Representation made by the Local Authority 31 January 2018

I am an officer authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 and I make this representation on behalf of the Local Authority

I refer to the grant application made in respect of the Function Room, Leominster Sports & Social Club, South Street, Leominster.

The Function Room is covered by a Club Premises Certificate which is subject of this application for a Premises Licence.

It is noted that the premises which forms the Leominster Sports & Social Club is one building and to the man of the street would be seen as one premises and not two. The function room and the club premises are connected internally by a foyer. Whilst the Licensing Act does only more than one authorisation to be in place there are certain circumstances where such does not and will not work and this is one of those cases.

The Licensing Act 2003 only allows the Licensing Authority to grant a Club Premises Certificate where a club meets certain qualifying conditions. Section 63 of the Licensing Act lays out those qualify conditions and the authority is satisfied that if this application was to be granted then the club would no longer meet those qualify conditions. If granted the authority would seek revocation of the Club Premises Certificate under Section 90 of the Licensing Act.

The Licensing Authority therefore objects outright to the application.

If the applicant was to make application to remove the Function Room from the Club Premises Certificate then the authority would be willing to offer a set of conditions to allow it to operate on a premises licence.

Fred Spriggs Licensing Officer