



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing of the **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE** will be held in the **BURGESS HALL, WESTWOOD ROAD, ST IVES PE27 6WU** on **WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024** at **10:00 AM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Item Led By: Democratic Services.

2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary, other registerable and non-registerable interests in relation to any Agenda item. Please see Notes below.

Item Led By: Chair.

3. INTRODUCTION

Item Led By: Chair.

4. LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE PROCEDURE (Pages 5 - 8)

Item Led By: Chair.

5. THE COMRADES CLUB, 58 CAMBRIDGE STREET, GODMANCHESTER PE29 5AY (Pages 9 - 62)

To consider an application to vary a Premises Licence -

Applicant: Mr A Suter on behalf of Godmanchester Comrades Club and Institute Limited

Premises: The Comrades Club, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester, Huntingdon PE29 2AY

Item Led By: W Dell O'refice - (01480) 387075

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve:-

to exclude the press and public from the hearing during the determination of the application.

Item Led By: Chair.

7. DETERMINATION

To determine the application referred to in Agenda Item 5.

Item Led By: Chair.

3rd day of April 2024

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee shall consist of three Members appointed by the Licensing Committee. A reserve member may also be in attendance in the event that any of the three Members is absent on the date of the hearing or discovers they have a conflict of interest.
- 1.2 At the start of each Sub-Committee hearing a Chair shall be elected from amongst its members.
- 1.2 The quorum for hearings of a Sub-committee shall be three members.
- 1.3 Members should be present throughout the entire hearing. If a member is required to leave temporarily, the Chair shall adjourn the hearing whilst that member is unavailable. If a member is not present for the whole of an item of business, they will not be able to debate or vote on that item.
- 1.4 A member will not take part in a hearing at which a matter is being discussed which relates to a Premises Licence, Club Premises Certificate, Temporary Events Notice or Personal Licence where either the premises are, or the person is resident in the ward which that member represents on Huntingdonshire District Council.

2. THE HEARING

- 2.1 Prior to the hearing, the Sub-Committee have received copies of all representations and relevant correspondence.
- 2.2 Hearings are normally held in public and are live streamed on the Council's YouTube Channel. However, the public may be excluded from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing or that part of the hearing taking place in public. The Sub-Committee will determine the outcome of an application at the conclusion of the hearing in private.
- 2.3 The Sub-Committee will determine the application in accordance with the [Council's Statement of Licensing Policy](#), the [Licensing Act 2003](#) and Guidance and Regulations under the Act taking into account the overriding need to promote the four licensing objectives, including [guidance](#) under Section 182 of the Licensing Act.
- 2.4 The Chair may require any person who in his opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may refuse to permit that person(s) to return or may permit them to return with specified conditions. Such a person may, before the end of the hearing, submit

to the authority in writing information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

- 2.5 Where appropriate, the Chair shall remind the parties that their representations should be relevant to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. The Sub-Committee will disregard any information which is not relevant to the application, representations or to the licensing objectives. If, the Chair feels that the representations being made are not relevant, he may, after first reminding the party of the need for relevance, advise the party that he will no longer be heard. Where in the opinion of the Chair, a party is being repetitious, vexatious or slanderous in his remarks, the Chair may first warn the party and may then advise the party that he will no longer be heard. The ruling of the Chair shall be final.
- 2.6 All questions and statements shall be directed through the Chair.

3. HEARING PROCEDURE

3.1 Procedure in all cases other than an application for a review of a premises licence or a club premises certificate or convictions coming to light after the grant or renewal of a personal licence.

1. Introductions

The Chair will, at the beginning of the hearing introduce the members of the Sub-Committee and any officers in attendance to support the Sub-Committee and shall ask the parties and any persons accompanying them to state their names and addresses or who they represent.

The Chair shall explain to the parties present that the hearing is subject to this procedure, copies of which will have been distributed to the parties with the notice of the hearing and shall enquire of the persons present whether there are any questions of clarity or explanation about its contents.

2. Allocation of Time

The Sub-Committee will generally not expect any of the parties to take more than 20 Minutes to address it, to give further information or to call witnesses. In the case of interested parties, this time allocation is shared between the number of those in attendance. However, the Chair will exercise discretion dependent upon the circumstances of a particular case. Under the regulations an equal maximum time period must be allowed to all parties.

3. The Licensing Authority:

The Licensing Officer will present the application and representations received by the Council. No recommendation will be made.

The Chair will invite Members of the Sub-Committee, the Applicant, Responsible Authorities and all other parties if they have any questions to clarify the content of the Licensing Officers report.

4. The Applicant:

The Applicant or their representative will be invited to present their case in support of their application.

If applicable, the applicant can call any witness(es) to give evidence in support of their case.

Once the applicant has presented his / her case, the Chair will invite questions from the Sub-Committee and all other parties present.

5. Responsible Authorities:

The Chair will invite any Responsible Authorities in attendance to make representations in support of their representation.

If applicable, the Responsible Authority's can call any witnesses to speak in support of their case.

Questions to Responsible Authority Officers will then be invited from all parties present.

6. The Other Persons (people who have made a valid representation).

The Chair will then invite and interested persons to put forward their case, based on the representation submitted.

Where there are a number of interested parties and the nature of their representations are similar, such parties may decide to appoint a spokesperson to represent the group.

Questions will then be invited from all parties present.

7. Review of Written Representations

The Sub Committee will review the relevant written representations which have been received. All parties present will be given an opportunity to comment.

The Sub-Committee will consider any requests for permission to present new evidence or information not previously disclosed to all, the parties prior to the hearing. The general rule is that such information or evidence must not be considered unless all parties at the hearing agree to it being considered on the day of the hearing. A request may be made for a short adjournment to allow time for everyone to receive copies of the extra information and to read it.

8. Summing Up

After all parties have addressed the Sub-Committee, the Applicant or his representative will be invited by the Chair to sum up their application for a time not exceeding five minutes but without introducing any new evidence to the proceedings.

9. Making and Reporting the Decision

The Sub-Committee will then retire to another room to make their decision. The Council's Legal Officer will accompany members to advise where necessary.

All parties will be sent a decision notice in writing within five working days of the date of the hearing outlining the decision and the reasons to support it. Details of appeal rights will also be sent with the decision notice.

10. Record of the Hearing

A record shall be taken of the hearing by the licensing authority which shall be retained for six years after the date of the determination of the hearing or the disposal of an appeal against the determination.

4.0 Procedure in cases relating to an application for a review of a premises licence or a club premises certificate or convictions coming to light after the grant or renewal of a personal licence.

In the case of such hearings, the procedure at 3.1 shall be followed with the exception that the applicant for a review of a premises licence or a club premises certificate or the chief officer of police in the case of an objection notice where convictions have come light after the grant or renewal of a personal licence will be invited to address the Sub-Committee first and to call any person(s) to whom permission has been granted to appear.

After any questions have been dealt with the holder of the licence or certificate will be invited to address the Sub-Committee and to call any person(s) to whom permission has been granted to appear.

There shall be no right of reply for the applicant for a review of the licence or certificate or for the Chief Officer of Police.

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

24th April 2024
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE
The Comrades Club, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester PE29 2AY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application for a new premises Licence:

from **Mr Alan Suter on behalf of Godmanchester Comrades Club & Institute Ltd**

for the premises **The Comrades Club, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester PE29 2AY**

The Application was received on the 04th March 2024. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from the 05th March 2024. The 28-day consultation period ended on 01st April 2024.

1.2 A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix A** (application) & **Appendix B** (plan).

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The variation application is applying to increase the licensable area to include the outdoor carpark and to allow for the following activities to take place in this new area, which will be in addition to the those activities permitted by the current licence, attached as **Appendix C**:

a. **Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 12:00 to 22:00

May to September

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 12:00 to 21:00

b. **Provision of recorded music (outdoors)**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 15:00 to 22:00

Summer Months Only

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 15:00 to 21:00

c. **Provision of live music (outdoors)**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 14:00 to 18:00

Summer Months Only

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 14:00 to 18:00

2.2 Section 16 of the application form addresses the four licensing objectives. Any proposals made in this section are normally translated directly into enforceable conditions that will be attached to the premises licence. Paragraphs 8.41- 8.49 and Section 10 of the Home Office guidance issued under section 182 refer to the operating schedule and licence conditions

3. REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 As part of the consultation the Responsible Authorities as determined under the Licensing Act 2003) were consulted on the application. Their responses can be seen in summary at **Appendix D**. Please note that the comments from Environmental Health have not formally been agreed with the applicant during the consultation period.

3.2 During the period for representation a total of 17 valid representations were received from 'other persons'. The representations and any subsequent correspondence are attached as **Appendix E – Online and Email** and **Appendix E – Letters via Post**.

3.3 During the period for representation a total of 5 letters of support for the application were received from 'other persons' and are attached as **Appendix F**.

3.4 A person who has submitted a relevant representation is entitled to address the Licensing Sub-Committee at the hearing and ask questions of any other party appearing at the hearing.

3.5 Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. GENERAL DUTY/POLICY CONSIDERATION

4.1 The licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, each objective has equal importance, the objectives are:

- a. the prevention of crime and disorder,
- b. public safety,
- c. the prevention of public nuisance, and
- d. the protection of children from harm.

4.2 The sub-committee must also have regard to:

- a. its statement of licensing policy, and
- b. any statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- c. the Human Rights Act 1988
- d. Live Music Act 2012

4.3 The Council must also fulfil its obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its district.

5. DETERMINATION

5.1 In making a decision, this application must be determined on its individual merits having regard to the representations and supporting documents included as part of the report along with additional information considered relevant at the hearing. As part of the decision process the sub-committee is required to give its reasons for any decision arrived at.

5.2 Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- Grant the application as applied for
- Refuse the application
- Add additional conditions to the premises licence
- Exclude any licensable activities applied for
- Amend dates and times of licensable activities applied for.

5.3 Any decision made by the sub-committee must be reasonable and proportionate and promote the Licensing objectives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Live Music Act 2012

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? Yes No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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APPLICATION DETAILS

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Premises Contact Details

Telephone number

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Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

13,750

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VARIATION

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy?

Yes No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

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

Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

We would like to extend our licensable activities and sale of alcohol to our car park area. We converted this area to facilitate our members after Covid and it has had a positive effect on our business. We plan to hold music events (solo or duet) in our awnings (to reduce noise) and provide an outdoor bar to serve drinks. The car park is attached to the building and is covered by our CCTV.

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

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See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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SUNDAY

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Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

We plan to have music every Sunday throughout the summer months (May - September), in an outdoor, covered seating area. We would like to open an outdoor bar (shed style) and hold amplified music. Entertainers would be limited to solo and duo performances and would be situated inside the awning.

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

summer months only

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of live music at different times from those listed, above below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

Bank Holiday Mondays 14:00 - 18:00

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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End

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End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Indoors

Outdoors

Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

we would like to be able to play the music from our jukebox in to our outdoor area

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Summer months ONLY

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

Bank Holiday Mondays 15:00 - 21:00

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

- On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

We would like to open an outdoor bar to supply our seating area during the summer months (May - September)

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

Bank Holiday Mondays 12:00 - 21:00

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

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Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

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

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

The Comrades club views each of the four licensing objectives with equal importance, by means of a risk assessment we will implement effective and responsible management of the premises, training and supervision of staff, and the adoption of best practice to achieve all four objectives.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The Comrades club will carry out its licensing function with the view to promote the prevention of crime and disorder, this includes steps such as; Raising awareness through staff training, security observation e.g CCTV, and managerial oversight / intervention when necessary. We will take measures to regulate the behavior of both members and non members whilst on the premises and around the vicinity.

c) Public safety

The Comrades club will carry out the licensing function with a view to promote public safety within and around the premises, by implementing and following their risk assessment. Measure will protect the staff, persons attending and performers. Each event will be assessed on its own merit with its own individual risk assessment. Risk assessments will include the need for doorstaff and will highlight each potential risk for every event. Generalised steps include: Noise

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reduction (by holding performances inside our awnings),
employing a glass collector to reduce the risk of breakages, speed limitations for vehicles entering the car park.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The Comrades club recognises the potential it has to impact adversely on the community through public nuisances resulting from our operations. The Comrades Club wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of the surrounding residents from this, whilst upholding the valuable social and business benefits that the club provides. Entertainment will be limited to a maximum of 2 performers.

e) The protection of children from harm

The Comrades club recognises the importance of protecting children and has a designated "childrens policy" in place at all times.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Variation Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300	£100.00
Band B - £4301 to £33000	£190.00
Band C - £33001 to £8700	£315.00
Band D - £87001 to £12500	£450.00*
Band E - £125001 and over	£635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500	£900.00
Band E - £125001 and over	£1,905.00

If you own a large premise you are subject to additional fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999	£1,000.00
Capacity 10000 -14999	£2,000.00
Capacity 15000-19999	£4,000.00
Capacity 20000-29999	£8,000.00
Capacity 30000-39000	£16,000.00
Capacity 40000-49999	£24,000.00
Capacity 50000-59999	£32,000.00
Capacity 60000-69999	£40,000.00
Capacity 70000-79999	£48,000.00
Capacity 80000-89999	£56,000.00
Capacity 90000 and over	£64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

ATTACHMENTS

AUTHORITY POSTAL ADDRESS

DECLARATION

* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

Alan Suter

* Capacity

president/licensee/DPS

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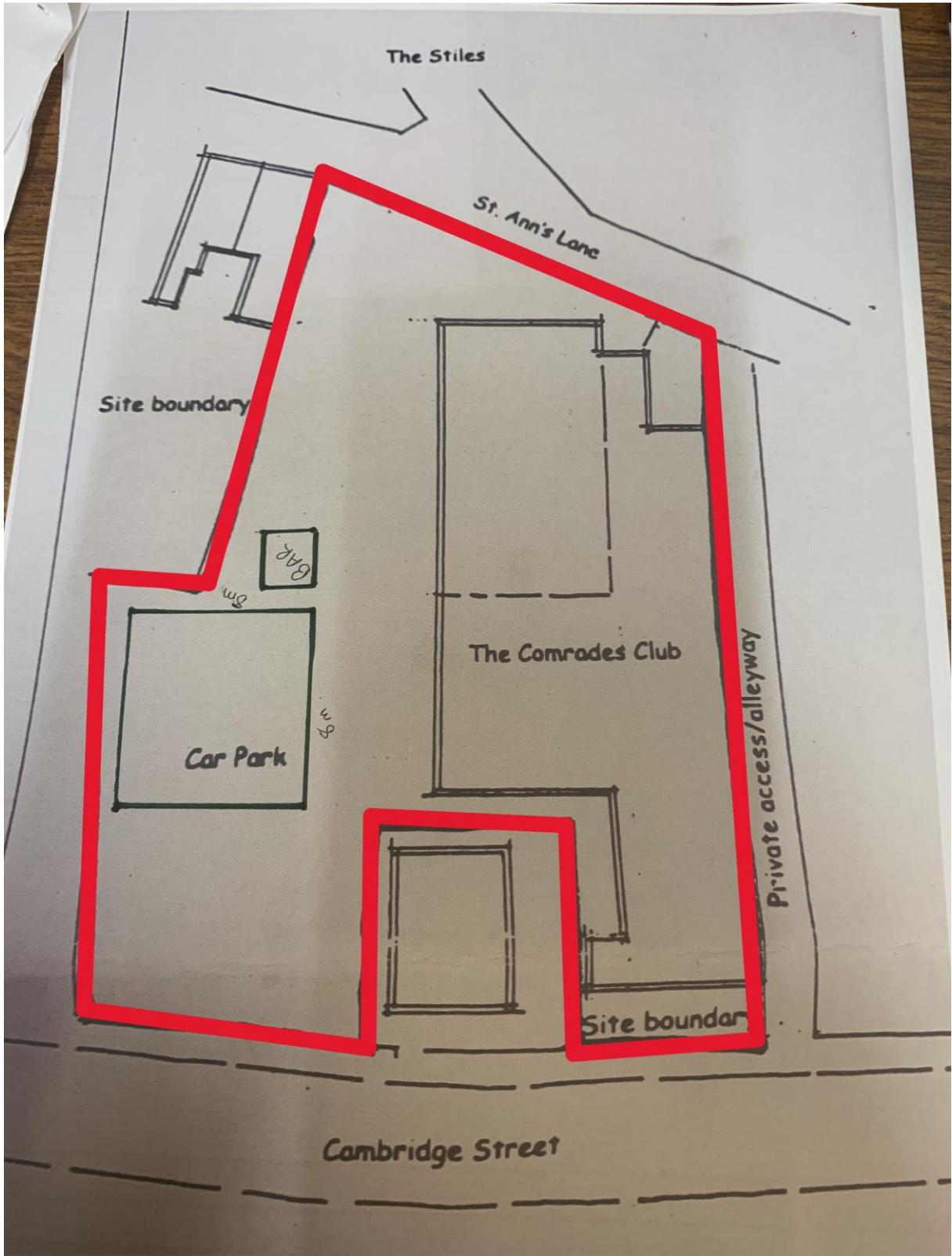
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IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.



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Schedule 12
Part A
Premises Licence



Premises Licence Number

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Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

Godmanchester Comrades Club
Cambridge Street
Godmanchester
Huntingdon
PE29 2AY

Telephone number

Where the licence is time limited the dates: **Not Applicable**

This licence comes into effect on: **21.11.2015**

The annual fee is due [REDACTED] each year.

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Regulated Entertainment (Indoors) – Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance & anything similar

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Regulated Entertainment – Mondays & Tuesdays 08:00 - 23:30, Wednesdays to Fridays 08:00 - 23:30, Saturdays 08:00 - 00:00, Sundays 08:00 - 23:00

Sale by Retail of Alcohol - Mondays & Tuesdays 11:00 - 23:00, Wednesdays to Fridays 11:00 - 23:30, Saturdays 11:00 - 00:00, Sundays 11:00 - 23:00

The opening hours of the premises

Mondays & Tuesdays	08:00 - 23:30
Wednesdays to Fridays	08:00 - 00:00
Saturday	08:00 - 00:30
Sunday	08:00 - 23:30

Note: For seasonal variations or non-standard timings in the opening hours refer to Annex 4

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

Alcohol is supplied for consumption ON the premises

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Part 2

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

Godmanchester Comrades Club
Cambridge Street
Godmanchester
Huntingdon
PE29 2AY

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)
IPO1938

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

Alan Suter

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: [REDACTED] **Issuing Authority: Huntingdonshire District Council**

ANNEX 1 – MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when
 - a. there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b. the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. 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.
4. In paragraph 3, 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

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- 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).
5. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
6. The premises licence holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 10 -
 - a. "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;

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- b. "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula - $P = D + (D \times V)$ where -
- P is the permitted price,
 - D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- c. "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
- the holder of the premises licence,
 - the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- d. "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- e. "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
12. Where the permitted price given by paragraph b. of paragraph 11 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
13. Paragraph 14 applies where the permitted price given by paragraph b. of paragraph 11 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
14. The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.
15. Where one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, each such individual must:
- be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
 - be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.
16. The admission of children under the age of 18 to film exhibitions permitted under the terms of this licence shall be restricted in accordance with any recommendations made:
- By the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) where the film has been classified by that Board or
 - By the Licensing Authority where no classification certificate has been granted by the BBFC or, where the licensing authority has notified the licence holder that section 20(3) (b) (74 (3)(b) for clubs) of the Licensing Act 2003 applies to the film.

ANNEX 2 – CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE

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1. A Challenge 25 Policy will be in operation
2. 24 Hour CCTV will be maintained and operational
3. All windows and doors to be kept closed during any performance of live or recorded music inside the premises.
4. Music Noise Levels (MNL) from any performance, expressed as an L(A)eq, 1min, shall not exceed the representative L(A)90 level without entertainment noise (WEN). MNL expressed as an L(A)10 will not exceed the L(A)90 (WEN) in any 1/3 octave band between 40 and 160Hz. Measurements shall be made 1m from the façade of noise-sensitive premises.
5. For events continuing after 23:00, the music noise should not be audible within noise sensitive premises with windows open in a typical manner for ventilation.

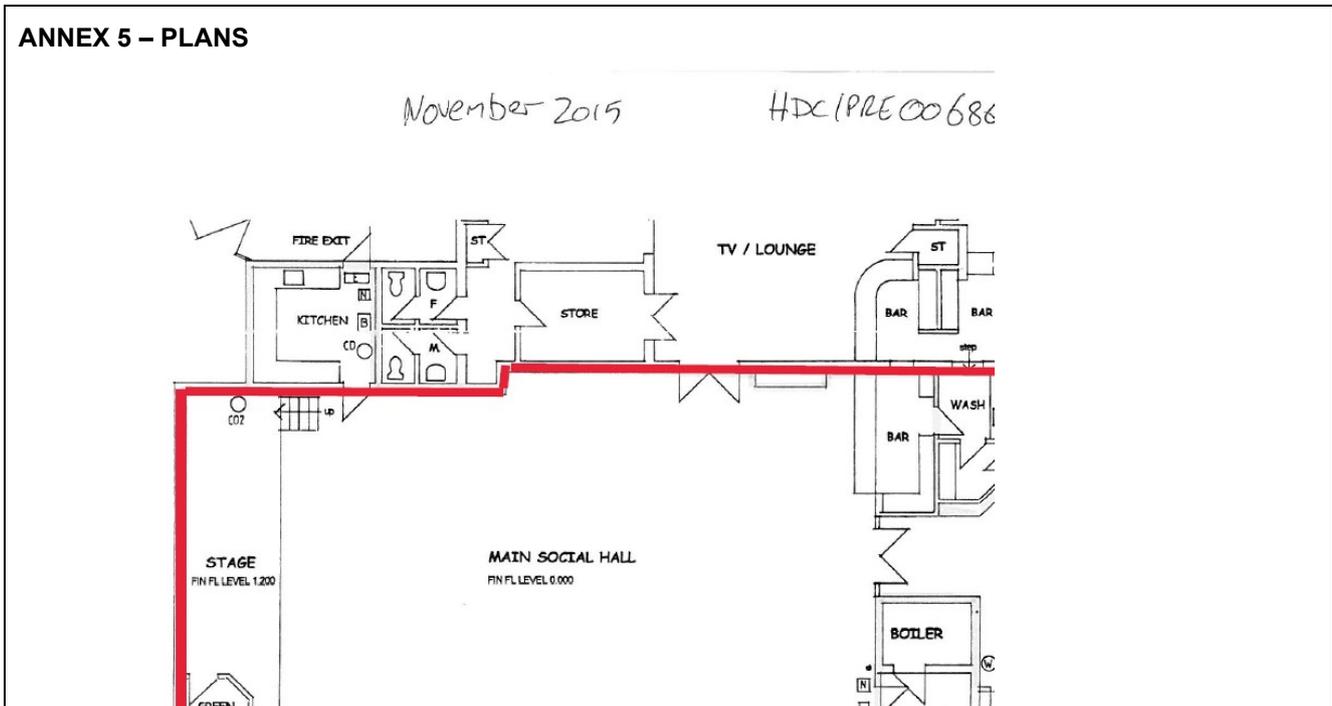
ANNEX 3 – CONDITIONS ATTACHED AFTER A HEARING BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

N/A

ANNEX 4 – SEASONAL VARIATIONS & NON-STANDARD TIMINGS – For the licensable activities authorised by this licence:

1. The Sale of Alcohol may take place until 00:00 on Christmas Eve
2. All activities may take place until 00:30 New Year's Eve.
3. On these occasions the premises may be open to the public until 01:00.

ANNEX 5 – PLANS



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Licence valid from: 21.11.2015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Date of Issue: 05.12.2023

Signed: Chief Operating Officer

Summary of Responsible Authority Responses

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
13 th March 2024	Rebecca Smoothy	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Trading Standards
<p>I can confirm that we have received the below email regarding the application to vary the premises licence for Comrades Club, Cambridge Street, Godmanchester, we have no comments to make in relation to this application.</p>		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
15 th March 2024	Melanie Draper	Environmental Health - HDC
<p>I have been in contact with the Comrades Club and have said that although I am happy for them to have an outside bar selling alcohol I do feel that music every weekend is not acceptable from a noise perspective.</p> <p>In line with other recent decisions made on the District about music at pubs etc, I am happy for the club to have music for one weekend a month i.e. the Saturday and Sunday afternoons for the times stated on their application.</p> <p>I will confirm this with an email to the premises.</p> <p>I do understand however that they may rely on the Live Music Act if the outside area is licensed.</p>		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
19 th March 2024	Stephen Browne	Environmental Health - HDC
<p>I do not have any objection to this application as such.</p> <p>I would, however, advise that the club should comply with all relevant health and safety and food safety requirements with this venture.</p>		

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Summary of Other Persons Responses

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
13 th March 2024			
<p>I would like to strongly object to the proposed application on the grounds of 1) the prevention of public nuisance and 2) the prevention of crime and disorder.</p> <p>1) The Prevention of Public Nuisance Playing loud amplified music every weekend until 9pm during the summer is detrimental to the enjoyment of my property and quality of life in general. The application states that music will be played ‘in our awnings (to reduce noise)’. This ‘awning’ is simply four poles with a thin roof. It has absolutely no noise reduction properties and it is misleading to suggest that it does. COVID necessitated the use of an outdoor venue, which is why I did not complain initially. However, now that the situation has normalised, I believe that an outdoor venue is detrimental to all the local residents and even residents further afield (the music can actually be heard from the White Heart which is over 300 metres away) This is unacceptable.</p> <p>2) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder On several occasions the police have had to be called in connection with drunk and disorderly behaviour in connection with the Comrades Club (of which I have photographic proof). This specifically happened during the summer months after an outdoor event was held, and by extending the hours in which music is played and alcohol is served, it is my strong belief that crime will increase.</p>			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
14 th March 2024			
<p>I write to oppose the variation of license for the comrades club Godmanchester. I live in the XXXX within a 100 metres of the club and when they have their outdoor singers whether I want to or not I can hear them very loudly whilst in my home. As a family with two children under 10 the music would still be playing when we would be trying to get them to sleep. Our enjoyment of our garden is intruded upon as again we are without option listening to the singing/ music. Friday to Sunday every weekend is not acceptable and will impact my family.</p>			
Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
14 th March 2024			
<p>I object to the additional licensing for the Comrades Club. My first representation is related to objective 1) Crime & Disorder. My family and I, have personally</p>			

experienced and witnessed many moments of disorder outside the club. There have been fights, screaming, arguments, car windows smashed etc. The police have been called on more occasions than I can list to intervene. Little seems to be done to combat these disturbances by the club, and in fact I have personally been told before (on complaining about leaving drunk, angry people to fight in the car park after hours and not clearing them off the premises) that the club is either not well staffed enough or those staff are female and therefore too much at risk to do much about it. I have no confidence in the club when they say they will put measures in place to resolve these problems as they have not done anything so far. These situations can only increase with the extra drinking opportunity available from the proposed outdoor area and the extra clientele this will bring to the club.

My second representation is for objective 2) Public Safety. The above points also apply to public safety.

My third representation is on objective 3) The Prevention of Public Nuisance. As well as the disorder that we have witnessed, we also have to deal on a regular basis with cans and bottles left on our car in our drive. There have been instances of urination on our car and on our house. The noise level can be so loud even with the indoor parties that sitting in my living room watching the TV, the music from the comrades interferes with the sound. The outdoor live music events mean that if I want to sit in my garden and listen to my own music I cannot - I can just hear the music from the Comrades - once a month this seems reasonable but to know this could be every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer is distressing. The awning does absolutely nothing to deaden the sound - rather it's just an eyesore. The addition on top of the live music of outdoor jukebox music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday is going to be very detrimental to my home life. Plus the addition of the extra people outside, drinking, laughing etc (so the sound of an audience) - this is a massive noise nuisance.

The news that the club has asked to change the licensing is extremely worrying. This extra license will significantly reduce the quality of life for both my home, indoors and outdoors with the extra noise nuisance and addition of even more anti social behaviour, but also all of the other residents surrounding the comrades. It also significantly reduces the value of my home for the future.

This area was always a car park in the middle of a residential area - turning it into a live and outdoor music venue is very unfair and detrimental to those who live around it.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
14 th March 2024			
I object to the Application for Variation of a Premises Licence from the Godmanchester Comrades Club.			

It will affect my business. I work as a voice actress from my studio at home, and when the Comrades Club play loud music during the summer I'm unable to work. This is particularly frustrating because I get most of my commissions at the weekend.

Last summer, I would have to wait until 6pm until the music finished and work through the evening, often until the early hours, to try and make back the lost time. If the Comrades Club get permission to create an outdoor venue and extend their music playing hours until 9pm, I won't be able to work at all.

[I'd like to request that my representation is not published on the Cambridge City Council website.]

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
15 th March 2024			
<p>We are writing in respect of the application for the variation of the premises licence for the Comrades Club in Godmanchester.</p> <p>I am one of the owners of XXXX.</p> <p>The comrades club have temporarily erected a large gazebo in the summer months for the past 3 years. They have had loud outside music, apparently without licence and patrons have consumed alcohol in an area adjacent to the party wall. This has resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line of tins and beer bottles, full ashtrays being left on the adjoining wall between properties Smashed beer bottles landing on our property Litter etc being thrown over onto our property. Our cycle area being used as a public urinal Smoke, including cannabis filtering through our vents. This area has been used for dealing. Loud music being heard while patients are being treated. Our practice is tailored to help nervous patients and we therefore have created a tranquil environment. In the past when they have played live music patients have commented on the negative impact of it on the calm and relaxing environment we have created. <p>As a team we feel that the extension of the licence to allow outside music and to extend the sale of alcohol would have the following detrimental effect on our users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the rubbish on site. Increase the risk to our users from broken beer bottles within our cycle park Increased urination on our cycle park Increased occasions where the practice odour is overcome by cigarette and cannabis smoke. 			

A negative impact on the experience of our most nervous patients if live music is playing during their treatment as we would have no control over the noise levels. This would prevent us from providing a tranquil and relaxed space for them.

Date Received			
15 th March 2024			
<p>I have been made aware of the Application for Variation of a Premises Licence, made by The Comrades Club, Godmanchester, on 5th March 2024.</p> <p>My wife and I are neighbours of the Comrades Club, and are therefore particularly interested in the plans they have outlined in their Application.</p> <p>Having considered the details, we wish to register our objection to their Application being granted.</p> <p>The sound generated by the proposed use of the premises for live and recorded music from 2pm until 9pm will be carried to the gardens and outdoor spaces of many of the residents around including ours.</p> <p>In the summer months many residents including ourselves typically enjoy a peaceful evening outdoors.</p> <p>We would neither welcome nor enjoy a regular backdrop of music coming from the premises of the Applicant for up to 7 hours at a time.</p> <p>I therefore ask that you register our objection to this Application being granted, and request that the Application is rejected.</p> <p>A negative impact on the experience of our most nervous patients if live music is playing during their treatment as we would have no control over the noise levels. This would prevent us from providing a tranquil and relaxed space for them.</p>			

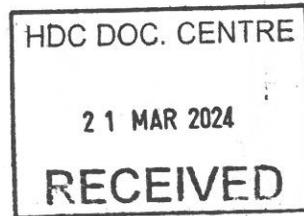
Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
17 th March 2024			
<p>We would like to oppose the Licence Application 277266 - Comrades Club Godmanchester</p> <p>We are residents of Godmanchester who live in XXXX within 100 yards of the Comrades club.</p> <p>Our road is used heavily for parking when the Comrades Club has an event as it has easier access than the clubs own car park. Congestion often prevents family</p>			

from parking near our house. Patrons returning to their cars after a night out are also often noisy.

More importantly the noise we have experienced when the club has held outdoor events has been very intrusive and has often meant closing doors and windows in hot weather. We are often prevented from enjoying our garden when they have an event.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
01 st April 2024			
<p>We live opposite the Comrades Club on XXXX and there has been on going parking problems which is exacerbated when the car park at the Comrades club is taken up with an outdoor bar and seating area. St Ann's Lane is very narrow with limited parking and access to the Comrades Club by car is via St Ann's Lane. When there are events at the Comrades club the traffic in the narrow lane is significantly increased and with less parking spaces in the Comrades, there is inconsiderate, and at times dangerous, parking on the lane. Occasionally, it has made it hard for us to maneuver the car from our driveway. Additionally, our second car was written off one evening while parked on the street opposite the Comrades Club. It happened when there was a Saturday night event at the Comrades. In addition to this, the Comrades Club has put up boulders to stop people parking on their land at the front of the club, which increases the parking problem on the narrow lane. It also makes the turning circle for big deliveries to the club very tricky. There is Public Safety to consider with increased traffic and parking brought to a very narrow residential lane as well as the Public Nuisance element. My young children's bedroom is facing the road which overlooks the Comrades Club and currently we can hear loud music when it is played indoors so we worry that outdoor music until 9pm would be very antisocial for a young family in such a residential area. We are within 20 yards of the Comrades Club and music playing outside every weekend during the summer as well as alcohol being sold in the carpark would have a hugely negative impact on the local residential area. In terms or prevention of Crime and Disorder, there have also been occasions when we have had to sweep large amounts of broken glass up from outside our driveway after events at the Comrades Club. My young family have also witnessed a lady urinating in the street in the middle of the road after leaving the Comrades Club one afternoon. There has also been raised aggressive voices right outside our house late at night and general drunken and anti-social behavior on a number of occasions. The noise levels and public nuisance that we face currently even without this new application in place is currently antisocial. Additionally, the parking problems exacerbated by the restricted parking at the Comrades Club causes big problems on a very narrow residential lane. We strongly oppose these new applications on the above grounds.</p>			

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This letter is in reference to:

Application Number: **277266**

Premises Address: **58 Cambridge Street,
Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire,
PE29 2AY**

Manual Reference Number: **HDC/PRE00686**

Licence Application Type: **Variation**

To the Huntingdonshire Licensing
Department,

Please find enclosed 9 signed
representations and comments
opposing the Godmanchester
Comrades Club and Institute Ltd
Notice of Application for Variation of a
Premises Licence.

These will also be emailed to you.

Sincerely,
Godmanchester Residents

This Representation is in Response to:

Godmanchester Comrades Club & Institute Ltd Notice of Application for Variation of a Premises Licence

Application Number: 277266

Manual Reference Number: HDC/PRE00686

Make a Representation

First Name	[REDACTED]
Surname	[REDACTED]
E-mail	[REDACTED]
Telephone/Mobile	
Building number	[REDACTED]
Street Name	[REDACTED]
Locality	
Town	[REDACTED]
County	
Postcode	[REDACTED]

Your Personal details (including your name and address) will be shared with the applicant. Additionally, your representation will be published in full on the Cambridge City Council website unless you request otherwise.

Any representations must relate to one of the four licensing objectives:

1. The prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The prevention of Public Nuisance
4. The protection of Children from Harm The need for premises is not a consideration that may be taken into account.

SUPPORT OBJECT

Representation Comments:

Please turn over to see my comments...

HDC DOC. CENTRE
21 MAR 2024
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Signature:

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People that enjoy the Comrades Club outdoor venue do not live close by. They can leave the loud music when they wish. I cannot!

I received a letter from the Comrades Club stating that their outdoor venue is beneficial to the community, which is untrue - I am part of the local community, and being subjected to loud music during the summer weekends makes me feel like I need to stay indoors all day. Even when I stay inside, I can still hear the music despite closing all the doors and windows.

The club stated in their letter that "we have worked closely with the council to ensure that the license variation will not negatively impact our neighbours". However, it is my understanding that the club did not actually have the correct license to use the car park as an outdoor venue.

Furthermore, they have not 'worked with the neighbours'. I'm a neighbour and I've never conversed with anyone from the Comrades Club and they never asked me what I thought of the outdoor venue.

Also, the letter I received from the Comrades Club mentioned that their outdoor venue helps charity. I would like to note that they have only ever held charity events during the daytime, mainly occurring indoors anyway.

The loud music at the weekend was not in connection with any charity, I think it is quite manipulative to give the impression that it's helping charities such as McMillan cancer support.

I WOULD, THEREFORE, STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

This is a photocopy!

* After my neighbour made a representation recently they received this letter
Even though I am a neighbour, I didn't receive this letter and would have
been unaware that the Comrades Club didn't have an outdoor
license - If I had known this I would have
said something long before now.



COMRADES CLUB 100 YEARS 1920-2020

Secretary: - Sofia Mayhew, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester, Huntingdon. Cambs PE29 2AY

Telephone 01480 453991 E-mail:- comrades.club@googlemail.com Web: - www.comradesclubgodmanchester.co.uk

Dear residents,

On 5th March 2024 The Comrades Club applied to Huntingdonshire District Council to vary our premises license to include our outside area (attached).

The Comrades Club has been at the heart of the Godmanchester community for over 100 years. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive venue for all ages from our 0-5 toddler group, to our senior citizens exercise class.

This is true, but now they are taking advantage of COVID by trying to set up outside permanently. It's now safe to meet indoors - so event should be moved back inside.

Like most venues; after COVID we were forced to serve outside only, in doing this we created a covered seating area in our carpark which quickly became very popular.

We would like to be able to continue to hold live music events and sell alcohol from our outdoor bar.

We have worked closely with the Council to ensure that this license variation will not negatively impact our neighbours.;

The outdoor area is solely for use in the summer months;

- Live music will be limited to 2 performers
- Performers will be placed under the awnings to reduce noise
- Awnings will have full sides to contain noise
- Live Music will be restricted from 2pm – 6pm
- Pre-recorded music will be "background" in nature and will not be of a high volume, this will be limited from 3pm – 9pm
- The sale of alcohol will be in keeping with our current license and will not affect our neighbours.

*It's very loud
Not background -
they have amplifiers/
speakers so all neighbours
can hear.*

The current licence only allows for sale of alcohol inside, not outside.

This will ~~with~~ without doubt increase unsociable behaviour

Not only has the outdoor area been beneficial to The Comrades Club, we have held numerous events for charities and the community, for example;

- Macmillan afternoon tea
 - Charity Golf Day
 - Family fun day including petting zoo and BBQ
- Charity events only occur during the daytime - mainly indoors.
A licence for music & alcohol is irrelevant to these events.

We are always looking for ways to improve The Comrades Club. We have moved into digitising the membership system, we have started to sell tickets online and utilise our facebook page. We have also updated our security on the front door, and we are proud to be a pubwatch establishment.

If we are unable to license our outdoor area, it would be detrimental to the club moving forward and would jeopardise our future in this community.

This is not true - they can still hold the same events indoors as they have always done.

We would like to invite you to discuss any concerns regarding this variation with us, we would be happy to talk through our plans, and work with you to make our club thrive.

As a neighbour of The Comrades club, you can support this application via the public register, or by emailing: licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully



Alan Suter

Thursday 14th March 2024

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SUPPORT OBJECT

Representation Comments:

The unlicensed use of the car park for outdoor music has already proved to be a public nuisance. The surrounding area is residential and the noise is simply intolerable for residents, preventing the quiet enjoyment of homes and gardens to which we have a legal entitlement. The drinking already spills over into the street and there has been associated noisy behaviour, with shouting that we should not have to tolerate. The police have attended, once to my knowledge and we should not have to put up with this.

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SUPPORT OBJECT

Representation Comments:

I would like to strongly object to the proposed application on the grounds of 1) The prevention of Public Nuisance and 2) The prevention of Crime and Disorder
* Please see back for details

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Representation:

1) The prevention of Public Nuisance

Playing loud amplified music every weekend until 9 pm during the summer is detrimental to the enjoyment of my property and quality of life in general.

The application states that music will be played 'in our awnings' (to reduce noise).

This awning is simply four poles with a thin roof. It has absolutely no noise reduction properties and it is misleading to suggest that it does.

COVID necessitated the use of an outdoor venue, which is why I did not complain initially. However, now that the situation has normalised, I believe that an outdoor venue is detrimental to all the local residents and even residents further afield (the music can actually be heard from the White Heart which is over 300 metres away).

This is unacceptable.

2) The prevention of Crime and Disorder

on several occasions the Police have had to be called in connection with drunk and disorderly behaviour in connection with the Comrades Club.

This specifically happened during the summer months after an outdoor event was held.

By extending the hours in which music is played and alcohol is served, it is my strong belief that crime will increase.

These are photos of the Comrades Club's 'awnings'.

They have no sound attenuation properties whatsoever.



Once live music finishes, pre-recorded music is played through loud speakers inside this tent and can be heard 300 metres away.



Pictured here is where the singers perform. Again, this is purely a sun roof. It does not reduce noise as the Comrades Club claim in their application. Also pictured are two of the loud speakers.



This is a Covid beer garden, and as now the situation has normalised I think it's completely unnecessary to build this again during the summer months.

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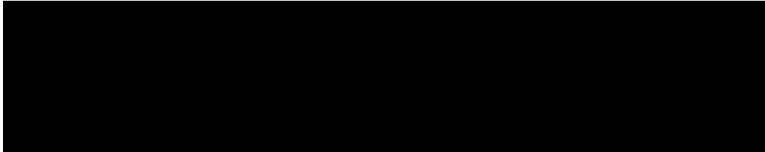
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Regarding the proposed licence for The Comrades Club

Outdoor music in the club car park



Residents at the above address.

We wish to bring to the Licencing Panel's notice that if a licence for music outside in the car park of the Comrades Club is approved, our lives will be blighted for 7 hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the summer months of June, July and August.

For residents wishing to enjoy the summer months sitting in their garden without loud music i.e.noise pollution, it is not acceptable.

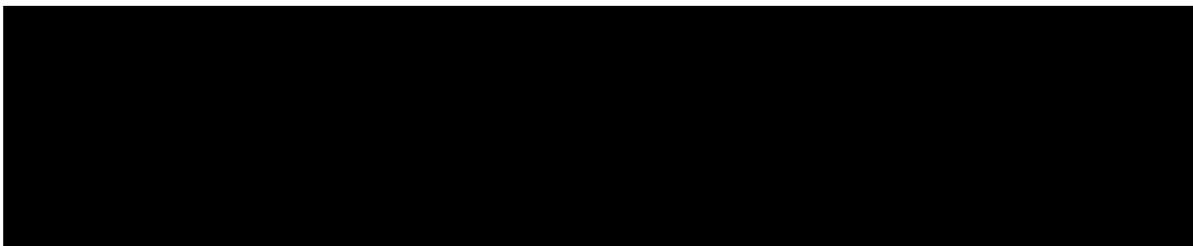
Last year we just went inside to try to get away from the noise but even then we couldn't completely.

We consider this proposal as it stands to be unreasonable and discriminatory against residents who for whatever reason just can't move to another area for those 7 hours to be free from noise.

We ask the Licencing Panel to please take into consideration local residents and their quality of life.

Regarding the outdoor drinking licence, last year we found loud argumentative behaviour, which was frightening. This seemed to happen every time there was outdoor drinking.

We would therefore disagree with the proposed outdoor licence for both music and drink.



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Representation Comments:

The proposal to alter the premises licence to allow outdoor live music and the consumption of alcohol within earshot of peoples homes is in my view unacceptable. I believe it will reduce the value of nearby property and be a bad influence on young children who live close or frequently pass by. There is ample space inside the premises and also a stage for live music.

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[REDACTED]

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OBJECT



Representation Comments:

I've started dreading the summer months as the noise from the comrades club means I cannot enjoy my garden. I've been forced to stay inside my house when the ~~music~~ music is played outside (which so far has lasted into the early evening)

Signature:

Please turn over:

It should be a right to be able to relax in your own house and garden without hearing loud music and shouting. Especially as it's been so hot the last few years that staying indoors ~~has~~ has been extremely unpleasant.

(There ~~was~~ was a lot of rowdiness outside last summer and I know that the police were called several times)

The outdoor venue is already a public nuisance and will be unbearable if music is extended until 9pm.

All events, including live music, used to be held indoors and no one complained because everyone was happy ~~with~~ with this arrangement.

I felt a great sense of relief when I saw the tents ~~being~~ being taken down.

I really hope permission isn't granted and that the Comrades club events continue indoors where ~~the~~ the noise is contained.

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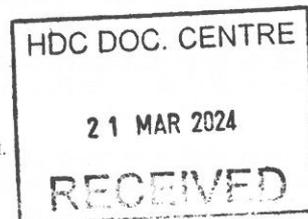
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Representation Comments:

I am staying with my ^{elderly} mother in law to support her for a number of months - and the noise is very disruptive -

Signature:

[REDACTED]

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high risk of noise nuisance to surrounding residential area,
raises risk of alcohol related nuisance on main road and causing distress to adjacent residents.

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SUPPORT OBJECT

Representation Comments:

The music is very loud and actually I'm unable to enjoy sitting in my garden - even with the windows closed I can still hear it!

Signature:

[REDACTED]

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Comments in Support of Application

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
14 th March 2024			
Being a close neighbour, I support this.			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
15 th March 2024			
<p>I AM WRITING TO express my SUPPORT for The Comrades Club's current application to vary their premises licence to include their outside area.</p> <p>I live within earshot of the Club, and have never experienced any problems with noise disturbance.</p> <p>There are precious few such establishments in this area, and the Club should be applauded for their attempts to maximise opportunities, thereby helping to secure the Club's future.</p>			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
17 th March 2024			
<p>The Comrades Club in Godmanchester is the nearest thing we have to a Community Centre and run at no cost to the Town Council or any other authority and run in the main by volunteers.</p> <p>It has been an important part of the community for over 100 years.</p> <p>It hosts many local activities and meetings , many for free and is Community Asset.</p> <p>It relies totally on profit from bar sales and modest hall hire to keep afloat in the face of fast rising costs.</p> <p>The Club committees use over the past few years since Covid of the outdoor space for socialising in the summer has proved a popular new string to their bow and the logical extension to this is to have a modest bar available to avoid the traffic through the foyer.</p> <p>As responsible group of people I am confident they will be looking into ways of mitigating any nuisance to neighbours, many of whom will be enjoying this summer attraction themselves.</p> <p>On behalf of many in the community I would ask you to look favourably on this application.</p> <p>I write to you with my thoughts as a member of the public involved in Community matters.</p>			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
17 th March 2024			
We, residents of XXXX, Godmanchester are emailing to inform you that we are in <u>support</u> of the Godmanchester Comrades Club & Institute Ltd's premises license variation.			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
26 th March 2024			
We at XXXX, Godmanchester fully support the Comrades Club's application for their premises license to include their outside area.			