

Ashburton District Licensing Committee

Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Objections to On, Off and Club Licence Applications and Renewals (Section 102, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012)

Who may object to applications?

A person may object to the grant or renewal of a licence only if he or she has a greater interest in the application for it than the public generally.

A potential objector may view the application lodged with the Ashburton District Licensing Committee (DLC), however is not entitled to view any reports from Licensing Inspector, Police, Medical Officer of Health, or an objection from any other person. It is the role of the DLC to determine applications for liquor licences.

How to object

Any objection must be in writing and received by the Ashburton Licensing Committee within 15 working days after the first publication of the public notice of the making of the application.

Objections must be in writing. You may write your own objection, or use the **attached form (link)** to assist you.

Criteria for objection

Objections may be made only on the criteria detailed in section 105 of the Act. Section 105 states the following criteria:

- a) the object of the Act;
- b) the suitability of the applicant;
- c) the Local Alcohol Policy;
- d) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol;
- e) the design and layout of any proposed premises;
- f) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods;
- g) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the provision of services other than directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcoholic refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so which services;
- h) whether the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence;

- i) whether the amenity and good order of locality are already so badly affected by the effects of the issue of existing licences that -
 - (i) they would be unlikely to be reduced further (or would be likely to be reduced further to only a minor extent) by the effects of the issue of the licence; but
 - (ii) it is nevertheless desirable not to issue any further licences;
- j) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law.

What happens next?

It is the role of the District Licensing Committee (DLC) to consider all alcohol licence applications and decide whether or not to issue a licence, and what conditions should be put on licences.

If an objection is received, the objector receives an acknowledgement letter and a copy of the objection is sent to the licence applicant.

If there is a hearing, the DLC will consider the reports from the Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health. The District Licensing Committee will consider your objection in making their decision. You may appear in person at the DLC meeting and talk to the Committee.