Licensing Hearing Panel

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Exclusion of Press and Public

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Summary

This report recommends that the Panel exclude the press and public from the meeting during the Panel's deliberations and decision making.

1. Recommendation

1.1 The Panel is required to decide whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of the item and during the decision-making process because consideration of this matter in public would disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information contained in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as specified below, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Report Title	Licensing Act 2003 Application for a New Premises Licence at Tesco Express, 614 Lords Wood Lane, Chatham, Kent, ME5 8QX
Agenda Item Summary	6 Licensing Hearing Panel's deliberations and decision making.
Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)	Not for publication under paragraph 5 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – on the grounds that it relates to information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

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Appendices

None.

Background Papers

None.