

Agenda

Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: **Friday 30 May 2025**

Time: **10.00 am**

Place: **Online meeting/Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Membership

Councillor Polly Andrews (Chairperson)

Councillor Dave Davies

Councillor Peter Hamblin

Agenda

PUBLIC INFORMATION

THE NOLAN PRINCIPLES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

To receive any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the committee.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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5. REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF: PLANET BUFFET, 47 COMMERCIAL ROAD, HEREFORD, HR1 2BJ CALLED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AS A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY - LICENSING ACT 2003

To consider an application for a review of a premise licence in respect of Planet Buffet, 47 Commercial Road, Hereford, HR1 2BJ called by The Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003.

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| 6. | APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE CROWN INN, LEA, ROSS ON WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR9 7JZ - LICENSING ACT 2003

To consider an application for a variation for a premises licence in respect of The Crown Inn, Lea, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7JZ under the Licensing Act 2003 | 97 - 152 |
| 7. | APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF LICENCE IN RESPECT OF HEREFORD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WYESIDE, BELVEDERE LANE, HEREFORD, HR4 0PH - LICENSING ACT 2003

To consider an application for a variation for a premises licence in respect of Hereford Rugby Football Club, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford, HR4 0PH under the Licensing Act 2003. | 153 - 256 |

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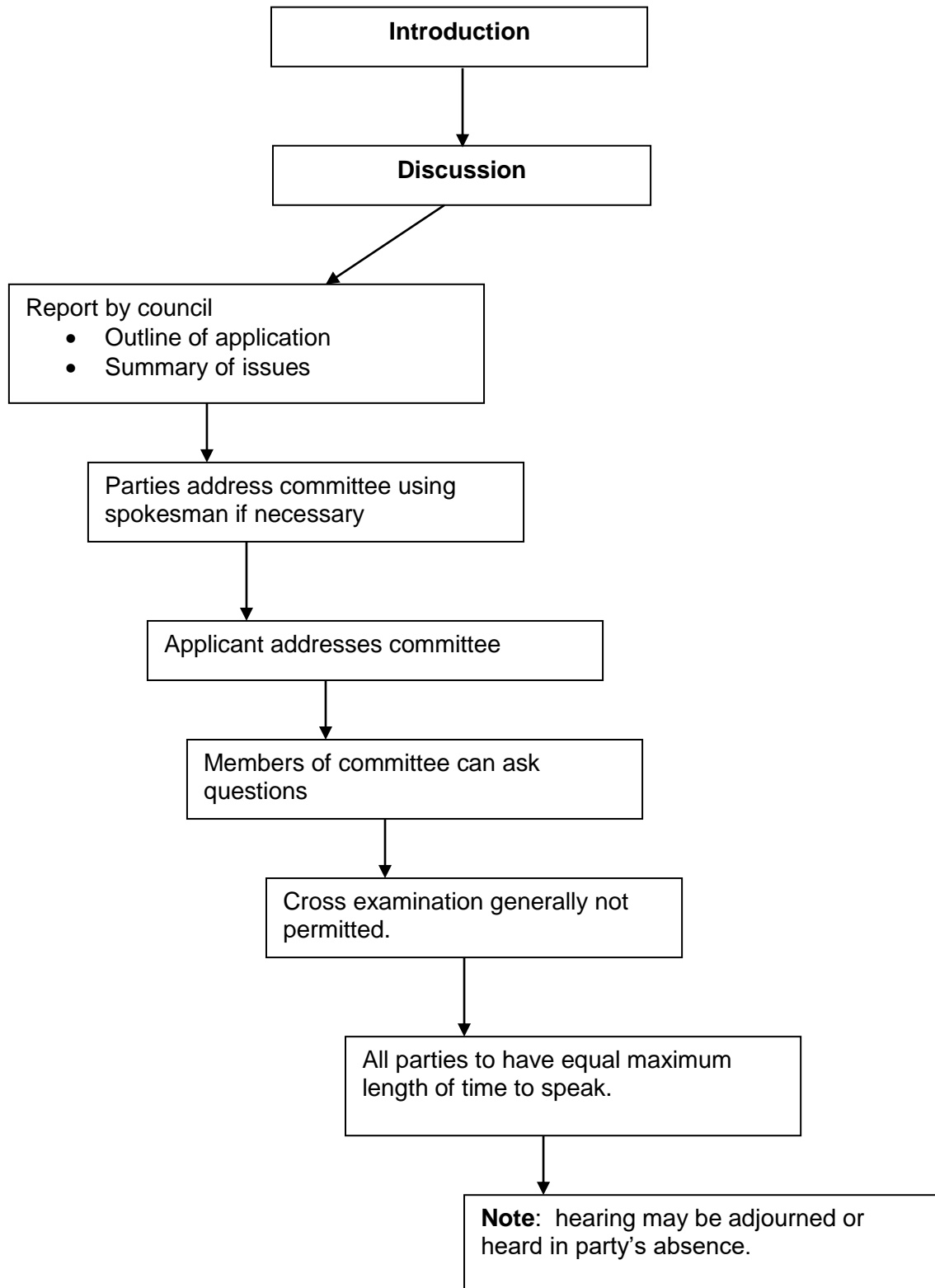
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Licensing Hearing Flowchart





The Seven Principles of Public Life (Nolan Principles)

1. Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

2. Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

3. Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

4. Accountability

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5. Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

6. Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

7. Leadership

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Title of report: Application for a variation of a premises licence in respect of The Crown Inn, Lea, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7JZ – Licensing Act 2003.

Meeting: Licensing sub-committee

Meeting date: Friday 30 May 2025 at 11:30am

Report by: Senior Licensing Technical Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

Penyard

Purpose

To consider an application for a variation for a premises licence in respect of The Crown Inn, Lea, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7JZ under the Licensing Act 2003

Recommendation(s)

That:

The sub committee determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

- a) The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives,
- b) The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- c) The guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and
- d) The Herefordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 – 2025.

Reasons for Recommendations

Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003

Alternative options

1. There are a number of options open to the sub-committee:
 - a) Grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
 - b) Grant the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the sub-committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and add mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
 - c) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
 - d) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premise supervisor, or
 - e) To refuse the application

Key considerations

Licence Application

2. The application for the variation of a premises licence has received relevant representations and is therefore brought before the sub-committee for determination.
3. Herefordshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 to 2025 states "All representations must be 'relevant', for example they must be about the likely effect of the grant of the application". This followed paragraph 8.57 in the s182 Guidance which uses the same wording.
4. The details of the application are:

Applicant	Rose Savidge & Mark Savidge	
Agent	Not applicable	
Type of application: Grant	Date received: 15 April 2025 28 day consultation started: 16 April 2025	28 Days consultation ended: 13 May 2025

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Summary of Application

5. The application (appendix 1) requests the variation of a premises licence to allow the following licensable activities, during the hours shown, as follows:

Revised layout to plans to add outside bar
(Hours for outside bar Monday – Sunday 12:00 – 22:00)

No other changes to licensable activities/timings

Current Licence

A copy of the current licence is attached at Appendix 2. It authorises

Sale/Supply of Alcohol

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 01:00

Non-Standard Timings

New Year's Eve 10:00 – 02:00

NB: Under the Live Music Act 2012 (as amended), an alcohol licenced premises can have live and/or recorded music from 08:00 – 23:00 for up to 500 people, without the need for these activities to be on a premises licence

Summary of Representations

6. No representations were received from the Responsible Authorities
7. One (1) relevant representation was received from a member of the public that the licensing authority accepted as being relevant and can be found at Appendix 3. The representation relates to late opening hours of the garden bar until 22:00hrs during the week as they have experienced levels of noise from customers in the garden. They have indicated that they ideally would like no garden bar open during the week but will compromise to no outdoor music allowed Sunday to Thursday evenings.
8. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) has been in correspondence with the objector to seek a way forward. The premises has agreed to arrange the exits to the premises to avoid noise and ensure that guests are moved inside by 23:00hrs. An email chain of the correspondence can be found at Appendix 4.

Premises History

9. The premises has been licenced since 2006
10. Since 2006, the Licensing Authority has received three (3) Transfer Applications. The latest one being on 30 October 2023
11. The Licensing Authority has also received four (4) applications to Vary Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) since first being licenced in 2006, with the latest application being granted by the Licensing Authority on 1 April 2025.
12. An application to vary the premises licence was received by the Licensing Authority on 17 January 2025. The application sought to change the following;

Sale/Supply of Alcohol (consumption on the premises)

Sunday – Thursday 10:00-23:00

Friday and Saturday 10:00-01:00

New Year's Eve 10:00- 02:00

Revised layout of pub and gardens (which includes the addition of an outside bar and areas for consumption of alcohol)

NB: It was noted that the newspaper advertisement did not include the full details of the variation and the reference to the outside bar area was omitted from the notices, therefore this part of the application was withdrawn by the applicant and wasn't considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

13. The application received relevant representation. Two (2) representations were received from the responsible authorities, Trading Standards and The Licensing Authority as a responsible authority and conditions sought were agreed with the applicant. Seven (7) relevant representations were received from members of the public that the licensing authority accepted as being relevant. The representations are in relation to noise nuisance at the premises, increased traffic issues and a mention of wildlife.

NB: The Licensing Sub-Committee cannot consider increased traffic or wildlife issues in determining the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003

14. Due to relevant representations being received, the matter was referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee. The decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 13 March 2025 was to grant the application as amended in respect of the outside bar area, which was withdrawn by the applicant (appendix 5)

Community impact

15. Any decision may have an impact on the local community.

Environmental Impact

16. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal environmental impacts for the council, as licensing authority.

Equality duty

17. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

18. There are no equality issues in relation to the content of this report.
19. This report has human rights implications for both the premises licence holder and the residents from the local neighbourhood. Any of the steps outlined in section 1 of this report may have financial implications for a licensee's business and livelihood and/or may have impact upon the day to day lives of residents living in close proximity to the premises.
20. Article 8(i) of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life and his/her home (which includes business premises). This right may be interfered with by the council on a number of grounds including the protection of rights and freedoms of others. The First Protocol – Article 1 – also provides that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and shall not be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and conditions provided for by law. Members must accordingly make a decision which is proportionate to the hearing and endeavour to find a balance between the rights of the applicant, residents and the community as a whole.

Resource implications

21. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal resource implications for the council, as Licensing Authority.

Financial implications

22. There are unlikely to be any financial implications for the council, as Licensing Authority at this time.

Legal implications

23. As relevant representations have been received, the sub committee must determine the application under Section 3.5.7 (c) of the Herefordshire Council constitution. The representations must relate to the licensing objectives and the sub committee must determine the likely effect of the grant of the premises licences on the promotion of the licensing objectives.
24. The Licensing Authority must have regard to the promotion of the four licensing objectives namely; the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm in exercising its functions under the Licensing Act 2003. Further regard should be had to the statutory guidance under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's own statement of licensing policy. The options available to the Licensing Authority are set out in section 1 of this report.
25. The sub committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.
26. The case of *Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court* (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black. In this case it was summed up that: -
27. A Licensing Authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.
28. Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.
29. This judgment is further supported in the case of *The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court*, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL 648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.
30. In addition to this it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

Right of Appeal

31. Schedule 5 Part 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 gives a right of appeal which states:
Variation of licence under section 35.
 - (1) This paragraph applies where an application to vary a premises licence is (in whole or in part) under section 35.
 - (2) The applicant may appeal against any decision to modify the conditions of the licence under subsection (4)(a) of that section. —
 - (3) Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend—
 - (a) that any variation made ought not to have been made, or

- (b) that, when varying the licence, the licensing authority ought not to have modified the conditions of the licence, or ought to have modified them in a different way, under subsection (4)(a) of that section he may appeal against the decision
 - (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “relevant representations” has the meaning given in section 35(5).
32. Appeals should be made to the Magistrates Court and must be made within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against

Risk management

33. There is little risk associated with the decision at this time as the legislation allows a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within a period of 21 days of being notified of the decision in writing.

Consultees

34. All responsible authorities and members of the public living within Herefordshire.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Application Form
Appendix 2 – Current Premises Licence
Appendix 3 – Public Representation
Appendix 4 – Correspondence between public objector and applicant
Appendix 5 – Copy of Licensing Sub-Committee Decision Notice

Background papers

None Identified

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

DPS: Designated Premises Supervisor

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Mrs Rose Savidge & Mr Mark Savidge

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number PR01008

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Crown Inn, Lea Ross-on-Wye			
Post town	Herefordshire	Postcode	HR9 7JZ

Telephone number at premises (if any)	None yet
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£1,541.37

Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number	[REDACTED]		
E-mail address (optional)	[REDACTED]		
Current postal address if different from premises address	[REDACTED]		
Post town	Herefordshire	Postcode	[REDACTED]

Part 3 - Variation

Please tick as appropriate

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

☒ Yes

☐
No

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DD		MM		YYYY	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy? (Please see guidance note 1) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 2)

We wish to add the sale of alcohol as a licensable activity from the garden bar between the hours of 12pm to 10pm, from Monday to Sunday including bank holidays and other non-standard days.

THIS APPLICATION ONLY RELATES TO THE ADDITION OF THE GARDEN BAR – WE DO NOT WISH TO AMEND ANYTHING ELSE ON THE CURRENT APPROVED LICENCE.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

N/A

Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

- | Provision of regulated entertainment (Please see guidance note 3) | Please tick all that apply |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I) ☐

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J) ☒

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat					
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Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
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Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 5)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 6)
Wed			
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 7)
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D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
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Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
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F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 7)		
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G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
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H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing	
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)	
Wed				
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 6)	
Fri				
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)	
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I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
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J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8) PER EXISTING LICENCE			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 9)	On the premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		
Mon			State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 6) PER EXISTING LICENCE	
Tue				
Wed				
Thur			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 7) PER EXISTING LICENCE	
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K

<p>Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 10).</p> <p>None.</p>

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8) PER EXISTING LICENCE			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 6) PER EXISTING LICENCE
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7) PER EXISTING LICENCE
Mon			
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Thur			
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Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

N/A

Please tick as appropriate

- I have enclosed the premises licence ☒
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence ☐

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

M Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 11)

We will take the following steps to meet all four licensing objectives:

- Provide regular training for all staff to ensure they understand licensing laws and their responsibilities.
- Conduct periodic checks to ensure full compliance with licensing conditions.
- Designate a premises supervisor who will oversee all licensing matters and act as the main point of contact.
- Maintain open communication with local authorities and law enforcement to address any issues promptly.

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CCTV will be installed: Cameras will cover key areas, including entrances, exits, and the bar, with footage securely stored for a minimum of 28 days and made available to law enforcement if required.

Notice of CCTV in use will be displayed on main doors: Signs will be clearly placed to inform patrons that CCTV is in operation.

Customers will not be allowed to leave premises with open containers: This rule will be enforced to prevent street drinking and reduce disorder.

A proof-of-age policy will be implemented: A Challenge 25 policy will require customers to show valid ID if they appear under 25.

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Additional conditions agreed with Council:

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An incident log must be kept at the premises, and made immediately available on request to an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or the Police, which must record the following:

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A fire risk assessment will be completed: Emergency exits will be inspected, and all necessary fire safety measures will be put in place.

First aid equipment will be available: A fully stocked first aid kit will be kept on-site, and staff will be trained in basic first aid.

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Checklist:


Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or ☒
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy. ☐
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable. ☒
- I understand that I must now advertise my application. ☒
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- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. ☒

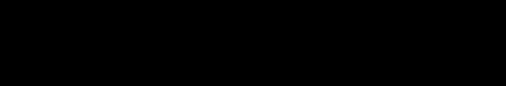
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Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 12)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	14/4/25
Capacity	Licence Holder

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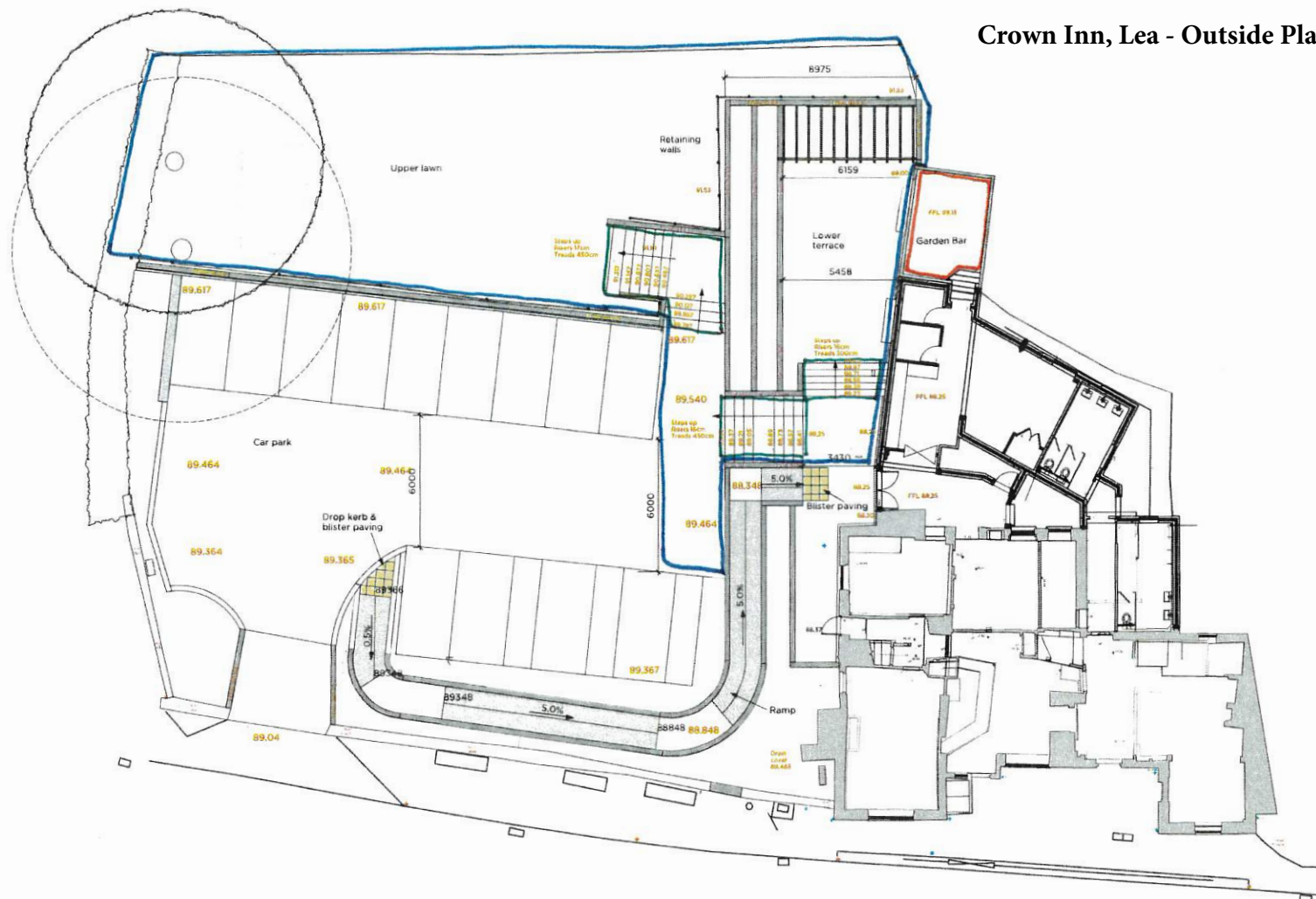
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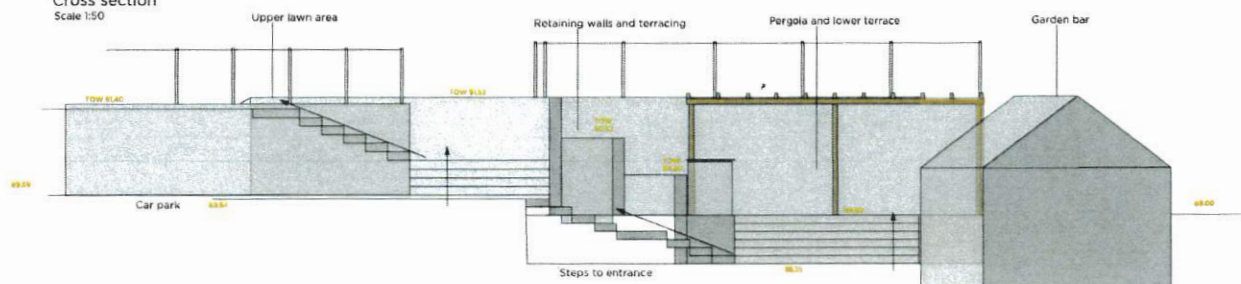
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Crown Inn, Lea - Outside Plans

- Alcohol consumption area
- Licensable Activity
- Stairs



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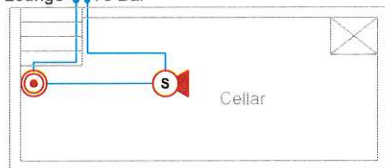
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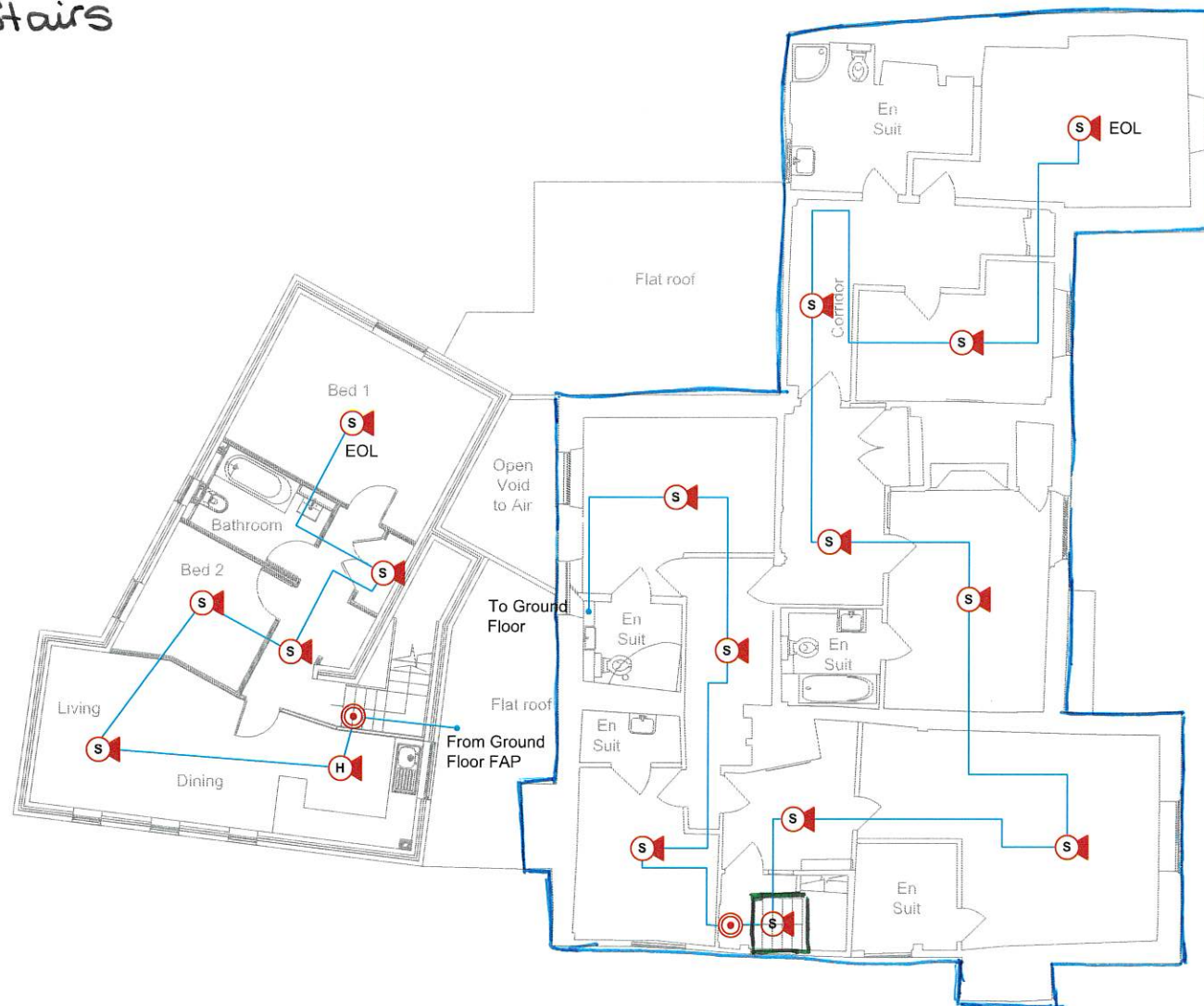
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First Floor

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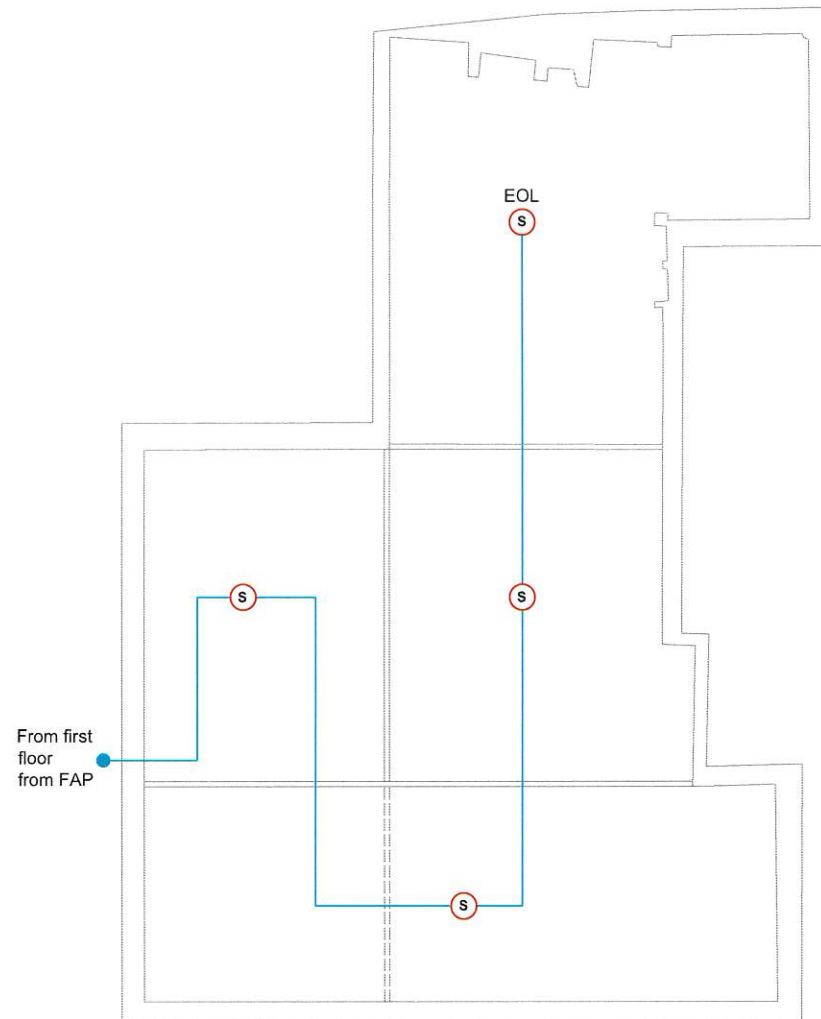
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Lighting Notes:

1. Downlights to be installed throughout hallways & bathrooms unless otherwise stated.
2. Sub-contractor responsible for downlight quantity and positioning
3. All hallway lighting to be on sensors
4. Sub-contractor responsible for switch and socket placement
5. Please allow for double sockets by dressing tables
6. All bedrooms to have one single pendant in centre of flat ceilings
7. Main bedroom two way switched upon entry and either side of beds (switches 700mm F.F.L)
8. Bathroom wall lights to be 1650mm F.F.L unless otherwise stated
9. Lighting shown for design intent purposes only. Sub- contractor responsible for final detailed design of lighting to include lighting and load assessment.
10. Final design to comply fully with CIBSE Lighting Guides and Codes, BS EN, Building Regulations and BS7671 - IET Wiring Regulations.

Boiler and washing machine to be housed with in cupboard

Close coupled toilet

Walk in shower tray 1800mm x 900mm with 900mm glass screen

Laundry cupboard - Lighting to be on door switch and socket

Small storage cupboard ?

King room to act as twin occupancy when required

Wardrobe - Lighting to be on door switch

Wall light above mirror 1950mm F.F.L

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Storage - Lighting to be on door switch

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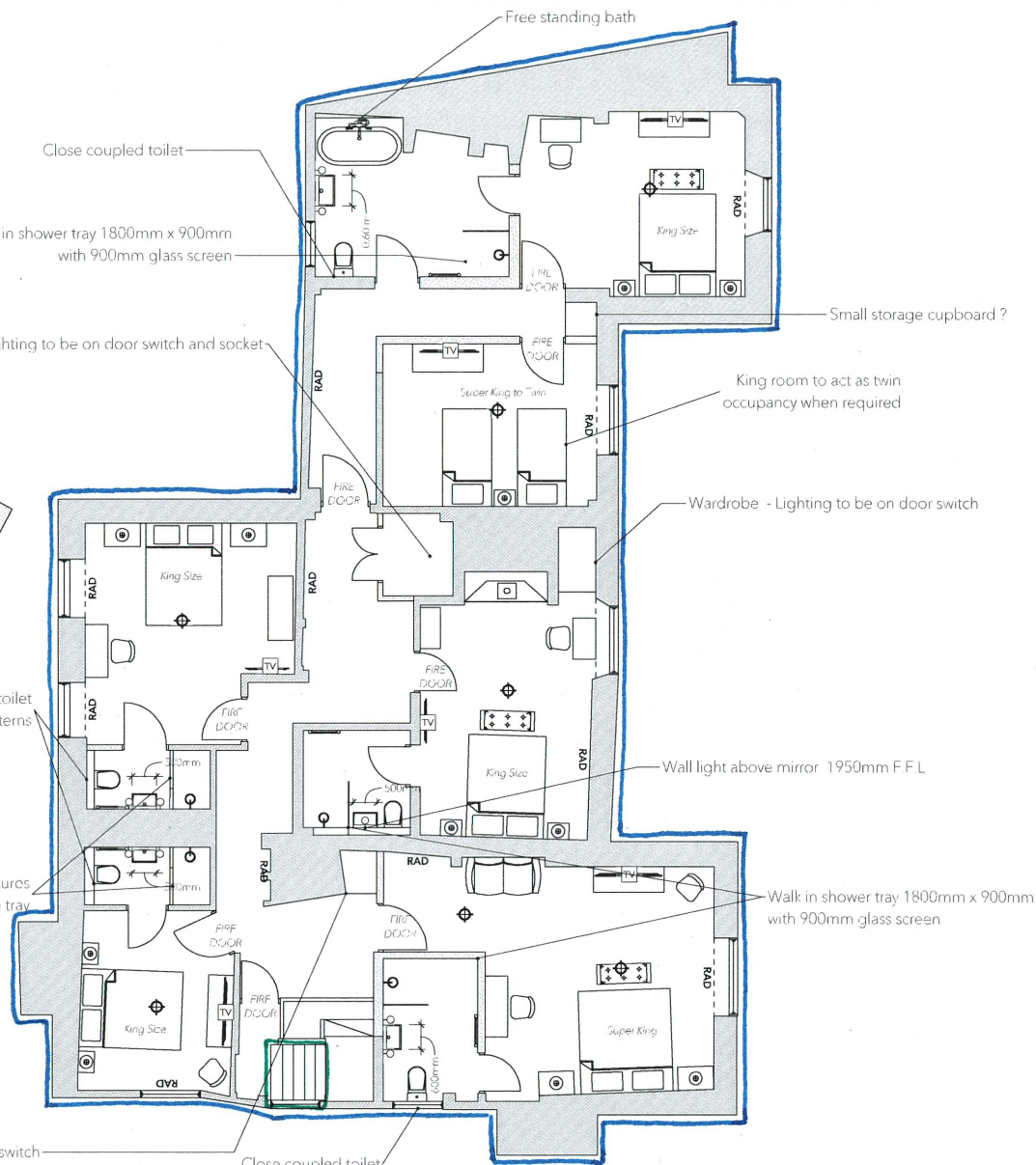
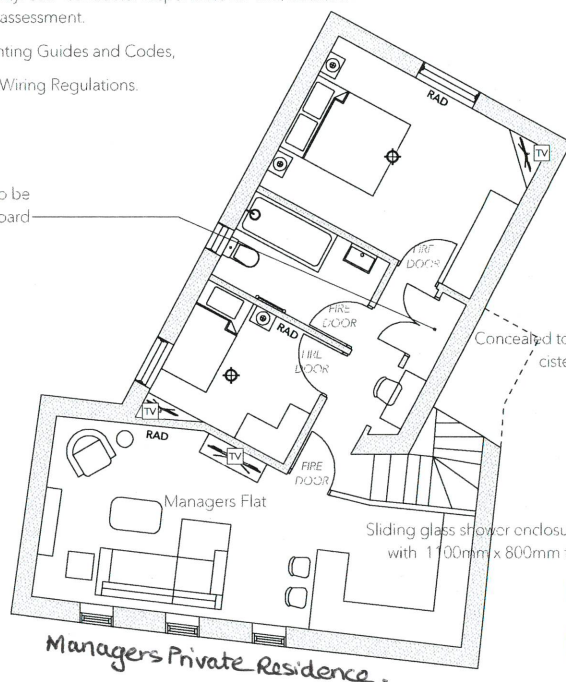
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⊕ Pendant light

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TV TV Point

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**LICENSING ACT 2003
Part A - Premises Licence**

Premises licence number PR01008 (App to Vary Premises DPS)

Part 1 - Premises details

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Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

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Rosemary Savidge
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Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not applicable

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Thomas Howarth

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Licence number: PL [REDACTED]
Issuing authority: Herefordshire Council

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

Irresponsible Drinks Promotions

1. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
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 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

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- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
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Free Drinking Water

2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

Age verification

3. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
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 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.

Small Measures

4. The responsible person must ensure that—
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Below Cost Price

A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence—

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- (a) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.



Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Door supervision

Each individual required to carry out a security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

Licensing conditions

General

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Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority
Hearing date: 13 March 2025

Decision

The Sub-Committee's decision is to grant the application as amended in respect of the outside bar area which was withdrawn by the applicant

Annex 4 - Plans

As attached – received 17.01.2025, amended 13.03.2025



LICENSING ACT 2003
Part B - Premises licence summary

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Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not applicable

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Thomas Howarth

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 Policy

A written or electronic register of refusals will be kept including a description of the people who have been unable to provide required Identification to prove their age

No adult entertainment or services or activities must take place at the premises

LEGEND

FIRE ALARM

- FAP** FIRE ALARM PANEL
- S** SMOKE DETECTOR
- S** SMOKE DETECTOR & SOUNDER
- S** SMOKE DETECTOR & BEACON
- S** SMOKE DETECTOR & SOUNDER BEACON
- H** HEAT DETECTOR
- M** MULTI-DETECTOR
- CO** CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR
- CV** CEILING VOID
- FV** FLOOR VOID
- ⊙** MANUAL CALL POINT
- ⊙** SOUNDER (CEILING)
- ⊙** SOUNDER (WALL)
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- WIRED IN FP 200 1.5MM

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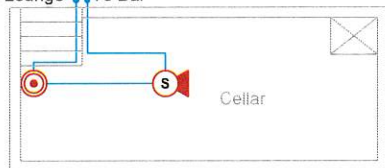
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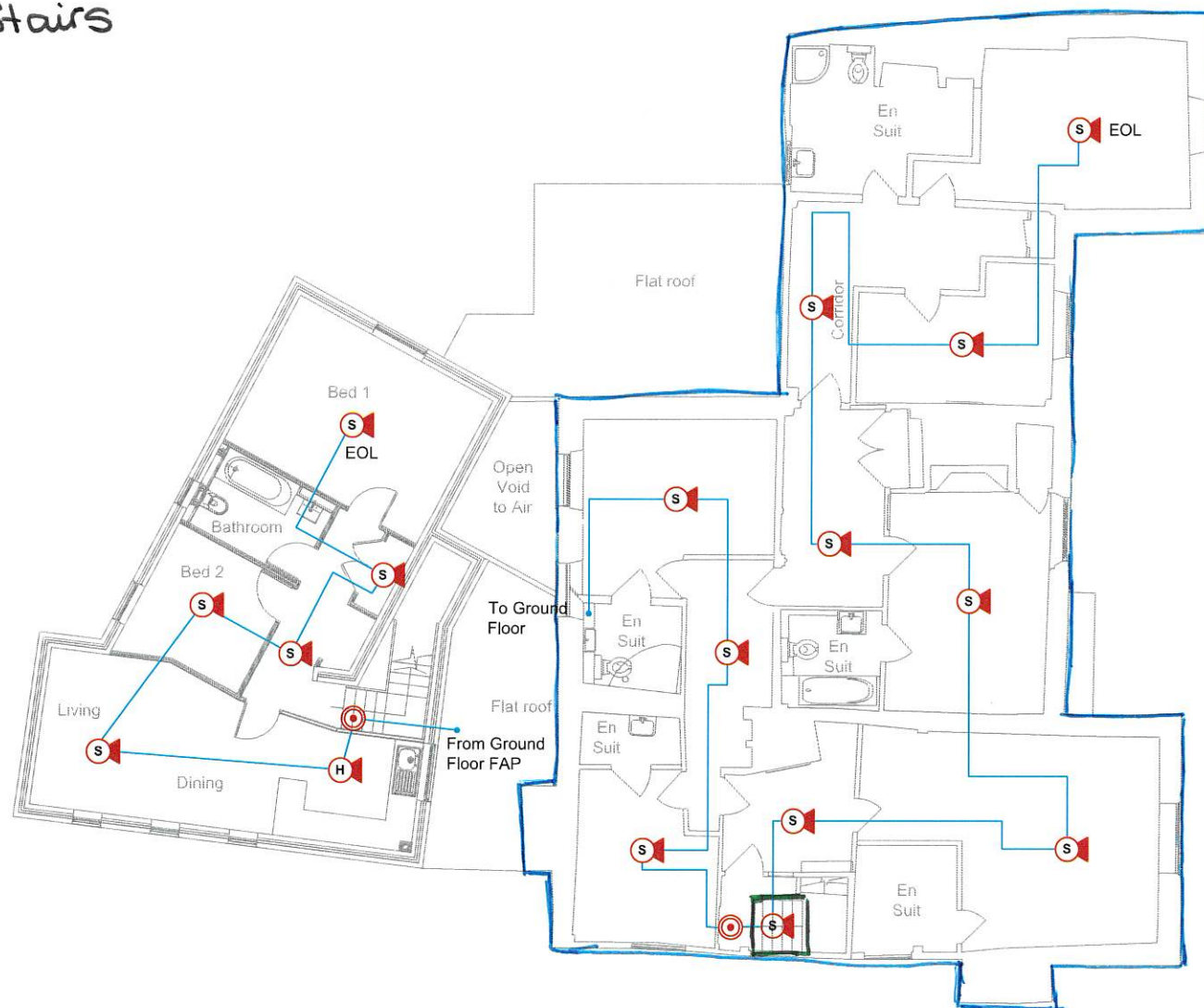
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Ground Floor

— Alcohol consumption area

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First Floor

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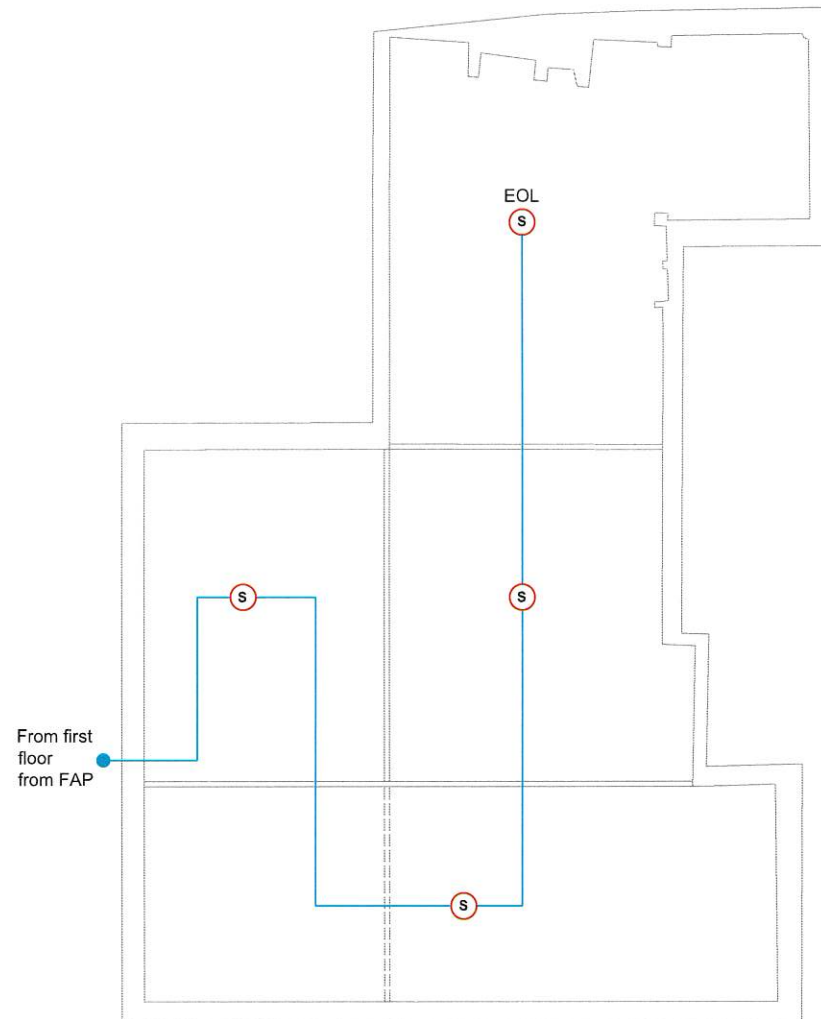
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FIRST FLOOR
FIRE ALARM LAYOUT

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LEGEND

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Lighting Notes:

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2. Sub-contractor responsible for downlight quantity and positioning
3. All hallway lighting to be on sensors
4. Sub-contractor responsible for switch and socket placement
5. Please allow for double sockets by dressing tables
6. All bedrooms to have one single pendant in centre of flat ceilings
7. Main bedroom two way switched upon entry and either side of beds (switches 700mm F.F.L)
8. Bathroom wall lights to be 1650mm F.F.L unless otherwise stated
9. Lighting shown for design intent purposes only. Sub- contractor responsible for final detailed design of lighting to include lighting and load assessment.
10. Final design to comply fully with CIBSE Lighting Guides and Codes, BS EN, Building Regulations and BS7671 - IET Wiring Regulations.

Boiler and washing machine to be housed with in cupboard

Close coupled toilet

Walk in shower tray 1800mm x 900mm with 900mm glass screen

Laundry cupboard - Lighting to be on door switch and socket

Small storage cupboard ?

King room to act as twin occupancy when required

Wardrobe - Lighting to be on door switch

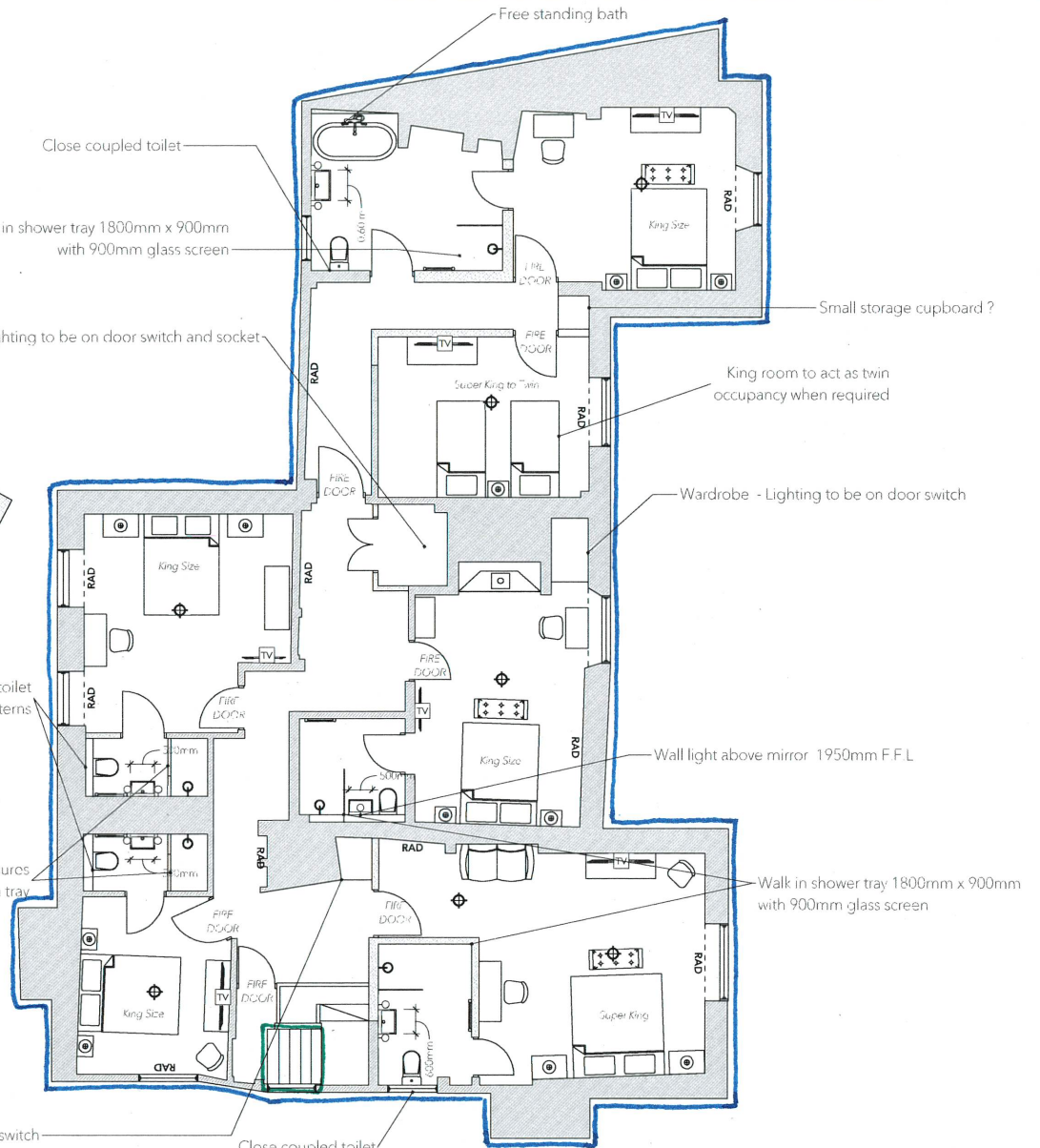
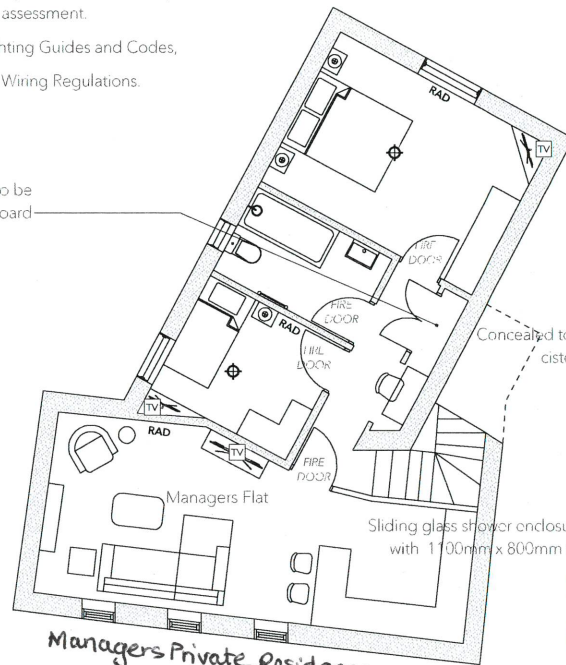
Wall light above mirror 1950mm F.F.L

Walk in shower tray 1800mm x 900mm with 900mm glass screen

Storage - Lighting to be on door switch

Close coupled toilet

Managers Private Residence



— Stairs
— Alcohol consumption area.

legend

⊕ Pendant light

○ Wall light

TV TV Point

RAD Column style radiators

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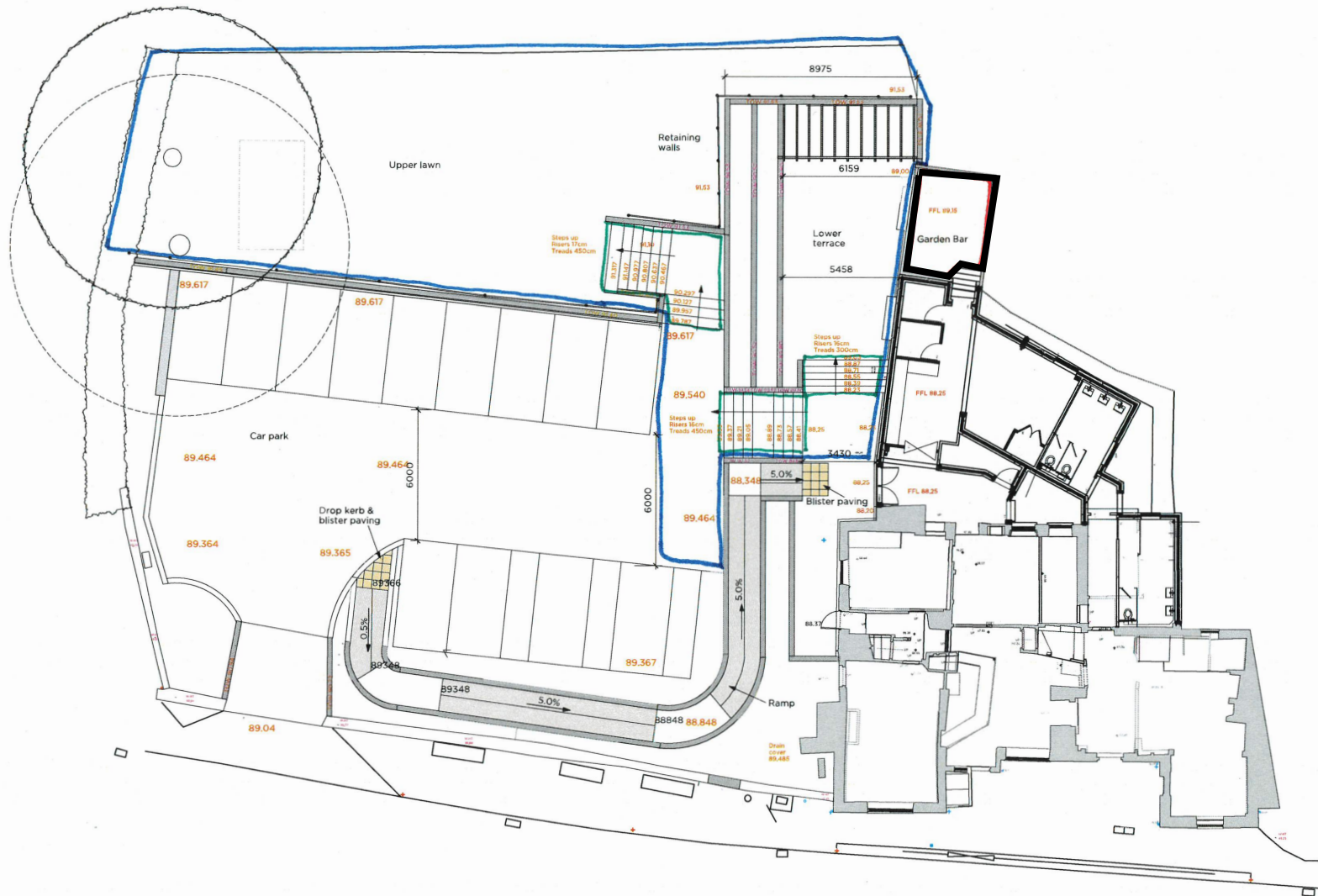
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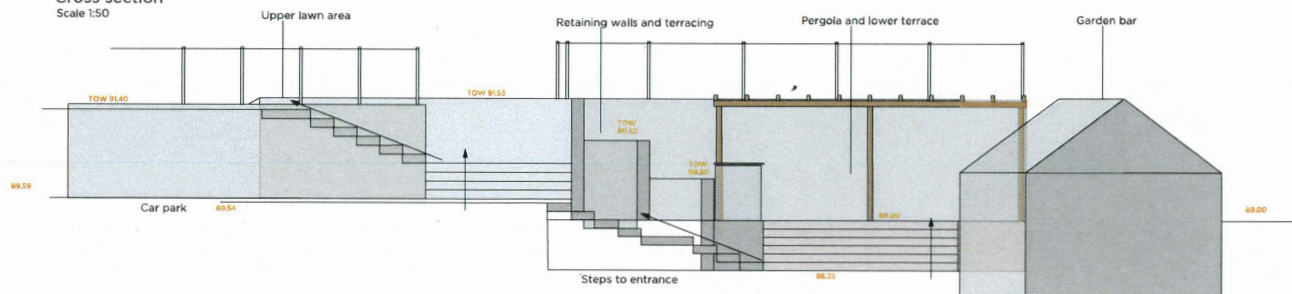
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- Alcohol consumption area
- Licensable Activity
- Stairs



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Leaf Creative Gardens		Ross Road Huntley Glos GL19 3EX
Project Name		
Garden Design		
Client Name Ben & Amy Savidge		Client Address The Crown Lea HES 7JZ
Date 09/09/2024	Sheet Number 05	Sheet Title Revised ramp layout B
Revisions	Rev'd by A	Rev'd date 09/09/2024
	B	09/09/2024

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 April 2025 13:04
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708341740

Contact details

Name:
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXX

Address:
XXXXX, XXXXX, Lea HR9 7

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
The Crown Inn, Lea - extension to licensing of garden bar Mon to Sunday 12pm to 10pm

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
I am against the proposal for the late opening hours of the garden bar until 10pm during the week. We live directly behind the pub and since the pub opened last week, we have

experienced the levels of noise from customers in the garden as well as the outdoor music and accept that this is part of the business for Friday and Saturday evenings. I have emailed the manager and he told me that the level of music is set at 30% and the bass of the music was also too much as it verberates into my daughter's bedroom and my lounge. He kindly looked into this and turned the bass down and this has helped a bit. He has stuck to the agreement of music stopping at 10pm and people being moved inside. We have also had to deal with the constant humming noise from the vibration of a machine at the back of the pub/barn as the sound-proofing is not good.

My major concern is the proposal for the garden bar opening until 10pm during the week. My children go to bed at 8pm and we have to get up at 6.15am for school especially for my youngest whose bedroom is close by and already has been disturbed on Friday and Saturday night.

Suggest any conditions:

Ideally no garden bar open during the week but will compromise to no outdoor music allowed Sunday to Thurs evenings. This would at least cut down some of the noise as we wouldn't have the issue of the sound of the music and also people raising their voices to try and outcompete it.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

On 8 May 2025 15:02, <@thecrowninnlea.co.uk> wrote:

The Crown Inn

Lea, Herefordshire

8/5/25

Thank you for submitting your representation regarding our licensing application for the garden bar. I wanted to reply personally, as we really value being part of this community and maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours.

We understand your concerns about weekday noise, especially with young children at home. Since opening, we've worked carefully to ensure music is kept at a reasonable volume and have already adjusted things like the bass to help reduce disturbance. We believe the music levels we now have in place strike a fair balance that has worked so far. Having the garden bar license is important for the success and sustainability of the business. Part of that includes offering a consistent guest experience every day we're open — including background music, which helps create the right atmosphere. We'll continue to manage this responsibly and keep noise under control as part of our commitment to being a good neighbour.

I am more than happy to meet you onsite to discuss if there is anything else that we can do? We've also noted your comments about the humming or vibration noise at the back of the building and will look into this to see if there's anything further we can do.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. We hope we can continue to work together positively as neighbours while balancing the needs of the local community and the business.

Warm regards,

The Crown Inn, Lea

From: <@hotmail.com>

Sent: 10 May 2025 22:54

To: <@thecrowninnlea.co.uk>

Cc: <@bhsavidge.co.uk>; licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Crown Inn

Thank you for your email. I understand you have a business to run and I appreciate that you have listened to my concerns regarding the volume of the music and have adjusted this and the upper garden's lights have generally been turned off when it has been agreed, latest I think has been 21.20.

However, as I write this at nearly 23.00, people have not been moved inside at 22.00 as promised on the tour you gave and I can clearly hear lots of loud voices and laughing outside so this needs looking into; I know your aim is managing the pub responsibly.

As explained previously, my children deserve a good night's sleep during the week and having the garden bar open until 22.00 is not necessary when the pub itself is open.

The extractor fan noise is unacceptable from the morning until 22.00 and many neighbours have also complained. We cannot sit in the garden it is that loud. You are welcome to come to my house and listen to your customers from my garden/house as well as the fan noise and see whether you think it is acceptable. I remember on the tour you gave, you complained about the noise from the fridges in your accommodation and this was being sorted so if you could find a way of trying to reduce this, we would all really appreciate it.

I do hope these issues can be resolved and appreciate you working positively with your neighbours.

Best wishes,

From: <@thecrowninnlea.co.uk>

Sent: 14 May 2025 17:22

To: <@hotmail.com>

Cc: <@bhsavidge.co.uk>; licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Crown Inn

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Thank you again for your message, and for acknowledging the changes we've already made, particularly around music volume and lighting. I really do appreciate your constructive approach.

Just to clarify our timings, as I'm not sure if there may have been some confusion or miscommunication around this — apologies if so:

- The garden area closes at 9pm.

- The garden lights are set to turn off 15 minutes after that area closes, to ensure guests can exit safely without sudden darkness on the steps.

- Outdoor music is turned off at 10pm (this was previously agreed by the council at 11pm, but we brought it forward as part of our efforts to address local concerns and felt it was the right thing to do).

- The patio space can remain open until 11pm if patrons are using it, which is in line with our premises licence.

We've also been closing the car park entrance from 11pm each night and asking guests to exit via the street side to further reduce outdoor noise near neighbouring properties. On the evening you mentioned, guests should have been moved inside by 11pm. I'll be speaking to the team to ensure this is done more promptly going forward.

While I can't personally manage it every night, I'll be making sure it remains a clear priority with the team.

With regard to the extractor fan — it's a legal requirement for commercial kitchens, and the size and specification are determined by the regulations for a premises of our scale. That said, I'd be happy to come over and hear it from your garden to better understand the impact. If there's anything practical we can do to help reduce the disruption, I'll certainly look into it.

Just to reassure you — we haven't forgotten about tidying up the fence either, it's still on our list and will be sorted.

For transparency, I've attached the meeting notes from the original licence appeal. Please note, our Summer Bar is subject to a new application entirely, and if granted, would see that bar close no later than 10pm each night.

Thanks again for your continued communication. We're committed to running The Crown responsibly and being a considerate neighbour to everyone in the village.

Warm Regards,
Crown @ Lea

From: @hotmail.com
Sent: 19 May 2025 21:51
To: @thecrowninnlea.co.uk>
Cc: @bhsaveidge.co.uk>; Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Crown Inn

Thank you for clarifying and for arranging the exits to avoid less noise and ensuring that guests are moved inside by 11pm. I have been really pleased that the music outside has been quiet but I did notice earlier this evening that the music volume had increased and it was much more noticeable and then it was reduced again by 9. If this could be checked so that it the continuous lower level is constant through the evening, I would appreciate it.

I completely understand re the extractor fan but there are ways to dampen and absorb the noise. I have recorded the sound at 45-50 decibels and when my electrician was over the other day, he mentioned how loud it was and there are several ways that this can be rectified so please could you investigate further? Please feel free to pop round to hear the sound in my garden at any time to check; I am at work all day during the week so if you want to do it during the day on your own then you are welcome. I am home from 6 if you want to chat and come into the house to check the noise level too or come over at the weekend.

Best wishes,

**LICENSING-SUB COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE
(THE LICENSING ACT 2003)**

PREMISES	The Crown Inn, Lea, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7JZ LICENSING ACT 2003.
APPLICANT'S NAME	Rose Savidge and Mark Savidge
APPLICATION TYPE	Variation of a Premises Licence
PANEL MEMBERS	Councillor Polly Andrews Councillor Dave Davies Councillor Richard Thomas
DATE OF MEETING	13 March 2025

Members of the licensing Sub-Committee from the Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee considered the above application, full details of which appeared before the members in their agenda, and the supplementary information published on 5 March 2025.

Prior to making its decision the Council's Licensing Officer presented the report which outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee. Two representations were received from the responsible authorities, Trading Standards and The Licensing Authority as a responsible authority. The conditions requested by the responsible authorities have been accepted by the applicant. Seven relevant representations were received from members of the public that the licensing authority accepted as being relevant. The Licensing Officer summarised the application and provided an overview of the representations received.

The Sub-Committee heard from the public representatives that:

- Lea Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose the application as currently drafted.
- The investment in the pub was impressive but there were concerns about the late opening of a pub in the centre of a rural village surrounded by residential properties.
- The variation of the licence would permit the pub to open until 1:00 a.m. on two days per week which would result in potential, significant disturbance to local residents.
- It was recognised that actions had been undertaken to limit noise emanating from the pub but the possibility of disturbance existed with people entering and leaving the premises into late night hours.
- Disturbance from the pub would adversely impact upon the right of local residents to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.
- The premises had been visited and the improvements undertaken were impressive but the pub was in a rural location and was surrounded by local residents. A 1:00 a.m. closing time was therefore not acceptable.
- There had been no acceptable explanation by the applicant as to why a 1:00 a.m. closing time was appropriate.
- The manager of the pub would not remain in post indefinitely and there was concern that a new post holder would not apply the same rules to limit the adverse impact of the premises on local residents.

The Sub-Committee then heard from the Applicant's representatives that:

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- It was confirmed that Tom Howarth was the manager. He had been provided with a personal licence and an application would be made to appoint Mr Howarth as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).
- The public house had been owned by the family for over 20 years and a recent project had been undertaken to renovate the premises.
- It was intended that the pub would be at the heart of the community.
- It was recognised that the hours on the application were a concern to local residents and therefore the local community had been engaged with by the applicant to understand and address such concerns raised. Local objectors had been invited to the pub to see the changes and discuss their concerns.
- It was acknowledged that the main concern related to an extension to the Friday and Saturday opening hours. The pub would not be playing live music except on limited occasions and recorded music would be played as background music.
- It was intended that the pub would provide a classic country pub atmosphere and would not seek to be a late night drinking establishment.
- Windows would be closed after 11:00 p.m. Speakers would be angled away from windows and any outdoor speakers would be turned off at 11:00 p.m. Complaints and problems involving noise would be addressed promptly.
- The pub would stop serving alcohol one hour before the 1:00 a.m. closing time and not admit any new customers after 11:30 p.m.
- The upper tier of the garden would be closed at 9:00 p.m.
- Signage would be in evidence at the premises explaining the proximity of local residents and asking for patrons to respect neighbours.
- The pub would not provide a late night drinking location. The challenge 25 policy would be in place and intoxicated customers would not be served. There would be regular training of staff and CCTV would be in place to monitor patrons.
- At New Years Eve it was hoped that there would be compromise regarding the late night opening.
- Extra parking had been installed for patrons to the pub.
- Tom Howarth was the current manager, any future manager would apply the same principles around the management of the pub.
- The pub sought to work alongside the local community and the local authority.

Following questioning by the Sub-Committee it was confirmed that:

- An application for a DPS had not yet been undertaken but this would be forthcoming and an application for Tom Howarth to be the DPS would be made.
- The pub would provide five guest bedrooms.
- Local residents who had raised objections to the application had been invited to the pub. Four of the seven local objectors had visited the pub and three had not responded to the invitation.
- The closure of the top tier garden would be managed with the locking of gates leading to steps up to the upper garden at 9:00 a.m. The closure of the garden would be reinforced with signage.
- The rationale for the later closure of 1 a.m. was provided. Customers would not be able to buy drinks after 12:00 midnight and would finish their drinks and leave. There would be no mass exit of patrons from the pub at a set time; rather, a process for staggered leaving times would effectively be in place.

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The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the representations, reports and evidence before them. They have had regard to their duties under S4 of the Licensing Act and considered guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Herefordshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 - 2025.

DECISION

The Sub-Committee's decision is to grant the application as amended in respect of the outside bar area which was withdrawn by the applicant.

REASONS

The Sub-Committee has fully considered the detailed report, application and written representations in the report pack presented to the hearing in the report pack by Senior Licensing Officer Emma Bowell, as well as the evidence presented at the hearing by representatives of the applicant Ben Savidge, Claire Cunningham and Tom Howarth and public representative, Steven Banner. The committee has taken into account all the relevant paperwork including policy and guidance.

The Committee notes from the Officer's report that reference to the outside bar has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Two (2) representations were received from the responsible authorities, Trading Standards and the Licensing Authority. The conditions requested have been agreed by the applicant. In particular the Sub-Committee notes the conditions agreed include;

- no admission to new customers after 23:30hrs,
- signage requesting customers to leave quietly,
- speakers within the premises shall be directed away from any residential property,
- no loud speakers in the external area after 23:00hrs and
- a curfew on when the outside areas can be used.

Seven (7) relevant representations were received from members of the public. The Sub-Committee fully recognises the concerns raised by the public representative and the reasons why the representations have been made. In particular, the Sub-Committee notes the concerns relating to the potential for increased noise, disturbance and nuisance and the potential for various forms of anti-social behaviour. The Sub-Committee acknowledges the recent engagement with the community undertaken by the applicant to try and address any concerns members of the community have.

The Sub-Committee has listened carefully to the representations and information supplied by the applicant. In particular, the committee notes the intention to create a family friendly community venue and not a late night club style venue. The Sub-Committee notes the reasons for the proposed variation of the premises opening hours to assist with people leaving the premises in a manageable way.

The Sub-Committee have weighed up the evidence very carefully and balanced each party's position and the concerns raised. The Committee considers that the additional conditions proposed by the responsible authorities and accepted by the applicant, strengthen the promotion the licensing objectives and are proportionate.

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The Committee notes that there is no DPS currently in place, there will need to be a DPS in place before licensable activities can commence.

The sub-committee would strongly advise that should the premises licence conditions not be complied with, that the residents inform the appropriate responsible authority, for example the Police, Environmental Health and Licensing Department as well as the other appropriate Responsible Authorities so that concerns are properly documented.

APPEAL INFORMATION

Under Schedule 5 Paragraph 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, the applicant or a person who made relevant representations, may appeal against the decision. Schedule 5 Paragraph 9 states that such an appeal must be made to the Magistrates Court within a period of 21 days from the date that the applicant is notified in writing of the decision.

Should you wish to appeal this decision then it is recommended that you obtain your own legal advice or contact the Magistrates Court at Bath Street, Hereford.



Title of report: Application for a variation of a premises licence in respect of Hereford Rugby Club, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford, HR4 0PH– Licensing Act 2003.

Meeting: Licensing sub-committee

Meeting date: Friday 30 May 2025 at 14:00hrs

Report by: Senior Licensing Technical Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

Hereford - Greyfriars

Purpose

To consider an application for a variation for a premises licence in respect of Hereford Rugby Club, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford, HR4 0PH under the Licensing Act 2003

Recommendation(s)

That:

The sub committee determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

- a) The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives,
- b) The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- c) The guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and
- d) The Herefordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 – 2025.

Reasons for Recommendations

Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003

Alternative options

1. There are a number of options open to the sub-committee:
 - a) Grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
 - b) Grant the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the sub-committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and add mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
 - c) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
 - d) To refuse the application

Key considerations

Licence Application

2. The application for the variation of a premises licence has received relevant representations and is therefore brought before the sub-committee for determination.
3. Herefordshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 to 2025 states "All representations must be 'relevant', for example they must be about the likely effect of the grant of the application". This followed paragraph 8.57 in the s182 Guidance which uses the same wording.
4. The details of the application are:

Applicant	Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd	
Agent	The Licensing Guys	
Type of application: Grant	Date received: 2 April 2025 28 day consultation started: 3 April 2025	28 Days consultation ended: 30 April 2025

Summary of Application

5. The application (appendix 1) requests the variation of a premises licence to allow the following
- 1) Extend Licensed Area to include a pitch-side bar and outdoor areas – new plans provided
 - 2) Extend licensed hours to include Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises): Friday-Saturday to 10:00 – 02:00hrs
 Live & Recorded Music: Friday-Saturday: 12:00 – 02:00hrs and Sunday 12:00 – 23:00hrs
 Late Night Refreshment: Friday-Saturday 23:00 – 02:00hrs
 NB. All OUTDOOR licensable activities will end no later than 23:00hrs.
 - 3) Enhance the licence with additional conditions.

Current Licence

A copy of the current licence is attached at Appendix 2. It authorises

Live Music & Recorded Music (Indoors)

Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors/Outdoors)

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 23:59

Sale/Supply of Alcohol (consumption on and off the premises)

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 23:59

Non-Standard Timings

Terminal Hour extended to 01:00hrs on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Bank Holidays, and Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.

Summary of Representations

6. No representations were received from the Responsible Authorities.
7. 36 relevant representations were received from members of the public that the Licensing Authority accepted as being relevant and can be found at Appendix 3. The representations are mainly in relation to noise nuisance at the premises and traffic issues.
NB: The Licensing Sub-Committee cannot consider increased traffic, parking issues or wildlife issues in determining the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
8. Eight (8) representations received from members of the public were rejected by the Licensing Authority as not being relevant as they did not address the likely effect of the grant of the application would have in relation to the licensing objectives.

Premises History

9. The premises applied for a grant of a premises licence in May 2021. The application received relevant representation and therefore was brought before the Licensing Sub-Committee on 14 July 2021 for determination. The representations received related to potential noise nuisance at the premises.
10. The decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 14 July 2021 was to adjourn to allow for a site visit to take place on 6 August 2021. The application was then heard again on 17 August 2021.
11. The decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 17 August 2021 can be found at Appendix 4 and stated in order to promote the licensing objectives, specifically the prevention of public nuisance, the sub-committee decided to grant the licence as requested but with a modification to the hours on Fridays and Saturdays. This modification was a terminal hour of 23:59 as stated at Appendix 2.
12. The Licensing Authority has also received one (1) application to Vary Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) since first being licenced. This was granted in September 2022.

Community impact

13. Any decision may have an impact on the local community.

Environmental Impact

14. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal environmental impacts for the council, as licensing authority.

Equality duty

15. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
16. There are no equality issues in relation to the content of this report.
 17. This report has human rights implications for both the premises licence holder and the residents from the local neighbourhood. Any of the steps outlined in section 1 of this report may have financial implications for a licensee's business and livelihood and/or may have impact upon the day to day lives of residents living in close proximity to the premises.
 18. Article 8(i) of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life and his/her home (which includes business

premises). This right may be interfered with by the council on a number of grounds including the protection of rights and freedoms of others. The First Protocol – Article 1 – also provides that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and shall not be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and conditions provided for by law. Members must accordingly make a decision which is proportionate to the hearing and endeavour to find a balance between the rights of the applicant, residents and the community as a whole.

Resource implications

19. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal resource implications for the council, as Licensing Authority.

Financial implications

20. There are unlikely to be any financial implications for the council, as Licensing Authority at this time.

Legal implications

21. As relevant representations have been received, the sub committee must determine the application under Section 3.5.7 (c) of the Herefordshire Council constitution. The representations must relate to the licensing objectives and the sub committee must determine the likely effect of the grant of the premises licences on the promotion of the licensing objectives.
22. The Licensing Authority must have regard to the promotion of the four licensing objectives namely; the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm in exercising its functions under the Licensing Act 2003. Further regard should be had to the statutory guidance under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's own statement of licensing policy. The options available to the Licensing Authority are set out in section 1 of this report.
23. The sub committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.
24. The case of *Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court* (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black. In this case it was summed up that: -
25. A Licensing Authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.
26. Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.
27. This judgment is further supported in the case of *The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court*, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL 648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.

28. In addition to this it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

Right of Appeal

29. Schedule 5 Part 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 gives a right of appeal which states:
Variation of licence under section 35.
- (1) This paragraph applies where an application to vary a premises licence is (in whole or in part) under section 35.
 - (2) The applicant may appeal against any decision to modify the conditions of the licence under subsection (4)(a) of that section. —
 - (3) Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend—
 - (a) that any variation made ought not to have been made, or
 - (b) that, when varying the licence, the licensing authority ought not to have modified the conditions of the licence, or ought to have modified them in a different way,
 under subsection (4)(a) of that section he may appeal against the decision
 - (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “relevant representations” has the meaning given in section 35(5).
30. Appeals should be made to the Magistrates Court and must be made within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against

Risk management

31. There is little risk associated with the decision at this time as the legislation allows a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within a period of 21 days of being notified of the decision in writing.

Consultees

32. All responsible authorities and members of the public living within Herefordshire.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Application Form
 Appendix 2 – Current Premises Licence
 Appendix 3 – Public Representations
 Appendix 4 – Decision Notice 17 August 2021

Background papers

None Identified

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

DPS: Designated Premises Supervisor

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number: PR01960

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Hereford Rugby Football Club
Wyeseide
Belvedere Lane

Post town	HEREFORD	Postcode	HR4 0PH
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Telephone number at premises (if any)	
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Non-domestic rateable value of premises	Not Rated
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Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number	
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E-mail address (optional)	
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Current postal address:	Hereford Rugby Football Club Wyeseide Belvedere Lane
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Post town	HEREFORD	Postcode	HR4 0PH
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Part 3 - Variation

Please tick as appropriate

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes ☒

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DD	MM	YYYY
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late-night levy? (Please see guidance note 1) No ☒

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 2)

Hereford RFC is an amateur club based in Hereford. The Club prides itself on being a social and family-orientated club that enjoys, celebrates, and ***promotes all things 'Rugby' and all things 'Charity'*** and this application is to enable the club to fulfil its ambitions in both areas.

The club boasts a busy match calendar for its seniors', men's, women's, junior's, mini's, and wheelchair rugby in the way of Hereford Harriers, offering membership options to meet every requirement – including full family, non-playing, and social. Memberships.

The grant of the Premises Licence in 2021 was incremental to the recent success of the club in developing sporting, social, and community activities and has enabled the club to welcome one and all.

With a healthy and growing membership, and building on recent success, the Management Team needs to maximise use of the premises and facilities the to take the club to the next level and make it a premier regional destination of choice.

To that end, development plans include hosting private celebrations such as significant birthdays, anniversaries, wakes, weddings, civil partnerships, baptisms, and christenings.

In respect of the charitable work of the HRFC, the club hosts events free-of-charge for charitable organisations, including: 'Bike the UK' which raises funds annually for Multiple Sclerosis, 'Foster Fest' – an annual event promoting and raising awareness and funds for fostering families run by Herefordshire Council, a charity event for MND, and presented a cheque to Gloucester RFC for £2000.

Having sadly lost two club members to Motor Neurone Disease and one to mental health challenges, the club is also committed to supporting Motor Neurone Disease charities and 'Men's Minds Matter' and in November 2024 fund-raising activities enabled the club to raise in excess of £7000.

We hope the information above demonstrates how important the proposed changes are to the future success and development of the club is to both its members, visitors, the wider community, and all who benefit from the actions and commitment of this dedicated Management Team and army of volunteers.

This application seeks to update the Premises Licence, bringing licensed hours in line with other venues and enable the club to partner with reputable promoters in support of both community events and commercial activities.

1) Extend Licensed Area to include a pitch-side bar and outdoor areas – new plans provided,

2) Extend licensed hours to include:

Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises): Friday-Saturday to 10:00 – 02:00hrs

Live & Recorded Music: Friday-Saturday: 12:00 – 02:00hrs and Sunday 12:00 – 23:00hrs

Late Night Refreshment: Friday-Saturday 23:00 – 02:00hrs

NB. All OUTDOOR licensable activities will end no later than 23:00hrs.

3) Enhance the licence with additional conditions.

In producing this application, we have had regard to the amenity of the local area, the Licensing Act 2003, the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Herefordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Through the Licensing Guys Ltd, the applicant wishes to engage fully with all responsible authorities and other interested parties.

Should any person wish to discuss any aspect of the application or proposed activities, early contact and dialogue would be welcomed.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

N/A

Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

Provision of regulated entertainment (Please see guidance note 3)

Please tick all that apply

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G) ☐

h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) ☐

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I) ☒

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J) ☒

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finis h			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finis h		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat					
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 6)
Tue			
Wed			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	12:00	23:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue	12:00	23:00	Live Music provided outdoors will end no later than 23:00hrs on any day.		
Wed	12:00	23:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur	12:00	23:00			
Fri	12:00	02:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat	12:00	02:00			
Sun	12:00	23:00	As per existing licence.		

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	✓
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	12:00	23:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue	12:00	23:00	Recorded Music provided outdoors will end no later than 23:00hrs on any day.		
Wed	12:00	23:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur	12:00	23:00			
Fri	12:00	02:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat	12:00	02:00	As per existing licence.		
Sun	12:00	23:00			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing Any type of entertainment similar to the above, not including adult / relevant entertainment.		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	
Mon				Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sun					

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	✓
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Tue			Late night refreshment provided outdoors will end no later than 23:00hrs on any day.		
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur					
Fri	23:00	02:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7)		
Sat	23:00	02:00	As per existing licence.		
Sun					

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 9)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	10:00	23:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</u> (please read guidance note 6) Alcohol sales for consumption ON the premises will end 30 minutes before closing every day to ensure adequate time for patrons to consume drinks. Alcohol sales provided outdoors will end no later than 23:00hrs on any day.		
Tue	10:00	23:00			
Wed	10:00	23:00			
Thur	10:00	23:00	<u>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7) As per existing licence.		
Fri	10:00	02:00			
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	10:00	23:00			

K

<p>Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 10).</p> <p>None.</p>

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 6)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	09:00	23:00	
Tue	09:00	23:00	
Wed	09:00	23:00	
			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 7) As per existing licence.
Thur	09:00	23:00	
Fri	09:00	02:00	
Sat	09:00	02:00	
Sun	09:00	23:00	

<p>Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.</p> <p><u>Prevention of Public Nuisance</u></p> <p>All regulated entertainment shall occur in the clubhouse only.</p>

Please tick as appropriate

- I have enclosed the premises licence ☒
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence ☐

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

Not applicable.

M Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives

As per existing licence.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

As per existing licence.

c) Public safety

A current Fire Risk Assessment will be completed, maintained on the premises, and made available for inspection by any officer of a Responsible Authority on request.

Drinking Vessels – Outdoor Events

When a temporary bar is located in an outside area all drinks must be served in plastic/polycarbonate/safety material. If toughened/polycarbonate/plastic bottles cannot be provided by the suppliers, then all drinks will be dispensed and served in toughened/polycarbonate/plastic containers.

Drinking Vessels – General

Drinking vessels may not be taken away from the premises/grounds.

Event Management Plan - Outdoor Events involving Regulated Entertainment

This condition applies to events involving the provision of regulated entertainment. It does not apply to scheduled sporting events or competitions.

Any outdoor event with an expected attendance of 500 persons or more involving the provision of live or recorded music will be the subject of a detailed Event Management Plan (EMP) submitted to the Licensing Authority and all the members of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) at least 3 months prior to the event.

Following consultation with the SAG, the Licensing Authority shall notify the premises licence holder in writing that the draft EMP is acceptable or unacceptable within one calendar month of receipt. Where notification is not received the draft EMP shall be deemed by the Premises Licence Holder to be agreed.

The outdoor event shall not take place until the draft Event Management Plan has been agreed by the Licensing Authority in consultation with the SAG. Once agreed no change shall be made to the draft EMP without the agreement of the Licensing Authority. The final EMP will be submitted to the Licensing Authority and all the Safety Advisory Group at least 14 days prior to the first day of the Festival each year. No further changes shall take place to this document without the agreement of the SAG.

The EMP will include details of:

- Health and Safety Responsibilities
- Venue and Site Design
- Fire Safety
- Major Incident Planning (Emergency planning)
- Communication
- Crowd Management (including steward and security numbers and their roles)
- Transport
- Management Structures
- Barriers
- Electrical Installations and Lighting
- Food and Alcohol
- Drinking Water Provision and Facilities
- Merchandising and Special Licensing
- Amusements
- Attractions and Promotional displays
- Sanitary Facilities
- Waste Management
- Sound: Noise and Vibration, Special Effects, Fireworks and Pyrotechnics
- Camping
- Facilities for People with disabilities
- Medical, Ambulance and First Aid Management
- Information and Welfare
- Children - including Lost Children's Policy
- Performers
- TV and Media

d) The prevention of public nuisance

General

The premises licence holder will operate the business with general consideration in respect of the surrounding areas, neighbours and businesses.

No waste such as bottles or refuse shall be placed outside the premises between 2200 hours and the end of licensable activities.

Regulated entertainment will not be provided in any outdoor area after 23:00hrs.

Doors & Windows

When regulated entertainment is provided all windows will be kept shut, with the exception of ingress or egress, after 2300 hours.

Sound Monitoring & Recording

Where regulated entertainment is provided, the premises licence holder or DPS or a responsible person nominated in writing will regularly monitor noise emanating from the premises to ensure that noise levels are reasonable, unlikely to be a nuisance or complaint, and will make necessary adjustments to reduce volumes or bass where necessary.

A written record shall be kept on the premises detailing the name of the person carrying out the monitoring, the monitoring locations, the date and time and the result obtained. Such record shall be made available on demand of an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or police.

The Premises Licence Holder or DPS shall immediately comply with any request to adjust noise levels/ frequency spectra made by an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or the Police.

Prominent, clear and legible signage (in not less than 32 font bold) shall be displayed at all exits to the premises requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

e) The protection of children from harm

As per existing licence.

Checklist:

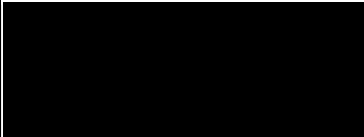
Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or ☒
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy. ☐
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable. ☐
- I understand that I must now advertise my application. ☒
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation. ☒
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. ☒

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

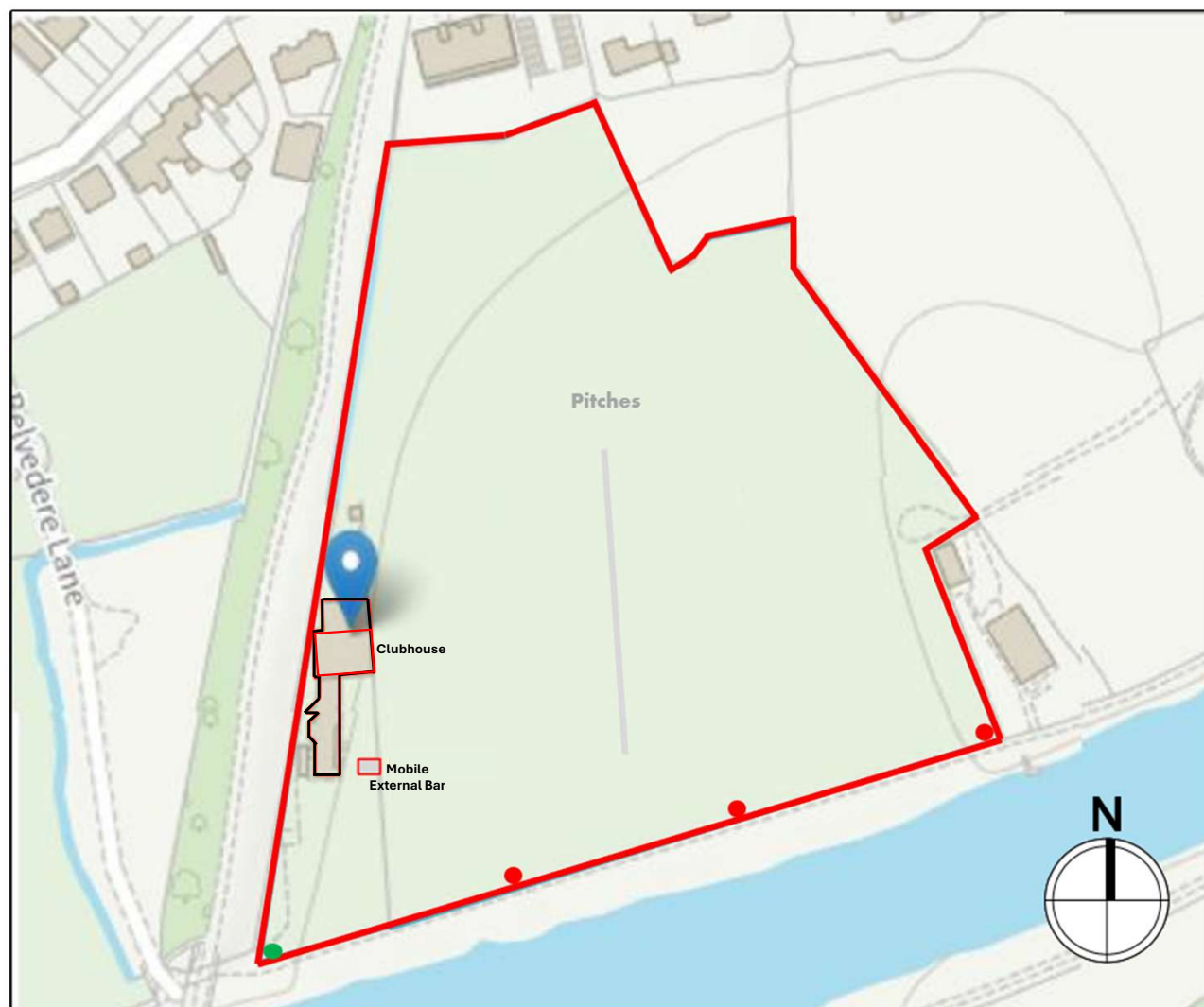
Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 12)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	 Reba Danson for TL Guys Ltd
Date	02/04/2025
Capacity	Licensing Consultant

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)			
The Licensing Guys, PO Box 303			
Post town	LLANYNYNECH, Shropshire	Postcode	SY10 1Z
Telephone number (if any)	07983 922180		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) reba@thelicensingguys.com			

Outdoor Area Plan



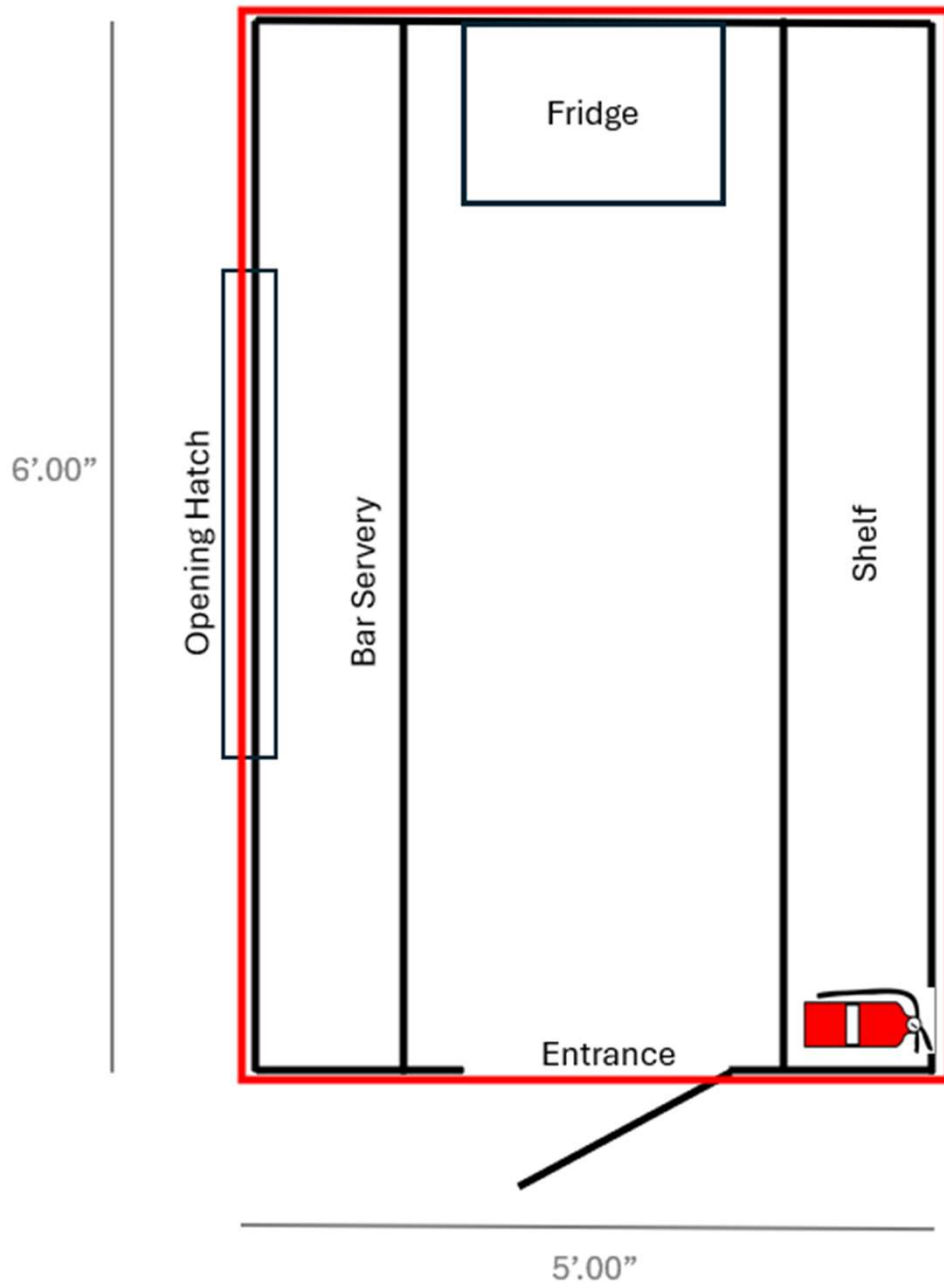
- Licensed area
- Main Entrance/Exit
- Emergency Exits – in use for outdoor events only



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Hereford RFC
Wyese
Belvedere Lane
HEREFORD
HR4 0PH

Mobile External Bar



Licensed area

Fire Extinguisher - Water

**LICENSING ACT 2003
Part A - Premises Licence**

Premises licence number - PR01960 (App to Vary DPS)

Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

**Hereford Rugby Football Club
Wyeside
Belvedere Lane
Hereford
HR4 0PH**

Telephone number: **01432 273410**

Where the licence is time limited the dates:

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

**Live Music (Indoors)
Recorded Music (Indoors)
Late Night Refreshment (Indoors/Outdoors)
Sale/Supply of Alcohol (Consumption on and off the premises)**

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Live Music & Recorded

Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 23:59

Sale/Supply of Alcohol

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 23:59

Non-Standard Timings

Terminal Hour extended to 01:00hrs on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Bank Holidays, and Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.

The opening hours of the premises

Sunday – Thursday 09:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:00

Non-Standard Timings:

Terminal Hour extended to 01:00hrs on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Bank Holidays, and Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies

For consumption on and off the premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

**Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd
Wyeside
Belvedere Lane
Hereford
HR4 0PH**

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Registered Number: IPO31712

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Emyr John Saer

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

**Licence Number – PL
Issuing Authority – Herefordshire Council**

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

Irresponsible Drinks Promotions

1. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

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- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—
- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

Free Drinking Water

2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

Age verification

3. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—
- (a) a holographic mark, or
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.

Small Measures

4. The responsible person must ensure that—
- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
 - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
 - (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

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A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-

- (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
- (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Door supervision

Each individual required to carry out a security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

General

Prevention of Crime & Disorder

CCTV will be provided in the form of a recordable system, capable of providing pictures of EVIDENTIAL QUALITY in all lighting conditions particularly regarding facial recognition. Cameras shall encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, fire exits, outside areas, and all areas where the sale/ supply of alcohol occurs.

Equipment must be maintained in good working order, be correctly time and date stamped, recordings MUST be kept in date order, numbered sequentially and kept for a period of 31 days. The Premises Licence Holder must ensure at all times a DPS or appointed member of staff is capable and competent at downloading CCTV footage in recordable media format, and able to produce it to a Police Officer and/or an authorised Local Authority/Council Trading Standards Officer on demand and in a viewable format.

The CCTV equipment shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the DPS or other responsible named individual.

An operational weekly log report must be maintained endorsed by signature, indicating the system has been checked and is compliant, in the event of any failings actions taken are to be recorded.

In the event of technical failure of the CCTV equipment the Premises Licence holder/DPS must report the failure to the Police (on contact number '101') and Council Licensing Department immediately.

An incident log must be kept at the premises. Incident log records will be retained for a period of 12 months from the date it occurred. It will be made immediately available on request to an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003), an authorised Trading Standards Officer or the Police, and must record the following:

- a) all crimes reported to the venue (relevant to the Licensing Objectives)
- (b) all ejections of patrons
- (c) any complaints received (relevant to the Licensing Objectives)
- (d) any incidents of disorder
- (e) seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- (f) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment
- (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol

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(h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

All bar staff engaged in the sale of alcohol to be trained in Responsible Alcohol Retailing to the minimum standard of BIIAB level 1 or equivalent. That training shall be refreshed annually. (Where there are existing staff this training shall be completed within 3 months of the date that this condition first appears on the licence). Training records shall be kept on the premises and shall be produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer of the Council on demand

Public Safety

First aid:

A HSE Compliant Industrial High Response First Aid Kit for 21-50 people shall be kept fully stocked at the premises and kept behind the bar. Such kit shall contain:

- 1 x Guidance Leaflet
- 6 x Eye Pads with Bandage
- 8 x Triangular Bandages
- 12 x Safety Pins
- 16 x Assorted Sterile Dressings
- 20 Moist Wipes
- 3 Pairs Disposable Gloves

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance.

The Premises Licence Holder or DPS must immediately comply with any request to adjust noise levels/ frequency spectra made by an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or the Police.

All doors and windows at the premises shall be kept closed after 2300 except during immediate access and egress.

All regulated entertainment shall occur in the clubhouse only.

Signage (in font no less than 32) shall be displayed informing patrons to leave quietly and no disturb neighbouring premises.

There shall be a contact telephone number on the Club website whereby persons can raise any noise nuisance issues directly with the club management.

Protection of Children from Harm

The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 Policy. Such policy shall be written down and kept at the premises. The policy shall be produced on demand of the Police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer the Local Authority/Council. Prominent, clear and legible signage (in not less than 32 font bold) shall also be displayed at all entrances to the premises as well as at, at least one location behind any counter advertising the scheme operated.

A written register of Refusals will be kept including a description of the people who have been unable to provide required identification to prove their age. Such records shall be kept for a period of 12 months and will be collected by the Designated Premises Supervisor and produced to the

police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer the Local Authority/Council on demand.

No adult entertainment or services or activities must take place at the premises (Adult Entertainment includes, but is not restricted to, such entertainment or services which would generally include topless bar staff, striptease, lap-table, or pole-dancing, performances involving feigned violence or horrific incidents, feigned or actual sexual acts or fetishism, or entertainment involving strong and offensive language).

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority
Hearing date: Friday 20th August 2020 at 10:00am

DECISION

The sub committee's decision was to grant the licence as applied for with the following modification:

Live Music (Indoors), Recorded Music (Indoors)

Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 23:00, Friday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors/Outdoors)

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 23:59

Sale/Supply of Alcohol (consumption on and off the premises)

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 23:59

Annex 4 - Plans

As attached – received 25.05.2021

LICENSING ACT 2003
Part B - Premises licence summary

Premises licence number - PR01960 (App to Vary DPS)

Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Hereford Rugby Football Club
Wyeside
Belvedere Lane
Hereford
HR4 0PH

Telephone number: **01432 273410**

Where the licence is time limited the dates:

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Live Music (Indoors)
Recorded Music (Indoors)
Late Night Refreshment (Indoors/Outdoors)
Sale/Supply of Alcohol (Consumption on and off the premises)

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Live Music & Recorded

Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 23:59

Sale/Supply of Alcohol

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 23:59

Non-Standard Timings

Terminal Hour extended to 01:00hrs on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Bank Holidays, and Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.

The opening hours of the premises

Sunday – Thursday 09:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:00

Non-Standard Timings:

Terminal Hour extended to 01:00hrs on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Bank Holidays, and Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies

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Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

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Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Registered Number: IPO31712

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

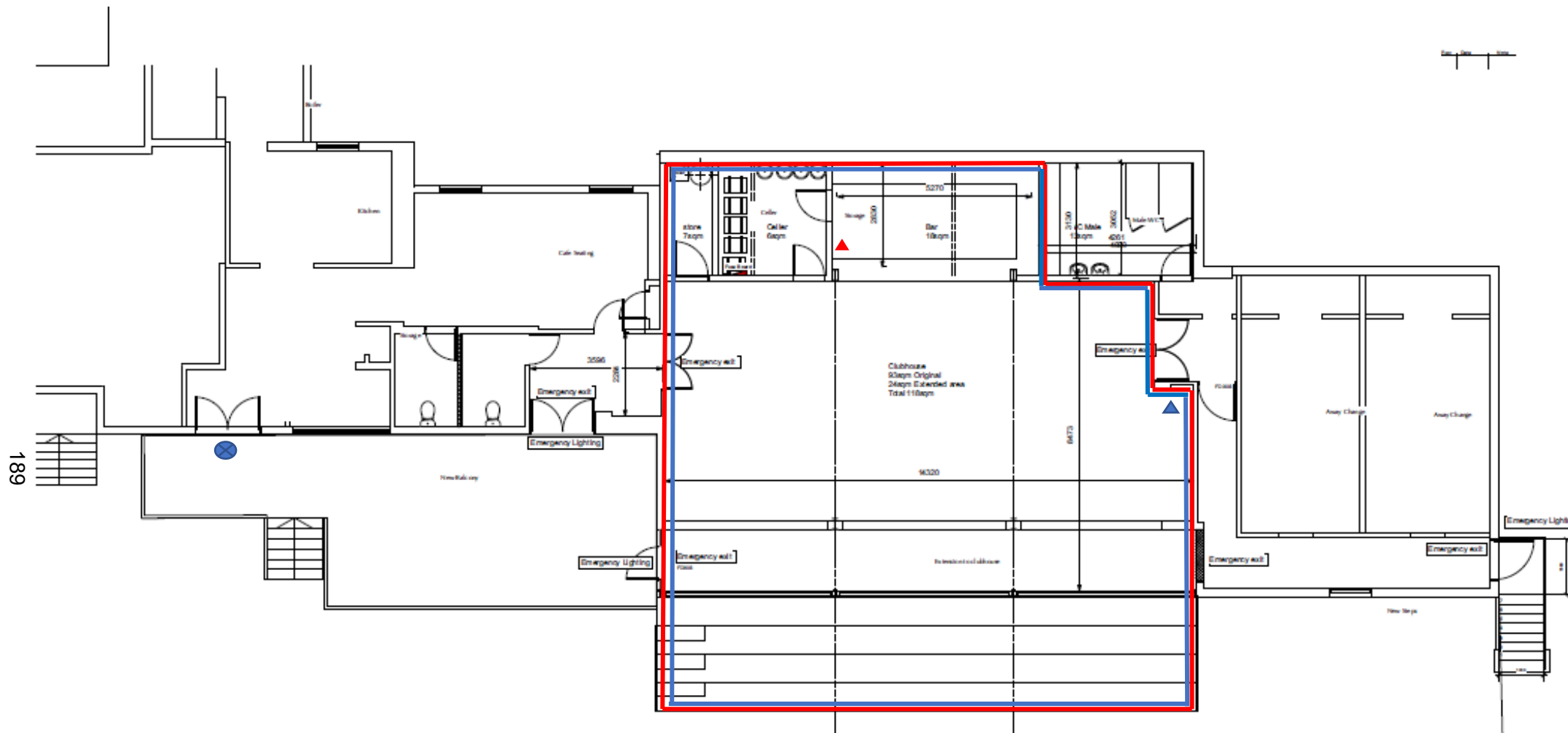
Emyr John Saer

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 Policy

A written register of Refusals will be kept including a description of the people who have been unable to provide required identification to prove their age

No adult entertainment or services or activities must take place at the premises



▲ CO2 Fire Extinguisher

Scale 1:100

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▲ Foam Fire Extinguisher

— Licensable Activity

⊗ Main Entrance / Exit

— Consumption Area

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 April 2025 10:20
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS703947777

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford RFC
Wyeside, Belvedere Lane
Hereford
HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

A license for music inside the club and on the rugby field until 2am on the weekend is going to be horrendous for the owners of Barton West and other properties that back onto the rugby club!

Regarding myself and the residents of Barton West. Many of us living here are ex Military and served our country in many conflicts far and wide!

We came here to retire in peace and quiet, and accept that now and again the club have music events etc! And yes they do tend to have music too loud at times, but this has always been up to 11pm which is acceptable! [REDACTED] Hearing loss and PTSD! So loud noise is not only bad for my hearing, it's also not good for my mental health!!! No doubt there could be more residents in the area of the rugby club that may be highly affected by loud noise?

Regards,

[REDACTED].

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 April 2025 10:51

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Hereford Rugby Club

We wish to object strongly to the proposed extension hours to HRC. I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the noise from the club would be too much. Our apartment faces straight on to the buildings so there is nowhere we could hide from the music. In Summer even if we had to close all windows there is no way of escaping the music and accompanying noises. Along with all other residents, who chose to live here for peace quiet and views, we

would be shattered if the proposal goes ahead.

Please send someone here to visit us and see for themselves just how bad it could be.



From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 April 2025 14:57
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS704101430

Contact details

Name:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Address:

[Redacted]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Football Club
Belvedere Lane
Hereford HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My wife and I have endured increasing noise nuisance levels of music at the Rugby Club since 2004.

This new application for outside music three times a week goes far beyond what is acceptable to local residents. From our living room area, we have direct line of sight to the Rugby Club bar over a distance not much more than the length of a rugby pitch. It is too onerous to have to bear three evenings a week of what is, in reality, music festival noise up until 2300 hours.

Although we have double glazed windows, we even hear raised voices from this area and the noise from loudspeakers from the outside bar area reaches us, I'm sure, well in excess of legal limits. When we have warm summer evenings, we are forced to keep windows closed as otherwise we would not be able to hear the radio, watch TV or concentrate on reading a book.

In the past we have been assured that at 11 pm. this activity will be moved indoors and the soundproof shutters will be closed. This frequently does not happen, especially in warm weather, and the music volume is barely reduced. Consequently, we are unable to get to any respite until after 2 am. and sometimes even longer.

Suggest any conditions:

We believe the current frequency and volume of outside music emanating from the Rugby Club, as was agreed at a residents meeting with the Rugby Club Committee a few years ago, is just about bearable provided any noise pollution moves indoors and soundproof shutters are down by 2300 hours.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

Our experience of living close to the premises requesting this licence for the last 20 years.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 April 2025 11:30
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705049425

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident.

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
I and eleven other residents live less than 50m. away from the rugby club and to be granted these extra opening hours would be disastrous for us all. In the summer months we would have to keep our balcony doors/windows closed to try to shut out the

noise/drunken behaviour which with the present hours we are having such problems, the limited hours the club has now are not been adhered to, also we would all be kept awake with the loud music this affect all of our health problems and most of us here are elderly.people. This would devalue all of our properties and make life here unbearable.So we are all against this application.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 April 2025 14:27

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705811879

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Football Club, Belvedere Lane, Broomy Hill, Hereford HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I have been informed that Hereford Rugby Football Club applied for a variation of their license on 2nd April 2025. I did not see this notice in the relevant pages of the Hereford Times but I might have overlooked it.

I wish to raise an objection, although, I don't know if it meets with your criteria.

I wish to make clear that this objection is not meant to be vexatious or mean spirited but is based on experience of having a house in Belvedere Lane, the main thoroughfare of the Rugby Club.

Traffic

My first objection is to the noise of the traffic. The vehicles using the lane set up a vibration that can be felt and heard in the house. This vibration is made worse by the occasional appearance of potholes, which seem to be situated just outside my premises. This vibration is amplified when in bed, as the effects resound through the building and therefore, through the furniture and so, through the ears when the head is placed on the pillow. Most of this we just have to live with as most of the traffic movements occur within "normal" hours.

I know this has nothing to do with the license but fishermen use the lane, as an access road to the river and they can attract up to over 50 vehicles or more and normally occur very early in the morning, around 0600 to 0700. These traffic movements are repeated an hour later, when the placings are handed out. These events can occur on several weekends but not throughout the year.

On occasions, the rugby club have events that end in the early hours and the extra traffic movements of vehicles moving up and down the lane, collecting the revellers, can be excused for once or twice a year. However, the license extension, potentially, takes away any present restrictions and allows extra traffic movements up to the hour of 0200 and beyond, on every Friday and Saturday, throughout the year. This would not be acceptable.

People

When the rugby club have these events, that end early in morning, the revellers can walk

home, especially when the weather is good. The noise of groups moving up the lane can be disturbing but is not, usually, too bad. However, on occasion, there can be the extra noisy person or persons in a group. They are, usually, laughing or speaking loudly but people who have had a drink or two tend to be a little noisier than normal. Noise nearly always seems to travel further at night. Then, you have the person in a group, who, when asked to be quiet, by a member of the group, makes themselves extra loud, just, it seems, to make a point. This is, usually, a male voice. There can, also, be the "long distant conversation". Somebody or group, that has lagged behind or is in front and is calling to another group, further along the lane. This distance can be 50 to 60 yards or more. This is noisy enough when it occurs during the "normal" day but at night, especially in the early hours, it can seem to be even louder. For these events to occur occasionally, is tolerable but to expect them to occur more frequently is not acceptable, especially when they don't have to occur in the first place.

Music

Again, it reflects much of what has been said, above. The occasional event, maybe but potentially, every Friday and Saturday? No thank you. I have to say that most of the noise of the music is deadened by the embankment. Most of what is heard on my side is the bass. A low frequency drumming effect. I feel sorry for the people in the flats in Barton Road or for the occupants of Hunderton. With the railway embankment and bank edging Barton Road, this area is a natural amphitheatre

Whether they are successful in gaining the extension to their current license or not, I wish to make clear I am not trying to be difficult. I have tried to highlight the experiences I have had living with the Rugby Club. On the whole, I am glad they are there and that they have prevented the area from decaying due to vandalization and flooding.

Suggest any conditions:

The present licensing arrangements.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I live there and have done, on and off, for over 60 years.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 April 2025 20:11

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706675721

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

We overlook the rugby club, and despite having triple glazing, the current events that are held at the rugby club keep us awake at night. Extending the opening hours of these event would extend these sleepless periods which would be a nuisance to our family at home.

This is a rugby club that is located in a very quiet part of town, the floodplain that is between us and the club is pancake flat with an embankment behind the club which means all of the noise is projected towards the city, and towards us.

The blanket request for year-round licence is far too broad and makes me worry that they want to hold frequent events to take advantage of that application, and why not, it's in a beautiful location and would draw many people in to enjoy what they would have to offer and lots of money can be made, but the cost of this is to us local residents who will not be able to sleep while they are going on.

A 2am licence is far too late for the location this is in and I really hope someone has the sense to refuse it.

Suggest any conditions:

I'm all for supporting the club and local businesses so having an extended licence once or twice a year would fair and allows them to have a blow out celebration, but doesn't mean we all have to put up with constant late night parties on every weekend.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 21 April 2025 17:53

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707705578

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

This application would have a very considerable noise impact on the mental health and well being of the local residents especially in an attempt to get to sleep at a reasonable time each night with events lasting well into the early hours of the morning. There would be a substantial increase in vehicular activity both day and night in Belvedere Lane, not to mention anti social behavior and criminal damage to property in the surrounding residential areas, as there would no control whatsoever with regards to excessive drinking. Hereford Rugby Club is supposedly a SPORTS field and club - NOT an events / festival field - and so these additional licensed freedoms should not be approved.

Suggest any conditions:

Re locate the club to ANOTHER area within the county with enhanced vehicular and parking access - where local residents might be more supportive of their non sporting objectives

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2025 14:49
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Creating a public nuisance

To whom it may concern:

I strongly object to the Variation of the Premises License relating to the Hereford Rugby Football Club License!

I am a resident in Barton Rd and my garden borders the field of the Rowing Club, which is next to the Rugby Club.

I am regularly disturbed by the activities at the Rugby Club, but to add to this every weekend until 2 am, even if outdoor activities stop at 11 pm. With this change of license, they would still carry on until 2 am indoors and there will be considerable noise once they make their way home at 2 am in the morning.

I am speaking from experience, as every time the Rugby Club holds an event, there is considerable noise from the people travelling home late at night.

It also puts the residents in danger of increased crime, destruction of property, theft , vandalism and fights from inebriated eventgoers leaving the venue.

If this happens potentially every weekend and until at 2 am in the morning, it will severely affect my mental and physical health and enjoyment of my property!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 April 2025 17:31

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707501186

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Cl

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Attracting criminal elements

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Additional traffic late at night and drunkenness

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Noise in a residential area into early hours

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 11 April 2025 02:30

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS704951359

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford rugby club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There is no need to have a licence to allow load music and the sale of alcohol until 0200.

This is defined as a family venue suitable for small children, children should not be up until 0200.

There has been major problems with drug dealing on the grounds of the rugby club over the years and we would not like that to be repeated.

This is unnesessary, unwanted and not suitable for a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Drugs, and drunkenness.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Excessive Noise until the early hours.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

Word of mouth from many other residents

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 April 2025 21:11

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705949624

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Football Club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I'm concerned about:

- busy traffic on a small residential road late into the night/early morning introducing additional noise, the potential to damage cars parked on the street, and danger as people who are tired or intoxicated driving home. It is already a busy street (particularly on weekends) with the rugby club, Hereford cathedral school grounds, Hinton football club, pétanque club, and the steam railway and waterworks museum. I already notice the noise and additional traffic when there are matches on, and people park inconsiderately on the street, and buses transporting players sometimes block the road leaving me with difficulty getting my car out of my drive

- I sometimes hear the music from the rugby club when they have an event on. I'm concerned that this would be disruptive to us and our child, especially given the licensing application extends the premises outdoors and extends the licensing hours
- it does not seem reasonable as a rugby football club to serve alcohol so late into the night (I say this as a former rugby club member), given that most matches take place on a Saturday afternoon. Therefore I would expect any social activities to finish well before 2am on a Friday/Saturday. I would be interested to know what justification the club has provided for extending the licensing hours - does this also include an application for change of use? Perhaps they intend to host events or hire out the premises? Does the club operate as a charity or a business?
- I'm concerned about public nuisance when people are walking home intoxicated past my house, being loud. Many elderly people live on this street and could find this quite intimidating.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 April 2025 14:24

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706168324

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club

Belvedere Lane

Hereford

HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My objection is based on my concern that this extended licence may increase the possibility of anti social behaviour of those attending events. Constant events will only encourage groups to use the events to pursue disruption and property damage to residents around the club.

I have already witnessed, individuals urinating in residents garden's in the afternoons. I feel this sort of behaviour will be increased if the licence is extended.

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The application concerns me as the access road to the Rugby Football club is a very narrow, unsuitable for traffic. It is already problematic for walkers accessing the local countryside, a conservation area, with cars coming and going without consideration for pedestrians.

There has already been an incident where a vehicle has damaged a property, which still has not been rectified.

This will also encourage an increase of parking on Broomy Hill, this can hinder the residents access to their property.

In addition, the street lighting down Belvedere Lane is non-existent causing a risk of criminal damage or injuries to individuals who may not have been seen.

Finally , another concern is the volume of litter that accumulates after such events without appropriate waste bins in the area.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My objection is based on my concern that this extended licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for many dwellings nearby, including my own.

I am particularly concerned about noise nuisance as this already happens occasionally during some events. We live less than 100 meters from the premises and over the years we have been disturbed by the noise levels that can be heard over the television and patrons leaving inebriated causing further disturbance, shouting and foul language.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As a resident in the local vicinity, I am already subjected to, noise disturbance, amplified loud music, rowdy groups dispersing from the premises and an increase in traffic.

I ask you then to please do not grant this application, it will be most unfair on us and the other families, elderly people of Broomy Hill.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 April 2025 11:56

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706491374

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I 'am very concerned that there is a further application from the Rugby Club for regular late night loud music, parties and the drunken noise that potentially goes with it. The extension of the entertainment licenses from 1000hrs until 0200hrs on Friday and Saturday and 2300hrs outside is unreasonable on the basis that there is residential property all around the playing fields. Music & noise travels clearly over open spaces and the fact that they are wanting outside bars and entertainment regularly until late is frankly unreasonable to surrounding residents. In addition, "pitch-side bars" could be placed in "outdoor areas" very near to the apartments at Barton West.

Charitable works are suggested as a reason why they should be granted an extension in hours but surely, they can do good and raise money without drinking outside until 11pm and being open until 2.00am on a regular basis?

Please do all you can to reject this application for the sake of peace at night & on behalf of the people who reside nearby

There are laws regarding noise nuisance and it is quite likely that should it be granted, you may well be inundated with multiple complaints if the extension to outside hours and potential additional events leads to more noise nuisance.

Suggest any conditions:

Suggest inside only bars - open until 10.00pm / no pitch side bars or outside music, live or otherwise, on a regular basis / reserve outside music and drinking for occasional planned events only.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

2 X PHOTOS - Close proximity of 12 residential properties to Rugby ground





From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 April 2025 15:58
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706591758

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Hereford Rugby Club Application to be allowed to have live and recorded music from 1000hrs until 2300hrs with sales of alcohol from outside bars until 2300hrs and then both music and drinking until 0200 hrs on a Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday until 23 hours.

I live in Barton Road and I object to this anti-social events due to noise and potential criminal activity and behaviour.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I live in Barton Road and when events take place at the Rugby Club which include live music and use of alcohol and potential substance misuse which I can clearly smell in the surrounding areas.

I experience loss of sleep and anxiety due to living alone with fear of criminal activity and behaviour in the area. I would not support this application.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 April 2025 09:39

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706781669

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Rugby club

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford rugby club, Belvedere Ln. Hr40ph

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My property backs on to the rugby club which you can clearly hear the noise. Every weekend is a lot and I work shifts so I will be up at 3am which would be frustrating. I also feel this could add to concerns of drinking by the river. The location of the rugby club can be hard to get to meaning drunk people will be just wondering around. This could link to more crime as it's hard to get a taxi we have also had people come to our property thinking it's the rugby club turning. As my garden backs on I do feel that I'm concerned of having loud people at the bottom of my garden.

Suggest any conditions:

Operate as they do now.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

The issues we have in Hereford including drunk issues and safety. Also health and safety issues with the river. Our house does look like it's the entrance because you can see the pitch and think that it is.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 April 2025 10:05

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706800702

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford rugby club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Increase number of drunk individuals around a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

An increase in drunk individuals is calling around the public footpaths - possible safety concerns for women.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increase in noise, foot traffic and vehicle traffic will have a devastating impact in the area

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 April 2025 15:48

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706951320

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club
Wyeside
Belvedere Lane
Hereford

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

As I live within a couple of hundred yards of the rugby club, my concern is about the noise of live and recorded music being played late into the evening. Having experienced the noise from events at the rowing club which is further away, I know that noise levels can be high enough to disturb both sleep and evening relaxation. I would not object to occasional functions and I do not have a problem with people enjoying themselves but having read the license application, there would seem to be no limit to the number of weekends when outdoor music can be played.

Suggest any conditions:

If the number of events could be limited to a small number per year, I would not have any objections.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As I can see the rugby club from my windows, I donat think there is any doubt that the noise would carry as far as my, and my neighbours property.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 April 2025 20:06

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707021869

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident for over 40 years or so

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Herford Rugby Club Belvedere Lane Hereford

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I wish to make a strong objection to the Hereford Rugby Club Application to be allowed to have live and recorded music from 1000hrs until 2300hrs with sales of alcohol from outside bars until 2300hrs and then both music and drinking until 0200hrs on a Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday until 2300hrs This application if passed would allow The Rugby Club to hold events /festivals every weekend ,Friday morning to latevSundayb,throughout the year ,with no recourse to residents as with The Rock the Barn event, IT Should be noted that This is a Sports Field and Sports Club Not an event , festival field or Night Club and should not be allowed . If this application is allowed This will have a truly life changing and unbearable noise impact on the mental health and the well being of local residents especially with increased vehicular activity along the narrow entrance's exits to this Sports Field and from the local area especially Broomy Hill and the peace and enjoyment of the area will be affected and lost for ever .This Application should NOT be allowed

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As a Resident of Broomy Hill I have enjoyed the Peace and quiet of the Area and surroundings and have always supported the Rugby Club and Cathedral School and others Sports in the past and residents have always been informed of any activities which may affect them outside sporting activities .

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 April 2025 18:50
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708125890

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Barton Road
22

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
There will undoubtedly be an increase in local crime and vandalism due to the nature of late night events that include drugs and alcohol, with opportunistic crime both on individuals and property posing a real risk.

Suggest any conditions:
To remain as they currently are

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
Alcohol and drugs will increase violence in the locality. There is also an increased risk of accidents and incidents involving the river due to inebriation and prolonged licensing hours will undoubtedly encourage more drinking and by default more incidents. Local residents may be at risk of harm if complaining about noise etc. Resident's physical and mental health are at risk due to lack of sleep, noise and concern for their property. Lack of police presence.

Suggest any conditions:
To remain as they currently are

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
Effect on local residents in the form of noise, light, rubbish, vandalism, possible violence, lack of sleep, increased traffic, worry for residents especially the elderly causing physical and mental symptoms. Possible devaluing nearby properties due to lack of desirability to live close to the Rugby club.

Suggest any conditions:
To remain as they are

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 April 2025 18:52
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708127257

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Increased numbers of people in a semi-rural area with a distinct lack of police presence means that this application may well bring increased levels of opportunistic crime.

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The premises' location in relation to the river is hardly an ideal venue for intoxicated walkers at night.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The extent of the application suggests that there is the likelihood of prolonged and disruptive noise to the surrounding area. On every other occasion when this venue has been allowed to host live and recorded music in an open air arena style, the noise has been significant. This effects my summer evening enjoyment of my garden, and we are also unable to sleep, as we cannot leave a window open in the summer - so our bedroom is either too hot or too loud to sleep! I have never been that bothered about the odd event here and there at the rugby club, but the possibility of prolonged hours of noisy performances over many more days will cause significant distress.

We are already disturbed by drunken pedestrians knocking on our door late at night as they walk along the pavement; increased numbers of people walking to and from the venue will make this situation far worse.

Suggest any conditions:

shorter hours, not so late, and on a restricted number of days throughout the year.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 23 April 2025 22:16

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708564338

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Re: Hereford Rugby Club.

Objection to Variation of Existing Premises Licence as causing public nuisance.

Dear Sirs

I write further to the Hereford Rugby Club and their Notice of Application for Variation of Premises Licence.

I am a resident of Greyfriars Avenue who has had to put up with a lot from the activities of the Rugby Club over the last several years. The music on the weekends when there is a party or such like, can often be heard well after midnight, even with all my house windows closed; a constant thump, thump, thump, and that is from the indoor functions alone. Whatever will it be like if there are outdoor functions? In summer when it is warm and bedroom windows should be able to be open at night I cannot do so, due the noise of their functions. Then, when the functions end at 1am, we have to contend with groups of drunks shouting as they make their way up the street, past our houses, going up into town. They not only make a lot of noise but also discard beer bottles and glasses in people's gardens and on their walls, and on the one occasion I've seen someone urinate in my garden. If licensing hours are to be extended until 2am we will be disturbed even further into the early hours of the morning. Also, allowing the Club to close on a Sunday at 23:00 hours and all the noise associated with people going up the street for the next 30 minutes, is wholly unacceptable. Residents in the surrounding area need to be up early for work on a Monday morning, and really do not want to be kept awake by people leaving there at gone 11pm, shouting in the street on their way into town. Some of them call taxis to pick them up from outside the Rowing Club, so stand in groups shouting and making a din, then you have the noise of the taxi doors slamming shut. The club already affects local residents, causing sleep disturbance to many, with the current hours it operates. The groups of people leaving the premises after drinking for hours, have absolutely no regard for their surroundings or the fact that most people are trying to sleep in the early hours of the morning, and we shouldn't have to put up with it. Surely we should be able to go to bed and be able to sleep without being constantly woken up. The club already causes public nuisance and the extended hours will only exacerbate the problem. Therefore I object strongly to this application.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:
As the nuisance is caused by noise I cannot provide evidence.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 April 2025 12:25

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708712736

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH.

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

In the past when events have been held at the club, damage has been caused by those trying to get into the event without tickets, this will impact those that enjoy the river bank for dog walking and picnics at the weekends with ticketless eventgoers amassing on the river bank with no control over drinking and behaviour.

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There is a danger of being close to the unguarded river Wye for inebriated event goers leaving events. There have been a series of attacks on women in the area. I myself have been a victim of verbal abuse from people having had too much to drink when walking along the river and the great west way.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Being a resident on Broomy Hill, The noise will disturb the peace and quiet of the area, and seriously affect the mental wellbeing of residents who will not be able to sit outside, open windows or even go to bed without being disturbed by the noise of music. The increase of traffic, the noise and lights causing disturbance in the early hours. groups of people leaving the events walking along the lines or Broomy Hill causing noise waking local residents.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There are children and young people living in Broomy Hill, many will experience disturbed sleep due to increased traffic and noise. Belvedere Lane is a known area for teenagers to hang out drinking, extending licencing laws will add to disturbance and encourage young people to stay around for longer, placing them at risk of physical, emotional and sexual harm

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have lived in this area for over 10 years and have seen and dealt with some of the issues outlined. I am the local leader of a large international charity that works with those on the margins of society and have witnessed the darker side of Hereford, (Homelessness, county lines sexual exploitation), I have also been a victim of crime whilst walking along the river bank.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 April 2025 13:03

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708738471

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION. I AM ABLE TO HEAR THE MUSIC FROM PARTIES, EVENTS THAT HAPPEN AT THE RUGBY CLUB PRESENTLY. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AN ELEVEN O CLOCK FINISH BUT 2AM IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. I WILL ALSO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLIENTAL LEAVING THE PREMISIS WHEN IT ENDS. THIS WOULD BE OUTSIDE MY FLAT TO GET TO THE MAIN ROAD.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 April 2025 21:38

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708914321

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increased frequency and volume of traffic movements to and from the Rugby Club through a single lane section of roadway - residents at the Barton Road end of Broomy Hill, and in Belvedere Lane would potentially suffer this Noise and Safety issue every weekend until 2.15 in the morning - which, as a future perpetual disruption, would automatically lead to a reduction in their house values.

There is also a very real danger being so close to the unguarded River Wye for inebriated eventgoers leaving the event.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increased frequency and volume of Live/Recorded Music Events every weekend...which, as we all know, when numbers of participants increase, it is 'mandatory' for the volume to adjust upwards to be louder than the partygoers. (This has been intrusive to us, in the past, on the singular occasions that outdoor

events have been staged, but we were happy to put up with it, recognising that it was a very occasional celebratory event. The idea, however, that it could happen every weekend would honestly be intolerable for us)

b) the increased frequency and volume of inebriated revellers late at night, in an open air environment...leading to inevitable disruptive anti-social behaviour e.g. singing, shouting, vomiting, car door banging, horn honking etc.

Suggest any conditions:

We think that status quo is by far the best option for all concerned, and the application for increased hours should be rejected.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 April 2025 14:35

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708979153

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Should this application receive consent, it will in effect turn the Rugby Football ground into an outside music venue. Belvedere Lane is the access off Broomy Hill to the Rugby club and as the name suggests is very narrow and leads to the river. Access to The Cathedral School Playing fields shares this entrance. Visiting teams playing at both venues are generally brought by coach, which frequently park on double yellow lines on Broomy Hill as they find the entrance onto the lane too difficult. Fishermen in vans very often use this access. Residents, walkers, family's use this entrance to walk to the river, as well as a large number of adults and dogs. During term time, there is a further hazard with young people accessing the playing fields using the lane. Extended licensing hours will inevitably put more people in danger both to themselves and others, particularly being so close to the river. Additionally, driving from Broomy Hill onto The Barton Road there is a blind spot as vehicles drive west over the old railway bridge, making access onto The Barton road dangerous, more vehicle movements will increase the risk of accidents.

Suggest any conditions:

To celebrate a specific anniversary or Rugby Match or an Annual fund raising event.

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The application is for the playing of OUTSIDE music
Fri-Sat 14hours per day= 2 days x 14 hrs
Sunday. 11hours =1 day. 11hrs

TOTAL Application for OUTSIDE playing = 39 hours /week

The application for extension of playing INSIDE music Fri-Sat. 2 hours per day = 2days x 2 hrs

Sunday. 11 hours. = 1day. 11hrs

TOTAL application for additional INSIDE playing = 15 hours/week

The application for extension of OUTSIDE supply of alcohol

Fri-Sat. 3 hours per day=6 hours /week

The application for extension of INSIDE Late night refreshment

Fri-Sat. 3 hours per day=6 hours/week

This is a residential and conservation area. Granting a license for outside music for 39 hours a week, including Sundays could lead to a permanent venue. The noise, which by moving to the outside, will be very disturbing, cause great distress to their neighbours and all those in the local community, together with river and riverside users. There will be no escape from the noise. Additionally, there would be the inevitable disruption caused by alcohol consumption into early hours of the morning. This in turn would lead to additional cost to the authorities. There would be even more litter, making the area less enjoyable to people walking by the river. It would not be possible to monitor people coming to events, possibly from some distance, who could cause trouble and disruption. The river path is used by young and old to walk west towards Breinton and east to The City centre; it is a very popular leisure facility. Gaining access with additional Vehicle movements would be a further nuisance.

Suggest any conditions:

As above

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

As the Hereford Cathedral School playing fields lead off Belvedere Lane , the additional movement of vehicles and people would create greater risk to young people using the playing fields. Also family's walking along the river either westward or into the city. Antelope, headquarters of the Hereford Sea Cadets is immediately adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Rugby Club playing fields , the noise and disruption and risk to young people would be inevitable.

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

No evidence other than the conditions would inevitably lead to greater risk

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 April 2025 18:14
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS709388722

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club
Belvedere Lane
Hereford
HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Objection to variation of existing premises licence as causing public nuisance.

I am an 85 year old resident of Greyfriars Avenue and am already disturbed by people leaving the rugby club, being rowdy very late at night & getting taxis from in the Avenue. This is in addition to the disturbance already caused by the music from the club being heard within my house very late at night. Therefore, having music outside the club will make the noise nuisance unbearable.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 April 2025 23:47

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710331853

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford rugby club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I formally object to the application for a license to hold live music on the weekends with extended hours . I am concerned about noise levels , and public nuisance in primarily a residential area. We have experienced music events before on a number of occasions with excessive levels of noise long after midnight, litter , fighting and public urination in the Avenue.

Suggest any conditions:

Limited number of events and limited hours with suitable volunteers stewarding the events as this is a residential area. This application is for an unknown number of events which could mean 1 or 2 every weekend in a residential are, this is unreasonable.

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

During past events, taxis wait in the Avenue with engines running and noise levels of clientele beyond the reasonable expected levels for a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The Rugby club is asking to get approval for extended days and hours for events which could mean 52 weeks of the year where we experience musical events at a sports club that is for Rugby. I feel this is an unsuitable environment and the building of the Rugby clubhouse is not a suitable venue if sound proofing is not installed. We have experienced excessive levels of music from past events from this venue and from a marquee at this venue so understand the noise levels already and the impact on our community , with litter , public uri action , vomiting and taxis running their engines here.

Suggest any conditions:

The Rowing club have the Beer on the Wye festival which has 1 weekend of events and limited in hours and volunteers steward our Avenue to keep everyone safe and keep a peaceful event . Taxis to the Rugby club should go to the clubhouse to provide a direct

pick up and also provide safety to its clientele so they don't walk drunk along the river bank.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

All of the above reasons show that we live in a residential area and the Hereford Rugby club house is close to us and any music noise levels will have an impact on the residents as it has in the past. We have experienced excessive noise in the past and issues long after midnight with littering, fighting, urinating.

I respectfully ask for this application to be rejected the p

Sent: 29 April 2025 19:09

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Application for Live Music Events and Extended Alcohol Licensing

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by Hereford Rugby Club for a license to hold live music events on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, with extended alcohol-serving hours. This request raises significant concerns about noise, public nuisance, and safety in what is, aside from the rowing club, a 100% residential area.

Live music events held at the rugby club have historically caused excessive noise that continues well into the early hours of the morning. The loud music, singing, and shouting persist long after the event ends, often until 2 or 3 a.m., causing disruption to the entire neighbourhood. The noise is compounded by issues such as littering, fighting, and public urination, which further degrade the quality of life for local residents.

This situation contrasts starkly with the Beer on the Wye Festival held at the Rowing Club, which has restricted hours for similar events. The festival limits the duration of the noise and ensures a controlled environment, which helps minimize disruption to the surrounding area. Furthermore, volunteers from the event line Greyfriars Avenue as the festival clientele walk past our homes. This adds to the already significant disturbance, as the avenue becomes a thoroughfare for event-goers at all hours. Additionally, taxis used to transport attendees from rugby club events regularly pass through Greyfriars Avenue, with noisy engines running while waiting to pick up passengers. This further exacerbates the disturbance, particularly during the late-night hours when residents expect peace and quiet. It would be much safer and more considerate for taxis to collect event-goers directly from the clubhouse, rather than having them walk along the river path and disturbing local residents with idling engines at all hours of the night.

This application seeks blanket approval for multiple events throughout the year with no clear measures to mitigate noise or other disruptions. Given that the surrounding area is entirely residential, it is difficult to justify allowing loud events until 2 or 3 a.m. and with previous experiences of the club holding events before when the loud music and Karaoke screaming out all day and late into the night we absolutely believe the rugby club should not be granted a license for these extended hours, as they are clearly inappropriate for a residential neighbourhood.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that this application be rejected in its entirety. Live music events that extend late into the night, coupled with the associated noise and safety concerns, are intolerable for local residents. The club's activities should be limited to more reasonable hours, and a clear plan should be put in place to address the impact on the local community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

[Redacted Signature]

Sent: 26 April 2025 13:11

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to the application by Herefordshire rugby club licensing hours

Please find attached our objections to the Rugby Club's application to extend the hours for music and sale of alcohol.

Objection to the Herefordshire Rugby's Club application for extension of hours for music and sale of alcohol.

Whilst recognising and respecting the work the Rugby Club does within the local community, we feel we must object to the proposals for a music and sale of alcohol licencing extension.

Noise

Our residence backs on to the rugby field with no sound barrier to any noise created.

Outside activities do create a lot of noise which carries over a wide area. We know this from our experiences in the past.

Whilst it is great to see the pitch used by the community for sporting activities the extension of the present licence would be completely different.

The outside spaces would then be used, for instance, for weddings where alcohol and music would be available until 11 at night. The amount of noise created then would be unbearable for people living in the surrounding area.

Preventing public nuisance

Keeping the doors and windows to the clubhouse closed does reduce the noise but unfortunately there can be disturbance when people are leaving and driving away from the premises. We feel that extending the hours to 2 am at weekends would cause a public nuisance so the times music and alcohol can be sold should be restricted to 11pm. All activities and noise must be monitored, a named person and a telephone number should be readily available for people wanting to make immediate complaints. The licensing authority should make sure that that is adhered to.

For the sake of people who live in the local area we ask that this extension application be refused.



Sent: 27 April 2025 15:27

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Hereford Rugby Football Club - objection to extending licensing hours

Please see the attached objection letter for the above.

27 April 2025

Re: Opposition to Variation of Premises Licence – Hereford Rugby Football Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford. HR4 0PH.

We would like to object to the proposed variation of the premises licence at Hereford Rugby Football Club. We feel that the proposed extension to the licensing hours will create a public nuisance as Broomy Hill is a quiet neighbourhood and together with the riverside is part of a Conservation Area.

My wife rang the Club President, Mr Spencer Goodall on 14th April 2025 to discuss their plans. He assured her the Rugby Club was continuing as before, and music and the bar

would be closed by 12 midnight. She said the licensing application sounds like they are turning the Club in to a nightclub, and he assured her this wasn't the case. She spoke of her worry about the older residents living in Broomy Hill, and the nocturnal wildlife that lives in the areas around the riverbank. Not only from the noise of the music and revellers, but taxis arriving and departing, and rowdy behaviour from people walking home etc.

Mr Goodall seemed to intimate that they had to put in an application until 2:00 am as they had no choice due to the application procedure. However, we have looked at the Licensing Application Form on Herefordshire Council's website and applicants stipulate the hours they wish to be covered by the Licence.

We have also read Herefordshire Council's Licensing Policy. The wording suggests that late night licensing is intended for city centre establishments due to policing resources etc. It seems inconsistent to grant a late licence to a sports facility in a peaceful residential area.

We are happy for the Club to extend the Licensed Area to include the outdoor areas until 23:00 hours. However, we feel the existing licensing hours inside and outside the Clubhouse for music and sale of alcohol are perfectly adequate for their needs.

My wife suggested to Mr Goodall that the Club send out a letter to the local residents to allay their fears, but we have heard nothing. The Policy suggests that applicants do this too.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 April 2025 08:43

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710023489

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I would have grave concern for the safety of further inebriated young people, messing around as they walk back to town along the tow path if they take that route. Longer licencing hours must mean more alcohol consumption which will increase the risk of accidents.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

This is a quiet residential neighbourhood, with many older residents and a few young families. We are of course aware of the Club, with many cars bringing players to matches and practices. There were between 50 and 60 cars attending this Sunday morning. The Club has very poor access, via a narrow unlit lane with houses very close on it. This is already busy with traffic for the HCS sports field and the Rugby Club. Many pedestrians also like to use the lane going to and from the river. It is already quite testing to use the road on foot, vehicles seeming to take priority. I am not sure how much more traffic it can handle. We already experience a lot of acceleration and light beams in our bedroom, as cars leave the recently increased but still inadequate parking. We also experience noise and litter from those leaving on foot as they walk past our houses, and if present experience holds true, there would be even more shouting and screaming, disturbing residents trying to sleep and bringing disorder to our neighbourhood. Should an extension to 2pm be granted this would clearly be more disturbing. However, I believe that the application for outside music is the most concerning. We hear clearly the music from the Beer Festival on the Rowing Club ground. This is only an

annual event and so tolerable. Should the Rugby Club be granted the blanket permission they seek then our lives would be intolerable. It would affect a great many homes, certainly along the Barton Road and Broomy Hill, and I suspect considerably further than that. We could not get away from it and it would invade our peace in a way that we could not control or mitigate. Those wishing to fish quietly on the river (they come from all over the country), those taking a quiet family walk along the river, or rowing or camping next door on the Rowing Club field, again coming from afar, come for peace and quiet, not loud music.

Suggest any conditions:

Whilst I appreciate the club's wish to raise money and have fun, I cannot accept that they are in a suitably isolated location to be allowed to play music outside. If they put on a special event, on a rare occasion they could ask for a special licence which would then be controlled and monitored.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have lived here for 10 years; a lifetime of interest in people, careful thought and deliberation.

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 April 2025 14:51

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710198308

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
I feel very strongly that the proposed application for extended hours for music and outside bars will cause distress due to increased noise. there are enough events at the present time.

Suggest any conditions:
more day time and lower volume

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 April 2025 15:05

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710183689

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

Flat 11 Barton West Barton Road Hereford, Barton West, Barton West, Barton West Barton West Hereford HR4 0AU Hereford HR4 0AU

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Neighbour

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Hereford Rugby Club

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Festivals with loud music and drinking always attract the criminal element in the past Barton Way has been subject to people without tickets climbing over and damaging our gates and instances of drunkard and lewd behaviour when leaving down Great Western Way. We are also aware of the early hours rapes in the Cathedral Grounds and must be concerned about young ladies walking home either along the river or along Great Western Way in the early hours of the morning

Suggest any conditions:
Much better event security.

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

When events take place often many youngsters gather along the riverside on the open river banks frequently with drink involved there is also the danger of being so close to the river for people attending the events when leaving, there are no bus services and almost impossible to get a taxi in the early hours.

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Living directly next door to the club these events have a truly life changing and unbearable noise impact on the mental health and well being of local residents who cannot use their limited outdoor space or for some with all rooms facing the pitches. We cannot have family or friends visit on these weekends , even with the double glazed windows and doors shut and heavily lined curtains drawn the noise is unbearable to even converse or listen to the TV. To allow this to happen every weekend for 13 hours a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday does not bear thinking about. Even when the club had weddings last year the disco with speakers facing directly at the houses was extremely loud all day?. There appears to be no checks made on the noise levels or any music breaks.

These events also impact local residents who enjoy the peace and calm of a riverside walk with family, friends and their dogs. The noise nuisance is not just generated by events but last year in the summer there was evening training which apparently needs very loud repetitive music bearing no relation to the training from a boombox facing our residences I even emailed the club over 3 times with no reply. I believe that the club is supposed to inform residents with a named contact on site but never happens? This is an amateur rugby club with playing grounds not an events fields with nightclub licensing hours.

Suggest any conditions:

As with the Luctonion Sports Club application these events should be limited maybe twice over the summer months, there also needs to be named responsible and contactable club reps who monitors and records noise levels. The Council should also take some responsibility to frequently monitor and provide contactable responsible persons during these events not leave it until past the event for people to raise objections at the time.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have tried to complain in the past but the only people I was able to contact were the police who just told me to fill out a form on the following Monday

I am happy for any Councillor or employee of the Council to visit my home when these events take place

Sent: 30 April 2025 11:52

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Hereford Rugby Club. Closing date for representations today.

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

I wish to lodge my objection to the application to extend the hours at the Hereford Rugby Club.

Firstly, given the proximity to my ward, I am surprised that no notification was sent to me, nor posted in the vicinity. It is only thanks to Cllr Toynbee that I'm aware of this application. The grounds for objection are noise nuisance. It is well-established that sound travels over water. Consequently, the noise from music, both indoors and outdoors, until 2am will clearly be heard by parts of Hunderton, especially Luard Walk, Charles Witts Avenue, Lewis Smith Avenue, Wallis Avenue and Villa Street. Furthermore, vehicles and staff leaving the site will mean that noise will continue well after 2am.

Licensing until 2am is more suitable for city centre entertainment areas, rather than a quiet riverside venue adjacent to residential properties. I urge you to reject this application.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

From: Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 April 2025 16:17

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710595265

Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club

Wyeside

Belvedere Lane

Hereford

HR4 0PH

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I wish to object to the application to vary a premises licence by Hereford Rugby Football Club.

I have been a close neighbour of the Rugby Club for well over twenty years and during

that time have totally accepted and embraced the many rugby related activities such as, Sunday morning junior clubs, Tuesday and Thursday evening adult training and regular match and spectator associated noise.

I am however very concerned about the proposed licence to host private celebrations with live and recorded music from 12.00-02.00 on a Friday and Saturday and 12.00-11.00 on a Sunday. I note that the music will be moved inside after 11.00pm but this restriction is in place now and unfortunately does not happen. The assurance of keeping doors and windows closed is not reassuring, as very often in warmer weather these are left open, and holding anyone to account for this proves very difficult in light of extending the use to outside agencies. I have experienced this on several occasions when the loud music has gone well past the agreed times and when phoning the club to complain my call has gone unanswered. I have logged a complaint with the council relating to this.

The Wye Float, which is held annually, is an example of how disruptive hosting such events becomes, the noise levels are unacceptable and as residents we have to relocate, at a considerable cost, for the duration of this event.

I note that the Licensing Guys have applied for this licence and state that through them 'the applicant wishes to engage fully with.....interested parties' and claim they have 'high regard to the amenity of the local area' but I am disappointed that local residents have not been contacted by them to discuss possible concerns. Indeed I learnt of this application through a concerned neighbour putting a flyer through my letterbox.

It is for these reasons that I strongly object to this application and trust that my concerns will be given consideration.

Suggest any conditions:

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

Sent: 30 April 2025 17:25

To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Hereford Rugby Club licensing application

Dear Licensing Team

Please accept this email as my objection to the application from Hereford Rugby Club to extend their hours for entertainment and refreshment.

As Ward member for Greyfriars I have heard numerous concerns from residents about this application, in particular the public nuisance of noise continuing until 2pm, and inevitably later as people leave in dribs and drabs.

We are delighted to have the rugby club in our community, and want it to flourish from the sporting and social point of view. The current licensing arrangements cause disturbance to local people in the late evenings, but I find residents to be very tolerant and understanding, as this is all part of the life of an active club. However extending the license until 2am would bring us into new territory, and a time that is late even by the standard of a city centre establishment, let alone a green riverside residential neighbourhood.

I therefore object on the ground that these hours are entirely incompatible with the Prevention of Public Nuisance, particularly noise. For residents to be disturbed until after 2am is not acceptable, and would damage the goodwill currently felt towards the rugby club.

I also object on the grounds that permitting this goes against council policies, and the licencing act objectives, to prevent disorder and anti-social behaviour. Activities that continue after midnight have a very different feel from those ending at usual closing times. People have often been drinking for many hours straight, naturally becoming louder and louder, livelier and livelier, and an atmosphere can be created that focuses on the revellers, at the expense of consideration for the surrounding neighbourhood.

The tranquil feel that residents and tourists can enjoy so close to our city centre is unique to Hereford, and we see from experience that this is compatible with lively events along the river, as long as they respect residents – on both sides of the river. Please help our city to retain this quality, and reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Diana Toynbee

Greyfriars Ward

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(THE LICENSING ACT 2003)**

PREMISES	Hereford Rugby Football Club, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford. HR4 0PH
APPLICANT'S NAME	Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd.
APPLICATION TYPE	New
PANEL MEMBERS	Councillor Alan Seldon Councillor Paul Andrews Councillor Polly Andrews
DATE OF MEETING	14 July 2021 and 20 August 2021

Members of the licensing sub-committee from the council's planning and regulatory committee considered the above application, full details of which appeared before the Members in their agenda, the supplement published on 14 July 2021 and the background papers.

The technical licensing officer presented the report.

Before the sub-committee heard from the members of the public who had made representations, it was confirmed that there was no longer a cumulative impact zone policy contained within Herefordshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020/2025. The previous policy had contained one but had not covered this area. This application would have to be considered on its own merits and the proximity of other premises with licences could not be taken into account.

The sub-committee heard from the public representations who highlighted the following:

- Due to the location of the apartment block, they looked onto the rugby ground and the club was approx. 200 yards away. It was a peaceable location.
- The sporting activities were enjoyed and they wished it to remain a nice club and not become a pub/club.
- With the club windows open, the noise would be intolerable as most of the residents were older.
- Traffic in and out of the club would cause a nuisance.
- There was a concern about an increase in crime and disorder if the licence was granted.
- They had not reported previous incidents as they wished to be good neighbours.
- West Mercia Police had previously closed down one of the events at the club because there had been a suspected rape.
- There had been an incident with naked men running across the rugby pitches.

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- The police had interviewed everyone at the club as they had been carrying out a drugs investigation.
- It was suggested that a site visit took place so that the members of the sub-committee had an understanding of the issues.
- When there were ticketed events, people try to access the event through residents' property. When these people were challenged, residents were threatened with physical abuse.
- When dinner parties were held, it was a different dynamic as attendees tended to be older.
- They had always had a good relationship with the club and the club relied them to keep an eye on the grounds.
- One public speaker lived on the ground floor so they would endure more disturbance.

Following a query from a member of the sub-committee, it was confirmed that the applicant had not reached out to the residents of the apartment block directly.

The sub-committee then heard from the applicant's agent who highlighted:

- The history and background to the club which included the fact that it was a registered club where members could bring guests.
- Matches were normally played on a Saturday afternoon
- The club was very much part of the community and the stated objectives were to strengthen the bonds between the club and the local area.
- Details of local events the club had recently hosted were outlined
- The application for a premises licence had been made to replace an existing club licence.
- The licensable area was confined to the club house and not the grounds.
- Regulated entertainment had previously been authorised under Temporary Event Notices (TENS).
- The club was run by and for the benefit of its members and needed to be on the soundest financial footing possible.
- The club wishes to hire the premises to people other than its members which they currently cannot do under the club licence.
- There had been no representations from responsible authorities.
- There had been consultation with environmental protection prior to submitting the application.
- The application was for a new licence to replace a club premises licence and was not a variation. The licence would negate the need for TENS
- There would be a right to review the licence if there was nuisance.
- The club manager would be unchanged and would be the designated premises supervisor which was not required under a club licence.
- There was anecdotal evidence of raucous behaviour but that the sub-committee needed to take decision based on evidence. There may also have been instances where persons unconnected to the club had used the grounds.
- The club manager takes all incidents seriously and the chairperson of the club also took them seriously. There was encouragement to contact them if there were issues so that they could be resolved.

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- The club did value their neighbours.
- The club would not turn into a late night pub.

Following a query from a member of the sub-committee, it was confirmed that the applicant agent's did not know who would be upset by an application until it was advertised. Letters had not been sent out to all residents.

After a private discussion, the sub-committee agreed to adjourn to allow for a site visit to take place on 6 August 2021 at 4.00 pm. This application would then be heard again on 17 August 2021 at 10.00 am.

The site meeting that was arranged for 6 August 2021 had to be adjourned due to not being quorate and took place on 17 August 2021 and the sub-committee would reconvene on 20 August 2021.

Two further supplements to the report were published on 18 August and 20 August 2021.

The re-convened sub-committee on 20 August 2021 heard from the technical licensing officer who outlined the report.

The sub-committee then heard from the applicant's agent

- The application was confined to the footprint of the club house and not the surrounding grounds.
- The application did not cover regulated entertainment outside of the licensable area
- An explanation of the temporary event notices was provided and it was noted that there was normally only one during the year for the annual dinner.
- There had been a temporary event notice in place in respect of the 31 July 2021 where it appeared that a noise complaint had been received. Details of this event were provided and it was noted that the president of the club had checked the sound levels during the sound check and had requested that the sound be turned down.
- Attention was drawn to the fact there were no other complaints since 2016 and no objections from responsible authorities.
- Third parties did apply for temporary event notices relating to the grounds of the club and these did not relate to the current application.
- Following a meeting with local residents, there was an agreed way forward with a nominated representative from the local residents being identified.

The licensing technical officer outlined the process for submitting requests for temporary event notices. It did appear that there was an issue with the connectivity between the council's system and gov.uk. The council would look into the issue.

The committee carefully considered all the representations, reports and evidence before them today. They have had regard to their duties under S4 of the Licensing Act and

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considered guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Herefordshire Council's statement of licensing policy.

DECISION

The sub committee's decision was to grant the licence as applied for with the following modification:

Live Music (Indoors), Recorded Music (Indoors)

Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 23:00, Friday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors/Outdoors)

Friday – Saturday 23:00 – 23:59

Sale/Supply of Alcohol (consumption on and off the premises)

Sunday – Thursday 10:00 – 23:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 23:59

REASONS

The licensing sub committee had heard from the licensing technical officer, applicant, applicant's agent, the public representations and had carefully considered the written representations and the published supplements.

The sub-committee had filtered out what issues related to the grounds and the area clearly identified in the application, but acknowledged that due to the location of the club house it had been difficult.

The sub-committee were pleased that there had been dialogue between the applicant and residents and would hope that this would be maintained.

In order to promote the licensing objectives, specifically the prevention of public nuisance, the sub-committee decided to grant the licence as requested but with a modification to the hours on Fridays and Saturdays. The non-standard timings requested in the application were not modified.

APPEAL INFORMATION

Under Schedule 5 Paragraph 8 of the Licensing Act 2003, the applicant or a person who made relevant representations, may appeal against the decision. Schedule 5 Paragraph 9 states that such an appeal must be made to the Magistrates Court within a period of 21 days from the date that the applicant is notified in writing of the decision

Should you wish to appeal this decision then it is recommended that you obtain your own legal advice or contact the Magistrates Court at Bath Street, Hereford.