copies of the Representations are attached to the Agenda papers.

Information before the Committee

- Report of the Licensing Officer, incorporating agenda papers and supplemental statement of Councillor Byrne
- Oral submissions of Mr Williams on behalf of the applicant.

PRELIMINARY ISSUES: Specify

None

Advice from Officers

Was any advice specific to this application offered to Committee

Yes No

If yes, summary of advice

DECISION

The decision of the Committee is to grant the application subject to conditions.

The Committee in reaching its decision has taken into account:

- The evidence before it both written and oral
- The relevant parts of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
- The relevant parts of the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State

Committee's reasoning and findings are:

Mr Williams started his presentation by thanking the Responsible Authorities for conducting thorough, independent reviews of their positions which had resulted in the withdrawal of their representations.

He referred Members to September 2025 when the Applicant had been before Committee with 2 similar applications to provide LNR until the terminal hour of 05:00. At that time there had been

opposition to the applications from Northumbria Police and the Licensing Authority and in relation to one of the applications, Public Health. Committee on that occasion had granted both applications and both premises have been operating since without any particular issues specifically during the licensable hours. With regard to this application, Mr Williams explained that since the first week in February of this year the premises have been open and operating between the hours of 7am until 8pm and 8am until 5pm on Sunday without issue.

Mr Williams drew the attention of Committee to the fact that the only outstanding representation was that of Councillor Byrne who unfortunately was unable to attend Committee. He addressed both the original representation and the supplemental statement provided in relation thereto by Councillor Byrne. He submitted that the suggestion of Councillor Byrne that the application and conditions offered were designed to respond to issues rather than prevent problems was incorrect and cited matters such as CCTV which is proactive by nature, provision of door staff which disincentivises crime and the training of door staff with regard to conflicts as all being evidence of the proactive approach of the Applicant.

The Committee accepted that the Applicant is a reputable and well established operator both locally and nationally. They appreciated the application and the conditions proposed by the Applicant. They were also aware that in theory the applicant could operate 24 hours without a Licence so long as they only served cold food and beverages between the licensable hours of 23:00 and 05:00, however Committee felt that regulation of a premises operating with enforceable conditions would assist in ensuring that the licensing objectives are upheld.

Committee noted and attributed appropriate weight to the written submissions of Councillor Byrne but felt that the conditions proposed were measures that would uphold the licensing objectives. However, they also noted the lack of representation from Environmental Health and the withdrawal of the representations from the Responsible Authorities who had had concerns initially and on balance they found that to grant the application would not undermine the licensing objectives.

Conditions

As set out in the Committee papers.

Right of Appeal

There is a right of appeal against this decision to Newcastle Magistrates Court. An appeal must be commenced within 21 days beginning with the day on which you receive written notification of the decision.