

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee  
16 September 2026**

**Present:**

Councillor P.N. Woodward (Chair)

Councillor C. Bateson and S.M. Doran

**In attendance for the applicant:**

Hardish Purewal, Senior Licensing Manager, Tesco Stores Ltd  
Jeremy Bark, Counsel, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

**Interested Parties in attendance:**

Jennifer Taylor, Representee  
Sebastian Usher, Representing local residents

**In attendance for the local licensing authority:**

Hannah McCully, Licensing Enforcement Officer

**10/26 Election of Chair**

It was proposed by Councillor Bateson, seconded by Councillor Doran and **resolved** that Councillor Woodward be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

**11/26 Disclosures of Interest**

There were none.

**12/26 To consider an application for a Premises Licence at Tesco Express, 6-7 Avenue Parade, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 5HS, in the light of representations**

The Chair introduced members and officers present and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair asked the applicant to introduce themselves. He then explained the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

The Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer summarised the application which was set out in full in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

The hearing continued in accordance with the procedure.

Having heard the evidence presented, the Sub-Committee retired to consider and determine the application, having regard to the licensing objectives.

Upon reconvening, the Chair gave the Sub-Committee's summary decision.

The full decision with reasons would be notified to the applicant and other parties within five working days of the hearing.

**Resolved** that the application for a Premises Licence at Tesco Express, 6-7 Avenue Parade, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 5HS be granted subject to conditions, as set out in full in the attached Decision Notice.

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## **SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **DECISION NOTICE**

**In accordance with the LICENSING ACT 2003 s.23**

**Date of Licensing Sub-Committee:** 16 September 2026

**Applicant:** Tesco Stores Ltd

**Premises:** 6-7 Avenue Parade  
Sunbury-on-Thames  
TW16 5HS

**REASON(S) FOR HEARING:** Representations received from other persons concerning Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Protection of Children from Harm.

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### **DECISION**

Granted

With effect from 16 September 2026

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## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

1. The application submitted on 21 July 2026 is for a new premises licence for Tesco Stores Ltd, 6-7 Avenue Parade, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 5HS (“the Premises”). The Premises is outlined in the application as a “retail premises (supermarket) selling a range of goods and services. This includes the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises and home delivery.”

### **Attendance**

2. The people attended the Sub-Committee hearing to make representations. They were:
  - Hardish Purewal on behalf of the applicant and Jeremy Bark, their counsel;
  - Jennifer Taylor, Representee, and
  - Sebastian Usher, representing local residents

### **Evidence**

3. Tesco Stores Ltd has applied for a premises licence for the premises known as Tesco Stores located at 6-7 Avenue Parade, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 5HS.
4. Hardish Purewal and Jeremy Bark are before the Licensing Sub-Committee today because on 21 July 2026, an application was received for a “retail premises (supermarket) selling a range of goods and services. This includes the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises and home delivery.”
5. In response to this application, the Licensing Authority received 23 letters of representation from other persons. The representations raised concerns and fears relating to the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Protection of Children from Harm.
6. The Licensing Sub-Committee has considered all of the relevant evidence made available to it at the hearing including:
  - The report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer, outlining the matter to be considered
  - Written representations from other persons
  - Oral representations made this morning on behalf of the Applicant
  - Oral representations from other persons.

In addition the following documents were circulated prior to the hearing:

- Location plan of the premises
- Applicant's application form
- Plan of the premises
- Conditions agreed with the Licensing Authority

7. The Sub-Committee has considered all of the evidence put before it and in doing so has taken into account the Secretary of State's Regulations and National Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 and Spelthorne Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

### **Findings and Decision**

8. The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the Applicant and their Agent at the hearing, as well as the representations made by other persons at the hearing together with the written representations received and finds as follows:
9. The Sub-Committee observes that Surrey Police, who are the main source of advice in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective, did not submit a representation. Nor were any representations made by any of the other responsible authorities.
10. When considering the appropriate course of action to take to ensure the licensing objectives are promoted, the Sub-Committee does not find that a rejection of the application or the exclusion of any of the licensable activities would be appropriate or warranted.
11. The Sub-Committee acknowledged the residents requested the applicant to be a good neighbour and change their licensable hours to sell alcohol until 22:00 to minimize the possibility of crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour. Mr Bark responded by stating that there was no evidence to show that their current proposed licensable hours would increase crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour, and the applicant proposes to maintain their licensable hours as in the amended application agreed with the Licensing Authority. Mr Bark stated that if there was any indication that the licensable hours were causing a problem, the Applicant would be happy to make changes however at present, there were no issues identified. Mr Bark also set out the safeguards available to staff and to prevent the sales of alcohol beyond 23:00, and reminded the Sub-Committee that no responsible authorities had objected to those hours.
12. In relation to the option of granting the application and modifying the conditions of the licence, the Sub-Committee is mindful of paragraph 9.43 of the National Guidance which states that the "determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the

licensing objectives and proportionate to what is intended to achieve.” No actual evidence has been submitted before the Sub-Committee indicating that the licensing objectives would not be upheld. Consequently, the Sub-Committee finds this option to be neither appropriate nor proportionate given the evidence available to the Sub-Committee.

13. The Sub-Committee has therefore decided to grant the premises licence. The decision is made taking into account all the sub-committee have heard today and the representations made by the applicant and their representative. The Sub-Committee has also taken this into account considering statutory guidance and licensing policy.
14. The Sub-Committee therefore considers on the basis of the evidence that it has heard and the findings of fact that it has made, that there is no need to take further action for the promotion of the licensing objectives and can see no reason why the application should not be granted. It is clear that the fear of issues arising from licensable activities in terms of crime and disorder or public nuisance cannot be a basis upon which to refuse a licence or indeed reduce the asked for hours.
15. For the reasons stated above, the Sub-Committee confirms that the application for a premises licence be granted subject to only such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule, the mandatory conditions and those agreed as set out in Appendix D.

## **Conclusion**

16. That is the decision of the Sub-Committee. A written copy of this decision has been provided to all parties concerned within 5 working days of the Sub-Committee hearing.
17. You have the right to appeal against this decision to the Magistrates’ Court within 21 days of receipt of this decision notice.
18. If you decide to appeal, you will need to submit your appeal to Guildford Magistrates’ Court. You should allow sufficient time for your payment of the relevant appeal fee to be processed. For queries, Guildford Magistrates’ Court can be contacted on 01483 405 300.

*Cllr P Woodward (Chair)*  
*Cllr C Bateson*  
*Cllr S Doran*

Date of Decision: 16 September 2026  
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