

## RECORD OF DECISION

### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**DATE OF HEARING:** THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2022

**MEMBERS:** Councillors J R Clarke, L W McGuire  
(Chairman) and R J West

**APPLICATION CONSIDERED:** CORNER HOUSE, 54 MARKET SQUARE,  
ST NEOTS, PE19 2AA

#### **We heard representations from the following persons:**

- ❖ The Applicant
- ❖ 2 Interested Parties
- ❖ 2 written representations

#### **We found the following facts:**

The applicant presented details of a number of criminal incidents and offences over a two year period from January 2020 to date. The Sub-Committee found as a fact that these incidences occurred and that there was criminal activity associated with the public house.

The brewery (Charles Wells Ltd) were in the process of taking forfeiture proceedings in respect of the lease of the Corner House.

#### **In making our decision we considered the following:**

- ❖ Written representations from those not present at the hearing
- ❖ Statutory provisions referred to in the report
- ❖ Statutory Guidance referred to in the report
- ❖ Huntingdonshire District Council Statement of Licensing Policy
- ❖ The Sub-Committee report
- ❖ Advice from the District Council's Legal Representative
- ❖ Submission from the applicant
- ❖ Representations from those listed above

#### **We gave more weight to the evidence of one party over another because:**

The Sub-Committee preferred the evidence provided by Cambridgeshire Constabulary over the written representations that had been received in support of the premises licence holder.

**We did not consider the following matters to be relevant:**

The premises licence holder had telephoned Huntingdonshire District Council on the morning of the hearing indicating that he would not be attending and before the hearing commenced, had emailed Huntingdonshire District Council with the following "I would like to surrender my premises licence from today and the pub will be closed".

**Our reasons for this are:**

The Sub-Committee determined that the review would take place in the premises licence holder's absence and a decision would be made based on the information received by the Sub-Committee. Prior to taking this decision, the Sub-Committee sought representation from the applicant and those present at the hearing.

**Our decision is as follows:**

To revoke the licence.

**Our reasons for reaching the decision are as follows:**

The Sub-Committee formed the view that the premises licence holder had been supported by and had received advice from the Licensing Authority, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Security Industry Authority (SIA), Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime (HBAC) and the brewery (Charles Wells Ltd trading as Wells and Co) to enable the full terms and conditions of the licence to be complied with so that the four licensing objectives are met and that the premises licence holder had failed to fully engage with these organisations and act upon the advice provided.

The Sub-Committee heard evidence from Cambridgeshire Constabulary about repeated offending either at or associated with the premises. The evidence further suggested that the premises licence holder did not engage or assist Cambridgeshire Constabulary with any investigation.

**Date:** 14 April 2022

**PLEASE NOTE**

You have a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against the decision above. You MUST lodge any appeal with the Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date of this decision.

The address of the Magistrates Court is:-  
Peterborough, Huntingdon and Fenland Magistrates Court  
Bridge Street  
Peterborough  
PE1 1ED