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**Board Direction**  
**BD-017333-24**  
**ABP-319075-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/08/2024.

The Board decided to direct the planning authority to issue the licence in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

**Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the grounds of appeal, the modest scale of the proposed outdoor seating area measuring 27sqm. (projecting 2700mm into the street), the status of Bewley's Café as set out in Policy Objective Policy BHA04 (The Bewley's Oriental Café ), Chapter 1 1 (Built Heritage & Archaeology) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 to be a use that contributes significantly to the special and unique character of Grafton Street, it is considered that, subject to conditions, the proposal would be consistent with the Scheme of Special Planning Control for Grafton Street and Environs (2019) as it would enhance the presence of an iconic historic land use on Grafton Street, positively contribute to the special character of the Street, comply with the criteria set out in Section 15.17.4 (Outdoor Seating and Street Furniture) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, would not pose an unacceptable risk to road users and, therefore, would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Conditions**

1. The licence shall apply for a period of three years from the date of the Order. The street furniture including any ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of this period, continuance shall have been granted for retention for a further period.

**Reason:** To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed.

2. The proposed seating area should be marginally reduced in width so that the tables, chairs and screens do not encroach on the rainwater channel. The proposed street furniture is to be stored indoors during times furniture is not permitted to be on the street i.e. outside the hours of operation. The hours of operation shall be 11.00 -20.00 hrs.

**Reason:** In the interests of orderly development.

3. The screens should be a plain colour or neutral canvas type, be more than 1 metre high and no advertising apart from the name of the premises be used on the screens without permission of the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

**Board Member**



Joe Boland

**Date:** 29/08/2024