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AGENDA

APOLOGIES

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. ST NEOTS RUGBY CLUB, NEW STREET, ST NEOTS, PE19 6RR (Pages 9 - 68)

To consider an application for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 made by the following:

Applicant: St Neots Rugby Union Football Club Ltd

Premises: St Neots Rugby Club, The Clubhouse, New Street, St Neots PE19 6RR

Item Led By: Licensing - (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.

6 day of August 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

21st August 2024
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE
St Neots Rugby Club, The Clubhouse, New Street St. Neots PE19 6RR

1. INTRODUCTION

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

from **St Neots Rugby Union Football Club Ltd**

for the premises **St Neots Rugby Club, The Clubhouse, New Street St. Neots PE19 6RR**

The Application was received on the 6th June 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 13th June 2024 and in the local newspaper on the 19th June 2024. The initial 28-day consultation period ended on 04th July 2024. Due to errors with the notice, the consultation period was extended by the Licensing Authority until the 24th July 2024

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

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The Premises Licence application is applying for the following activities:

a. **Performance of Plays - indoors**

Friday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

Saturday – 2300hrs to 0000hrs

b. **Provision of Films - indoors**

Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100hrs to 2300hrs

Friday and Saturday – 1100hrs to 0200hrs

c. **Provision of Indoor Sport Events**

Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100hrs to 2300hrs

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

e. **Provision of Live Music - indoors**

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

f. **Provision of Recorded Music - indoors**

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

g. **Provision of Performance of Dance - indoors**

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

h. **Anything of a similar nature to that falling within (e), (f), or (g)**

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

i. **Late Night Refreshment- indoors**

Friday and Saturday – 2300hrs to 0200hrs

j. **Supply of Alcohol – on and off sales**

Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100hrs to 2300hrs

Friday and Saturday – 1100hrs to 0200hrs

l. **Hours Premises are Open to the Public**

Not indicated on application

2.2 Section 'M' 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 C**.

3.2 During the period for representation a total of 15 valid representations were received from 'other persons'. The representations and any subsequent correspondence are attached as **Appendix D**.

3.3 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.

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

4. MEDIATION

Extensive mediation was undertaken with the applicant, local residents, Responsible Authorities - Licensing and Environmental Health. A copy of the result of the mediation is attached as **Appendix E**. During the mediation, 2

representations were withdrawn by 'other persons' and the representations from Licensing and Environmental Health were also withdrawn. However, as not all representations were withdrawn a hearing is still required.

5. 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.

6. 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.

Application for a premises licence to be granted 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 St Neots Rugby Union Football Club Ltd

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Clubhouse, New Street,			
Post town	St Neots	Postcode	PE19 1RU

Telephone number at premises (if any)	N/A
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£15250

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as **Please tick as appropriate**

- a) an individual or individuals * please complete section (A)
- b) a person other than an individual *
 - i as a limited company/limited liability partnership please complete section (B)
 - ii as a partnership (other than limited liability) please complete section (B)
 - iii as an unincorporated association or please complete section (B)
 - iv other (for example a statutory corporation) please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club please complete section (B)
- d) a charity please complete section (B)

- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function or
- a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth			I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes		
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)					

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth			I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes		
Nationality					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name
Address
Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)

Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
01	09	2024

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)
 The premises consists of a self-contained single storey property with a members bar at one end with an outside patio area, with seating, and a function room and bar at the other. In between are toilets, a gym and changing facilities.
 When activities are taking place on the playing area adjacent to the clubhouse off sales will be made so that spectators can take drinks onto the grass in plastic beakers.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

N/A

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

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|--|---|
| <p>Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) 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) | <p>Please tick all that apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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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 7)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" 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 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall to put on plays. The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri	2300	0200	<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 6)		
Sat	2300	0000			
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place <u>indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	1100	2300	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall to show film. The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue	1100	2300			
Wed	1100	2300	<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	1100	2300			
Fri	1100	0200	<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 6)		
Sat	1100	0200			
Sun	1100	2300			

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 4) On occasions the premises may be used to put on sporting events such as darts tournaments. The sound may or may not be amplified
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<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 6)
Fri	2300	0200	
Sat	2300	0200	
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	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 4)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
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 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" 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 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall to put on live music performances. The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri	2300	0200	<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 6) Variation to the licence is sought in respect of New Years Eve/New Years Day to allow for the provision of live music 2 hours into the new year.		
Sat	2300	0200			
Sun					

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" 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 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall to put on performances of recorded music. The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri	2300	0200	<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 6) Variation to the licence is sought in respect of New Years Eve/New Years Day to allow for the provision of recorded music 2 hours into the new year.		
Sat	2300	0200			
Sun					

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" 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 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall to put on performances of dance. The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri	2300	0200	<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 6) Variation to the licence is sought in respect of New Years Eve/New Years Day to allow for the performance of dance 2 hours into the new year.		
Sat	2300	0200			
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing On occasions there may be events being held at the club which do not fit in with any of the other categories		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
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 5)		
Fri	2300	0200			
Sat	2300	0200	<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 6)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" 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 4) On occasions hirers may hire the hall for parties and celebrations at the weekend The sound may or may not be amplified		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri	2300	2400	<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 6) Variation to the licence is sought in respect of New Years Eve/New Years Day to allow for the provision of late night refreshments 2 hours into the new year.		
Sat	0000	0200			
	2300	2400			
Sun	0000	0200			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 5)		
Mon	1100	2300			
Tue	1100	2300			
Wed	1100	2300			
Thur	1100	2300			
Fri	1100	2400			
Sat	0000 1100	0200 2400			
Sun	0000 1100	0200 2300	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 6) Variation to the licence is sought in respect of New Years Eve/New Years Day to allow for the serving of alcohol 2 hours into the new year. On occasions there are rugby games played in different time zones to that of the UK resulting in them being played early in the morning. Licence extension is requested to that the club can sell alcohol an hour before the kick off of such games and to stop selling an hour after the final whistle.		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name Moira Woodgate	
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Personal licence number (if known) PER02680	
Huntingdonshire District Council	

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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 9).

none

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<p>Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)</p>			<p><u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 5)</p>
Day	Start	Finish	<p><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 6)</p>
Mon			
Tue			
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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

The club is a family club and bookings taken or events put on reflect this. A H&S policy is in place and staff are trained in both First Aid and the requirements of the licencing regulations. The Club benefits from being located out of the main town of St Neots so it is very unusual to encounter individuals trying to gain access without proper reason

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The club has a zero acceptance policy relating to drugs and anyone found using or supplying drugs on the premises will be quickly removed and barred from future attendance. Bookings for parties for under 25's will not be taken unless the individual is a club member and strict procedures will be in place to ensure the no underage drinking takes place.

All staff are trained to ensure that identity is provided where the buyer of the alcohol appears to be below 25 years old.

The club does not hire the premises for 18th or 21st birthday parties except in exceptional circumstances when they relate to members or their immediate families. On these occasions a full risk assessment is undertaken to ensure that all steps are taken to ensure compliance to the law.

For other events a full risk assessment is undertaken and suitable door staff employed.

c) Public safety

There is in place a H&S policy which is administered by an outside H&S consultancy firm paid for by the rugby club. They undertake regular inspection to ensure compliance with all matters pertaining to H&S. All hirers are required to sign up to adoption of the H&S policy when making a booking.

Staff levels are set to ensure that numbers are right for the expected number of people attending the event and fire regulations are fully complied with

d) The prevention of public nuisance

All hirers sign up to the booking rules which include the need to avoid causing a public nuisance. All events organised by the club take into account the need to consider the local community and to consult where necessary. When an event is found to have caused a public nuisance steps are taken to liaise with the local community to ensure that a repeat does not occur.
 Door staff are employed where considered necessary following the risk assessment

e) The protection of children from harm

We are a family oriented club with child safety at the heart of everything we do. nothing will be allowed to occur which can bring harm to children

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.
- [Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please read note 15).

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.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)
Signature	<i>G. J. Hughes</i>
Date	06/06/2024
Capacity	Treasurer & Director St Neots Rugby Union Football Club Ltd

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14) Graham Hughes 40 Meadow Way Great Paxton			
Post town	St Neots	Postcode	PE19 6RR
Telephone number (if any)	07708 630274		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) Graham.j.hughes@talk21.com			

Notes for Guidance

1. 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.
2. 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:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
 4. For example the 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.
 5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
 6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
 7. Please give 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.
 8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
 9. Please give 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 or the presence of gaming machines.

10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
11. The application form must be signed.
12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.
14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.

- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.

- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

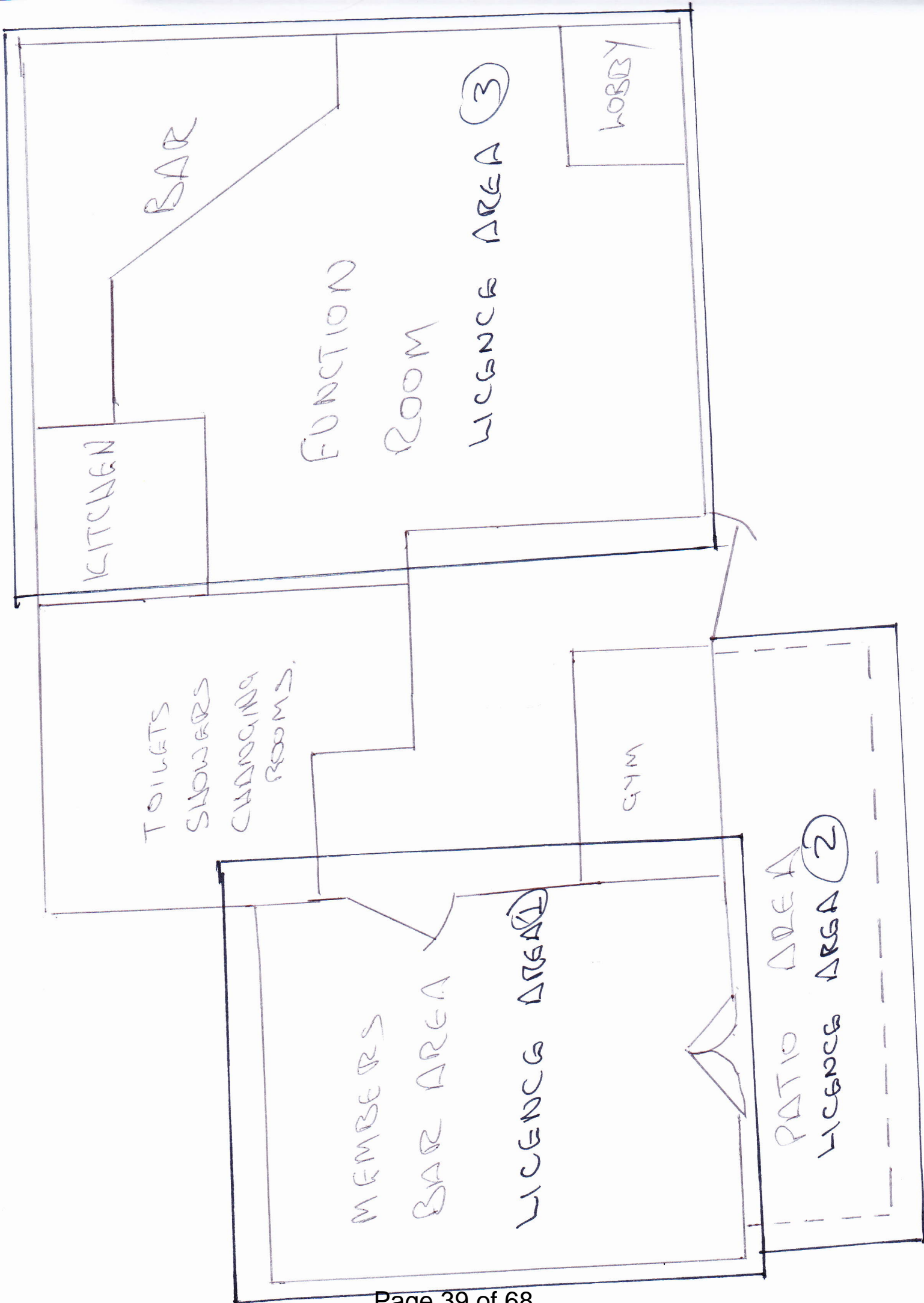
To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the

applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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Summary of Responsible Authority Responses

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
11/06/2024	Leon Collins	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue
Fire Safety Advice given to applicant, no formal comments		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
17/06/2024	Stephen Brown	Environmental Health – Food
I have no objections to this application.		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
20/06/2024	Lousie Gratton	Trading Standards
I can confirm that we have received the below email regarding the application the premises licence for St Neots Rugby Club, New Street, St Neots. A challenge 25 pack has been issued by our admin team. We have no comments to make in relation to this application.		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
25/06/2024	Melanie Draper	Environmental Health – Noise
<p>I have no objections to the premises application for the above but I would like to offer the following conditions:</p> <p>All drinks taken outside onto the pitches should be in plastic containers/glasses.</p> <p>External doors and windows should be closed when events are being held in the Function Room.</p> <p>Signage requesting customers to leave quietly should be fixed in a prominent position by the final exit door(s).</p> <p>19/07/2024 Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E) I am happy with the suggested conditions and schedules.</p>		

Date of Response	Name	Organisation
26/06/2024	Sarah Mardon	Licensing
<p>I have been considering the application, particularly the conditions and I think there is room to tighten things up with the wording so as to avoid any ambiguity and to add some additional control measures.</p> <p>Please have a look at the attached document with my proposed changes and additional conditions. I am aware there has been a meeting with some local residents, and changes and agreements have been made, but as yet I am not aware of any details of that. *These conditions can be found in Appendix E</p>		

19/07/2024 Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

I confirm I am happy the amended timings and agreed conditions are suitable and sufficient to ensure the premises are able to meet their responsibilities and promote the licensing objectives.


Summary of Other Persons Responses

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
It is a sports club, not a night club. It is in a residential area with houses very close. Noise at 02:00 in the morning is unacceptable in a residential area.			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
<p>The noise from loud music at the bar travels to the houses in our street. Recently, a function at the club involved not only music, but a group of player under the influence of alcohol loudly shouting and playing rugby in the field whilst holding glasses of beer. 2am is unreasonably late for sports club functions, and would encourage prolonged drinking, loud noise from the music and beyond. I would be happy for the club's licence to allow music to be played until 11pm, however anything beyond this would disturb our sleep and the sleep of our child, especially during hot weather when we require windows to be open to keep cool. In summary, I object under point 3 - prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E) 23/07/2024</p> <p>I have deep concerns about the change of listening at the rugby club. I live with my partner, and 2 year old daughter in a house which garden is connected to the rugby field.</p> <p>As well as obvious potential noise from people and music disturbing her sleep, beyond reasonable social hours (10pm). I also have concerns about language and behaviour is likely to be exposed to whilst growing up. We already see overspill from the clubhouse in the summer where people have been drinking from plastic beer glasses and playing on the fields and shouting.</p> <p>Having purchased our home on the understanding that the rugby club had limited licences and could not be opened late at night, we also have concerns that the change in listening will not only be personally disturbing but also devalue our property and make it difficult to sell.</p> <p>In a world where activity our high street is declining, I believe the council should also consider that this extension to the rugby club will be taking away from our local pubs and restaurants. The club should be promoted as a sports venue first and foremost, promote healthy activities for the community and be allowed to fundraise, but not be allowed to be run as a business selling alcohol beyond this.</p> <p>In summary - The revised Mediation Summary is not sufficient to allow me to withdraw my representation because:</p> <p>The wording relating to Off Sales is ambiguous. As drafted, it allows for Off Sales for "other purposes" not to be subject to the conditions of (a) sales in plastic open topped beakers and (b) to stop by 22.00. I live close to the Ground and Off Sales in other circumstances leaves me open to people buying alcohol from the Rugby Club after 22.00 and being able to drink this alcohol late at</p>			

night with likely noise, disturbance and anti social behaviour on the Ground or in the streets close to my home.

The current ambiguous wording allows the Rugby Club to operate as an Off Licence which I am not comfortable with as it allows for the sale of alcohol to individuals to drink unsupervised and potentially to excess; As drafted the Mediation does not prevent the use of the outside patio area for the consumption of alcohol after 22.00. Again my family & I are at risk of noise and disturbance as a result; The Seasonal Variation for the showing of televised matches as currently drafted is too wide. The scope of this variation appears to have been significantly widened increasing the number of occasions for noise and disturbance for nearby residents. Also, as drafted there is no condition restricting the sale of alcohol on these occasions to sales for consumption inside the Rugby Club House only.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p><u>Re: Application for a new premises licence</u> <u>St. Neots Rugby Union Football Club Ltd.</u></p> <p>Unfortunately I do not have the facility to put my comments on line, but fail to see why this should preclude me from giving my opinion.</p> <p>I live next to St. Neots Rugby Union Club playing fields and within sight of the clubhouse and facilities and quite agree that sport and spectators do of course make noise.</p> <p>However, sadly in the past I have had occasion to write to St. Neots Council and the club to complain of the noise of the social activities occurring there on the playing fields, with very loud music indeed and a cheerleader exhorting the crowd to make as much noise as possible.</p> <p>This of course has nothing whatsoever to do with sport playing here.</p> <p>Often the doors of the clubhouse facilities are left open anyway and of course the noise of very loud music etc carries long distances across the open playing fields.</p> <p>A 2am licence would of course be quite intolerable and would of course bring all the usual problems of bad behaviour etc with it!</p> <p>This is a Rugby Football Club after all, not a "disco", as the organisers seem to wish it to be.</p> <p>I remain,</p> 			

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact
<p>I write to object to the Application made by the St Neots Rugby Club for a new Premises Licence.</p> <p>Firstly, the statement made in Section M (a) of the Application that "the Club benefits from being located out of the main town of St Neots" is very misleading. It suggests the Club is in an out of</p>			

town location and activities there will have little impact on local residents but this is not the case. There are large numbers of homes along the eastern and southern boundaries of the Ground - the Barringer Way development runs along the eastern side and the Queensway/Crescent/Leys Road development runs along the southern side of the Ground. I live at [REDACTED] and there is a well used public footpath leading from the end of my road directly into the Ground at the south east corner, which is used by people walking to the Club House.

Second, I am not clear whether the Application to extend the Opening Hours to an hour before kick off and an hour after the final whistle when International Rugby Tournaments take place is restricted to weekends or is intended to apply throughout the week.

I am objecting to the Application for the following reasons

To Prevent Crime and Disorder

Under the Club's existing license, the Club serves alcohol until 11.00pm and closes at midnight. Sometimes (particularly at weekends), the Club already closes later when there are private functions.

I am concerned allowing the Club to sell alcohol until 2.00am will result in more Crime and Disorder. People will be able to drink for longer becoming even more drunk which in turn will increase the risk of petty crimes being committed in a built up residential area. I have major concerns for the safety of my home and vehicles (which have been vandalised before from drunken people) and with people leaving the Club late at night and walking past my house there is a higher risk of this happening again. Extending the opening hours to 2.00am increases the opportunity for similar incidents to take place as most local people will be in bed at that time and there will be less people around to act as a deterrent.

Also, allowing the Club to sell alcohol for consumption off/away from the Licensed Premises, without any supervision must not be allowed. Evidence of alcohol induced anti-social behaviour is often seen in St Neots and increasing the opportunity for people to buy alcohol to drink in this way is irresponsible.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

As I have already said, the Club House is located close to many homes. If this Application is granted, the extended opening hours will mean local residents will suffer a significant reduction in their living amenity and environment every weekend until 2.00am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Residents will be impacted in the following ways:

Loud Noise - from Live and Recorded Music, Dance Performances & Indoor Sporting Events until 2.00am, every Saturday and Sunday morning. This is unreasonable. The Application says these events are only to take place indoors but local residents are already disturbed during existing opening hours as loud music/excessive bass is clearly audible when events are taking place. The Club House is an old building and appears to have no effective sound proofing.

There are families with young children (my daughter is 10), people working shifts and elderly people living close to the Club - they will all be at risk of regular sleep disturbance if this Licence Application is granted.

Noise and Disturbance from people leaving the Club - local people are already impacted by noise from rowdy drunk individuals walking through our residential area on their way home from events at the Club. The longer opening hours will mean the disturbance will go on for longer. The loud behaviour (which includes shouting and swearing) is intimidating - I am intimidated by it particularly when I am home alone at night and I am concerned about elderly people who live on my development being affected in the same way.

Off Sales will increase the litter problem with individuals discarding empty cans and food packaging on nearby streets.

I see the Licensed Premises are to be extended to include the outside Patio Area. This in turn will increase the noise and disturbance for local residents from people eating, drinking and socialising outside. Will the patio area be closed at a certain time? If so, how will this be enforced?

To Protect Children From Harm

My 10 year old daughter struggles to get to sleep on occasion when loud music is playing at the Club. Having struggled to get to sleep she is then woken by people leaving the Club late at night. If this application is granted she (and the many young children who live on this development) are at risk of regularly being woken up at 2.00am. Sleep is extremely important for children's health, mental well being and their ability to concentrate and study at school.

The loud, raucous, drunken behaviour of people leaving the Club is frightening for my daughter.

The potential for additional hours outside of those clearly detailed in the Notice of Application, when there are intentional games being played, also concerns me. How often will this happen? Will local people be subjected to noise and disturbance at unsocial hours during the week when they have work (and school) the next day?

I also worry about my daughters safety in my own home when it is just me and her here and if something was to happen because of a drunken person from the club walking home in the middle of the night me and my daughter could be at great risk of harm or be targeted.

For all the reasons detailed above, the St Neots Rugby Club Premises Licence Application must be rejected and the existing licensed hours retained. If the Club wants to open late for a private function or an International Rugby Tournament it should apply for a separate Temporary Events Notice on a case by case basis to allow HDC's Licensing Department to have control over the frequency of these events and to protect local residents from regular and sustained disturbance.

Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

23/07/2024

Due to prior commitments, I am unable to attend a Hearing of the Licensing Sub Committee on 21 August 2024 but I would like my representations to be drawn to the attention of the Sub Committee please.

The revised Mediation Summary is not sufficient to allow me to withdraw my representation because:

The wording relating to Off Sales is ambiguous. As drafted, it allows for Off Sales for “other purposes” not to be subject to the conditions of (a) sales in plastic open topped beakers and (b) to stop by 22.00. I live close to the Ground and Off Sales in other circumstances leaves me open to people buying alcohol from the Rugby Club after 22.00 and being able to drink this alcohol while walking past my house late at night with likely noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour. The current wording allows the Rugby Club to operate as an Off Licence which I am not comfortable with as it allows for the sale of alcohol to individuals to drink unsupervised and able to wander with alcohol pass my property late into the night. This makes me feel very unsafe with my nearly 10-year-old daughter in my own home because of the risk of drunken people passing by that could damage my property and put me and my daughter in danger.

As drafted the Mediation does not prevent the use of the outside patio area for the consumption of alcohol after 22.00. Again I (and my nearly 10-year-old daughter) are at risk of noise and disturbance as a result;

The Seasonal Variation for the showing of televised matches as currently drafted is too wide. The scope of this variation appears to have been significantly widened increasing the number of occasions for noise and disturbance for nearby residents. Also, as drafted there is no condition restricting the sale of alcohol on these occasions to sales for consumption inside the Rugby Club House only.

Therefore, I do not withdraw my representation towards the licence for the Rugby Club until the correct measures are put in place.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

Residential family housing backs on to this premises. I object on the basis of point 3; prevention of public nuisance. The rugby club events can easily be heard from where I live, and whilst I am happy for sports events to take place during the day and until a reasonable time in the evening 0200 is too late and will result in local residents being disturbed by noise whilst events are being held, and also by noise at the time the club closes and guests/customers leave the premises. The premises is a sports club not a night club with music. I object to both music being played and the sale of alcohol after 11pm. I request that my representation is not published in full.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

I would object to the granting of this licence. My house backs on to the St Neots Rugby Club and were such a licence to be granted, there is the potential for an unacceptable amount of noise to be audible at my property on multiple days of the week until 02:00 at the weekend. The facility is a sports club, not a nightclub and granting a licence of this type would effectively equate to a nightclub existing a couple of hundred yards from my house and impact the residential estate / quality of life for myself and my family. Granting such a licence would no doubt bring with it further challenges, that I'd propose St Neots Rugby Club / surrounding area is ill equipped to deal with, e.g. increased foot fall in unsociable hours, with the facility located in the middle of a non lit area, whereby the speed limit is 60 MPH. Have questions regarding the safety impact of granting such a licence been addressed ? Late licence = later alcohol consumption, which putting increased noise / anti social behaviour aside for a moment, will lead to increased safety concerns as folks make their way to and from the venue. In summary, I would confirm my objection to the granting of this licence and am happy to provide any further context if required.

Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

13/07/2024

Thank you for your follow up. My objection to the granting of this licence remains unchanged for reasons previously stated. In summary, the location of the premises is within a residential area.

My fear being that by granting this licence, there is a risk of an increase in crime and disorder, as well as noise, negatively impacting the quality of life for the surrounding properties in said residential area. I'm happy to provide any further information / elaboration required. Many thanks again

22/07/2024

Many thanks for sharing the updated information. My objection to granting the licence remains though. I don't see anything that confirms events will not run until 02:00 which was the basis for my original objection. Will await your further comms, many thanks.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

caAsa long time resident who purchased my house near a sports club as an asset their has been signifacnt nose polution with very loud outside music when the club had the car club meets. This has now stopped but the extension to their licencing is disturbing as it appears that there could be loud music until 2 am on Saturday and SudaY mornings. There is no other houses or barriers between my house and the clubhouse. I object to a licence that allows them to hold "parties" or other forms of public activities beyond normal public house hours. To allow the bar to open at non UK time for televised sporting events at other time zones is not acceltable

Further Comments

23/07/2024

My address is almost the closest residential property to the rugby club and the clubhouse is less than 150 yds from my boundary.

This location was seen as an asset when we purchased 10 years ago but the licence extension will enable any future management of the club to allow outside parties to offer alcohol to non members of the club and it could become an "off-licence" at a later date.

We have no objection the the club selling alcohol for their members (inside the clubhouse) and at normal sports club times. The requested extension will enable to club to open for televised rugby matches and any time of the day or night for "home nation" (unspecified) at any time of the day. The extended opening hours of midnight is excessive as the public houses close at 2300 and the limits of the place that the drink can be consumed is vague.

0200mon New Years day is not unreasonable as it is a one off!

Please note my concerns and use your powers to offer make it right for all those who are concerned

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

This address has been our family home since 1987. Since then we have enjoyed being part of the community the rugby club brings especially over the few years food fests, car boots, even using the club facilities for our own family entertainment and never have problems with noise or rowdiness. I do hope that they get the extra licensing they are asking for as I believe they will continue bringing that extra community feel.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

I received your notification of the Rugby Club's application for an extension to licensing hours and wish to object to the application.

I am a 93 year old registered blind widow, who has lived in XXXX since 1953. During that time I have been tolerant concerning issues with the occupants of the pavilion, both with noise pollution, littering and anti-social behaviour. My daughter has raised these concerns with the relevant person and things have generally been resolved amicably.

However this application is one step too far. I am not a sound sleeper and am very concerned that the little sleep I do have will be disrupted both by the extension of hours and the noise originating from the open air patio.

The extension of hours to an hour before and an hour after kick-off(any time of day or night-due to time differences) is preposterous as this could disrupt my/deprive me of sleep at any time without any control. I therefore request most strongly that all of the licensing hours extensions/changes are rejected.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

On 24 June 2024, I sent an email detailing a number of errors in the Rugby Club's Notice of Application and the Application itself.

I received a telephone call from William Dell'Orefice during which I agreed not to require the Rugby Club to re advertise the Application in the Press subject to:

The consultation period being extended by 28 days to Monday 22 July 2024

The Notice of Application being corrected to remedy the defects identified in my email of 24 June 2024; and

The Notice of Application being displayed on (a) the main Rugby Club gate so it could be seen by people walking along New Road AND (b) at the entrance to the public footpath from the Ground to Queensway/The Crescent.

Following my email of 24 June 2024, two of my neighbours and I met with the Rugby Club Chairman, Paul Warmington. We had a very positive discussion and reached agreement on a way forward which we understood met the needs of the Rugby Club and at the same time were hopeful would be more acceptable to local residents.

On 26 June 2024, with the agreement of Paul Warmington, I emailed William Dell'Orefice some proposed revised wording for the Licence Application.

On 28 June 2024, I received an email containing a "Summary of Mediation". I responded advising more work was needed as the revised wording detailed in the Summary of Mediation did not meet the Applicant's needs and, as drafted would continue to give rise to concerns for & objections from local residents. I provided some revised wording for the Summary of Mediation but was advised that Licensing Procedure prevented some of my suggested wording being used and more particularly that the issue relating to the timing of outside consumption of alcohol (on the exterior Patio and the Ground) must be dealt with by Additional Conditions added to the Licence.

Over a week has elapsed since my email of 28 June 2024 and the deadline for representations of 22 July 2024 is fast approaching. While I understand matters are progressing in the right direction, no revised "Summary of Mediation" has been provided to me. (I acknowledge the reason for this delay is due in part to members of the Licensing Team being involved in General Election related duties last week).

In the absence of a revised Summary of Mediation which addresses the issues detailed in my email of 28 June 2024, I am now writing to protect my position and to formally record my objection to the current Licence Application as modified by the Summary of Mediation supplied to me on 28 June 2024.

My grounds for objection are (a) the Prevention of Public Nuisance and (b) the Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

First, it is important to comment on the statement contained in the Application that "the Club benefits from being located out of the main town of St Neots." This suggests the Club is in an out

of town location and its activities will have little impact on local residents. The reality is very different - there are large numbers of residential properties along the eastern and southern boundaries of the Ground - the Barringer Way development runs along the eastern boundary and the Queensway/Crescent/ Leys Road Development runs along the southern boundary. A significant number of properties are located only a short distance from the Club House and the rugby pitches. (I attach a selection of photographs which clearly illustrate the proximity of homes). I also attach the plan from the Rugby Club lease which illustrates the density of nearby residential homes. Additionally there is a well used public footpath leading between the Crescent and the Ground which is used by people walking to and from the Club House.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The reduction of the proposed Opening Hours as detailed in the Summary of Mediation provided on 28 June 2024 is very welcome, with a 2.00am opening only being granted for New Year's Eve but the failure to include conditions;

(a) restricting Off Sales of Alcohol to sales in plastic beakers for consumption on the areas of the Ground shown edged red on the Licence Plan (which I supplied under cover of my email of 28 June) ("the Licensed Off Sales Area") when there are Rugby Training Sessions and/or Rugby Matches in progress or when there are outside events organised by 3rd parties taking place on the Licensed Off Sales Area and only then to be limited to Off Sales for consumption before 22.00; and

(b) requiring the Sales of Alcohol for consumption on the Club's Exterior Patio Area to end at 22.00 and requiring staff to ensure consumption of alcohol on the patio finishes promptly at this time; and

(c) requiring all external doors and windows of the Licensed Premises (not only the Function Room as currently drafted) to be closed when music and dance events and screenings of international rugby matches are taking place in the Licensed Premises; and

(d) requiring signage to be displayed prominently on the Exterior Patio Area requesting customers to be mindful of local residents; and

(e) limiting the sale of alcohol in relation to the screening of international rugby games to sales for indoor consumption only

AND

The failure to include a seasonal variation which limits the ability to sell alcohol only for one hour before kick off, during the game and for one hour after the final whistle of rugby games being played overseas in different time zones in the Southern Hemisphere only in either (i) the Rugby World Cup or (ii) in tournaments involving the British &/or Irish Lions Touring Sides (which are being televised)

mean there is a very real risk of noise and disturbance to local residents from people eating, drinking and socialising outside the Club House until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. This is unacceptable. As the attached photographs illustrate there are a significant number of residential properties close to the Club House and boundaries of the Ground. Failure to include these Conditions and Seasonal Variations mean local residents will suffer a significant reduction in their living amenity and environment. Residents will be impacted by loud noise from Live & Recorded Music, Dance Performances, Indoor Sporting Activities and televised screenings of international games (if the windows and doors of the Club House are not kept closed). There are families with young children, people working shifts and elderly people living close to the Club House who will be at risk of regular sleep disturbance. With no condition imposed on the time during which Off Sales can be made, local people will be impacted by noise from individuals drinking on the "Licensed Off Sales Area" and on the Exterior Patio Area - people's behaviour deteriorates when alcohol is consumed to excess & noise travels more at night. In addition to the risk of increased noise disturbance I am also concerned about the increase in littering (I collect litter from the Rugby Ground during my regular dog walks). What measures will the Club introduce to ensure the plastic beakers used for Off Sales are returned for reuse?

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

In the absence of the imposition of the Seasonal Variations and Conditions detailed above, I am concerned about late night, alcohol induced anti social behaviour on the Licensed Off Sales Area, particularly when events are being staged by third party event organisers.

I very much hope these points can be addressed and an agreement reached which meets the requirements of the Rugby Club while at the same time addressing the concerns of local residents and respecting their right to the quiet enjoyment of their homes. The Rugby Club lease dated 22 April 2021 specifically contains "no nuisance" provisions - at Clause 3.2(a) which imposes an obligation on the Club "not to do anything on the Premises which may become a nuisance, damage or danger to the Lessor or any nearby owner or occupier" and at Clause 3.2(d) which stipulates the Rugby Club must "not use the Premises for any illegal or immoral purpose or for any dangerous, noxious, noisy or offensive occupation or in any manner so as to be offensive to the occupiers of any nearby property." A copy of page 7 of the Club's Lease is attached for your ease of reference.

If a Hearing of the Licensing Sub Committee is convened I confirm my willingness to attend

Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

21/07/2024

I acknowledge receipt of your email below, attaching the final version of the Mediation Summary.

I regret, the revised Mediation Summary is not sufficient to allow me to withdraw my representation.

Please treat my email dated 9 July 2024 (with the enclosed Plan, photographs(illustrating the proximity of nearby residential housing to the RC Clubhouse, exterior patio and boundaries), & extract of the Rugby Club Lease dated 22 April 2021 detailing the "no nuisance clause" to which

the Club is subject), as repeated here. I cannot yet confirm my availability to attend a hearing on 21 August 2024 and it is important my concerns detailed in my previous email (with the supporting evidence supplied) are brought to the attention of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

If the a Hearing goes ahead, the Sub-Committee must comprise individuals with no links to the Applicant. In this regard I am aware from discussions with Paul Warmington (RC Chairman) that Cllr Stephen Ferguson has previously assisted the RC to obtain funding for projects and in the circumstances there is potential for a Conflict of Interest.

I acknowledge the reduction in hours offered by the RC and other compromises which have made - these are welcome & appreciated. However, I cannot accept the revised Mediation for the following reasons:

Seasonal Variations - screenings of International Matches

The wording of this Seasonal Variation has altered significantly.

What is meant by Home Nation teams? Is this England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales. All these teams participate in the annual Six Nations Tournament which includes France & Italy. Paul Warmington advised during a meeting the RC only wanted to televise the Rugby World Cup and tournaments involving the British &/or Irish Lions Touring Sides. The new wording significantly increases the scope of the Seasonal Variation & accordingly the number of occasions for noise and disturbance to nearby residents. There is no reference to the type of matches that would be televised. Are they intended to be international matches only including the World Cup or could they include any of the Home Nation Teams, playing a "Club" side - as recently happened with Wales in Australia for example?

I cannot accept the Seasonal Variation as drafted. I would be prepared to accept the following:

When Home Nation teams (being England and the British &/or Irish Lions Touring sides only) are playing in televised international matches including the Rugby World Cup which are broadcast live at a time outside of the standard hours permitted by this Licence, alcohol may be supplied for consumption ON the premises from 1 hour before the kick-off time until 1 hour after the final whistle. The Licensing Authority will be notified in writing of such occasion no less than 7 days in advance.

Note: My agreement to the Seasonal Variation being varied as set out above is **CONDITIONAL** on an Additional Condition being added to read:

All sales of Alcohol made under the Seasonal Variation relating to televised Home Nations teams are to be restricted to the sale of alcohol for consumption inside the RC House ONLY and not for consumption on the outside patio.

Reason for this caveat: the definition of the Licensed Premises includes the outside patio. The restriction in the Seasonal Variation to ON sales does not adequately deal with the situation regarding noise and disturbance caused by people potentially drinking on the patio an hour before

& an hour after the game finishes which could be in the early hours of the morning, because ON sales permit sales for consumption on the patio area. The photographs attached to my email of 9 July 2024, clearly demonstrate the proximity of the patio to nearby residential properties. To expose local residents to disturbance in the early hours of the morning is unacceptable.

Off Sales

I place on record, my frustration at the complete inability of the Licensing Officer to grasp the issue & draft the required wording which reflects what the RC has indicated is required. Conditions 1 & 2 as currently drafted are ambiguous, the wording "made for the purpose" means those Conditions could be argued not to apply to any Off Sales for other purposes. From my face to face discussions with the RC Chairman, I understand this is not the RC's intention (and the RC's agreement to limit these sales to a cut off time of 22.00 is welcome) BUT the Licence must be clear and unambiguous.

I set out again the wording I have supplied twice now. This meets the RC's needs & gives comfort that Off Sales are only to be permitted in these 3 limited circumstances and NO other (ie that the RC cannot operate as an off licence).

I will withdraw my representation if the following wording is substituted for Additional Conditions 1 & 2 in the current draft:

Off Sales are only permitted in plastic beakers for consumption on the areas of the Ground shown edged red on the attached Licence Plan ("the Licensed Off Sales Area') AND only when there are Rugby Training Sessions and Rugby Matches in progress or when there are outside events organised by 3rd parties taking place on the Licensed Off Sales Area provided no Off Sales will be made for consumption after 22.00 hours. Off Sales will stop no later than 21.30 hours to ensure all alcohol is consumed by 22.00 hours. (Wording in red is new wording).

(Please refer to my email dated 9 July 2024 for the Licence Plan)

Additional Condition 5 - consumption of alcohol on the patio

As explained above, the patio forms part of the Licensed Premises. Without a restriction, alcohol could be served for consumption outside until midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings. This is unacceptable.

I will withdraw my representation only if Condition 5 is amended to read as follows:

Any outside seating will be carefully monitored by staff to ensure it is being used in a responsible manner so as not to cause a disturbance to local residents and to ensure consumption of alcohol on the patio finishes promptly at 22.00 hours.

Reason: local residents living adjacent to the boundary of the Club must be protected from noise & disturbance from people drinking outside late into the evening.

It has been suggested in the event of difficulties regarding the patio this could be dealt with via discussions with the RC and/or complaints to Licensing.

The existing License Application states at Clause M(d)...”All events organised by the Club take into account the need to consider the local community and to consult where necessary. When an event is found to have caused a public nuisance steps are taken to liaise with the local community to ensure that a repeat does not occur”.

I place on record, this is not my experience. I contacted the RC on 3 occasions last year, initially face to face (meeting Club Director Peter Arnold on Friday 28 July 2023) and then followed up with 3 emails (29 July, 8 August & 24 August) and apart from an initial email from Mr Arnold acknowledging receipt of my first email, I heard nothing further from the Club. It was only when HDC Licensing *finally* became involved (see below) that any progress was made to achieving a resolution.

Additionally emails sent to HDC Licensing last summer were ignored until I submitted a formal complaint in January 2024.

I am not happy to accept a situation which requires me to try to resolve issues in this way going forward. Residents need certainty & the RC (and its staff) must fully understand their License Obligations.

I acknowledge, I (together with 2 neighbours) recently had a very constructive meeting with XXXX the RC Chairman and discussed ways in which communication can be improved and a good relationship established between residents and the RC going forward. I remain 100% committed to pursuing this opportunity and keen to work with the RC but I set out the past difficulties to illustrate why I am not comfortable to rely on Additional Condition 5 as currently drafted.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

I wish to complain concerning the above application. This relates to the times to which the application is requesting. Whilst I would have no objection to any event finishing at 12midnight, 2am is far too late not to cause a nuisance. I live off of Mill Lane and know that previous events held the Rugby club are clearly audible especially during summer nights when you want to sleep with windows open. In addition some people at these events spill out of the club and cause a nuisance and noise in BC the local area.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

We are writing to formally express our objections to the proposed indoor live music, alcohol consumption (ON/OFF the premises) Friday and Saturday 2300 hr to 0200 hrs etc for the above premises. Living in the surrounding area we have significant concerns regarding the impact on the well-being of us and our neighbours.

Concerns relating to the potential noise nuisance from these events with housing so close to the club. These extended opening hours causing noise, sleep disturbance and anxiety in the early hours of the morning. The disturbances would continue after, due to people making their way home etc

The impact would increase anti social behaviour, with customers leaving the club continuing socializing (possible drug use) and taking alcohol with them, this would encourage more shouting, swearing etc within residential areas and on the field itself.

More noise and anti social behaviour from the use of outside patio area. Concerns for children's well being, could be left unsupervised and left to wonder off across the field and near the road putting them at a high risk of harm.

Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

23/07/2024

I regret that the final version which you attached is not sufficient for us to withdraw our comments.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

I write again to emphasise my objections to the requested licensing changes for the club. I did write some weeks back but have not received any response or acknowledgement from you.

My garden backs onto the club grounds so extended hours will be hugely impactful for my family. 0200 on weekends? This is Cambridgeshire, not Ibiza!

I have no objection to odd events but every night till 11pm and weekends till 0200 is ridiculous.

I have copied in my MP to further demonstrate my opposition to the licensing extension.

Further Comment in Response to Mediation (Appendix E)

19/07/2024

I'm glad to see 0200 has been abandoned as a weekly occurrence. I have no objection to it on New Years Eve.

I'm still concerned about 2300 every night, especially allowing alcohol takeaway sales, as i understand it. This will encourage people to sit outside to drink, making a racket. It's bad enough now when kids do that at weekends.

I moved here as it was a quiet residential neighbourhood. I don't mind odd events (I was sorry the car meets were cancelled - they were only monthly & not on too late). But I still object to late night noise every night, especially any outdoor events.

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I am writing to formally record my objection to the current Licence Application and the modifications by the various Summary of Mediation documents of which I am aware.

My grounds for objection are (a) the Prevention of Public Nuisance and (b) the Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

First, it is important to comment on the statement contained in the Application that “the Club benefits from being located out of the main town of St Neots.” This suggests the Club is in an out-of-town location and its activities will have little impact on local residents. The reality is very different - there are large numbers of residential properties along the eastern and southern boundaries of the Ground - the Barringer Way development runs along the eastern boundary and the Queensway/Crescent/ Leys Road Development runs along the southern boundary. A significant number of properties are located only a short distance from the Club House and the rugby pitches. Additionally, there is a well-used public footpath leading between the Crescent and the Ground which is a very regular route for people walking to and from the Club House.

My comments on the Application are as follows:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The reduction of the proposed Opening Hours shall be limited to closing by no later than 00.00, with a 2.00am opening only being granted for New Year’s Eve.

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Requiring the Sales of Alcohol for consumption on the Club’s Exterior Patio Area to end at 22.00 and requiring staff to ensure consumption of alcohol on the patio finishes promptly at this time; any outside seating will be carefully monitored by staff to ensure it is being used in a responsible manner so as not to cause a disturbance to local residents; and

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I understand that 21st August has been set to convene a Hearing of the Licensing Sub Committee and I confirm my willingness to attend and to speak.

If the Hearing goes ahead, the Sub-Committee must comprise individuals with no links directly or indirectly to the Applicant. In this regard I am aware from discussions with Paul Warmington (Rugby club Chairman) that Cllr Stephen Ferguson has previously assisted the Club to obtain funding for projects and in the circumstances, there is potential for a Conflict of Interest.

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St Neots Rugby Club describes itself on the Application as “ the Club benefits from being located out of the main town of St Neots”. The statement suggests that it is located out of town and its activities will have little impact on local residents. In reality, there are large numbers of residential properties along the eastern side (the Barringer Way development) and on the southern side (Queensway/The Crescent and Leys Road). Some of the properties are very close to the club house itself.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

To limit disruption to those living around the club, the Opening Hours shall be limited to closing by no later than 00.00 on Fri/Sat and Sat/Sun, with a 2.00a.m. opening only being granted on New Year’s Eve.

Restricting Off Sales of alcohol to sales in plastic beakers for consumption on the areas of the Ground when there is rugby training sessions and/or rugby matches in progress or when there are outside events organised by 3rd parties taking place on the Licensed Of Sales Area and only then to be limited of Off Sales for consumption before 22.00, and

Requiring the sales of alcohol for consumption on the club’s exterior patio area to end at 22.00 and requiring staff to ensure that this finishes promptly on time. Any disruptive behaviour will be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

As sound carries, staff to ensure that the volume of music for events to be at a reasonable level. Music played on the outside ground area should also be at a level as to not disrupt those trying to enjoy time in their homes or gardens.

Signage to be displayed prominently on the exterior patio area and also in the club house, reminding customers to be mindful of local residents, especially when leaving late at night.

Rugby games can be played all over the world in different time zones, so clarification should be made as to what Home Nation teams refers to and whether it includes matches played overseas. As these can be in the early hours of the morning, restriction should be included that the outside patio area should not be used outside normal opening hours.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Plans should be put in place to ensure that any disorderly/criminal behaviour at events, including those of a third party should be dealt with. A telephone number should be made available to those living around the club should any problems occur.

Protection of children from harm

On some previous occasions, children have been allowed to run around outside shouting and screaming until closing time. This not only puts them in danger, especially when it is dark, but if anything is amiss, it is difficult to tell if any child is in trouble. It also comes under the category of being a nuisance to those living around the area.

Additional Comments

Having lived close to the rugby club for over ten years, I have enjoyed seeing players of all ages playing and learning the game. I do not want to stop the club from operating as a rugby club, but as mentioned previously, consideration should be taken into account for those activities, especially when loud music is played, both inside and outside the clubhouse to those living around the area.

Date Received	Name	Address	Contact

I am writing to object to the revised mediation summary in respect of the license extension requested by St Neots Rugby Club.

The wording related to Off Sales is ambiguous. It appears to allow Off Sales for “other purposes”. This could mean people buying alcohol after 2200 and being able to drink this late at night, incurring late night noise, disturbance and anti social behaviour in the grounds (possibly by my back garden fence) or in the streets. The wording would appear to allow the Club to act as an off licence as it would allow sales to individuals to drink unsupervised and to excess.

Using the patio for drinking post 2200 also ensures noise and disturbance for my family.

The seasonal variation for the showing of televised matches is too wide. The scope seems to have been significantly widened increasing the number of occasions for noise and disturbance for local residents.

I’m also concerned about suggested opening hours. Every night at 2300 and weekends at 0200 is far too frequent. Again, this is likely to result in an increased level of noise and disruption for local families.

This is a sports club, not a pub so why do they need such extended hours? There are plenty of places in town where people can buy or consume alcohol. Do we really need to have what is likely to become a sports themed pub?

So, I guess my final view on the matter is — no. I object in the strongest terms possible to any extension to the license for St Neots Rugby Club as it will have a detrimental affect upon my family.

Licensable Activities

Activity and timings as applied for	Revised activities and timings after mediation
a. Plays - indoors Friday – 2300 to 0200 hrs Saturday – 2300 to 0000hrs	b. Plays - indoors Friday – 2300 to 0000 hrs Saturday – 2300 to 0000hrs
c. Films - indoors Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100 to 2300 hrs Friday and Saturday – 1100 to 0200 hrs	d. Films- indoors Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100 to 2300 hrs Friday and Saturday – 1100 to 0000 hrs
e. Indoor Sporting Events Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0200 hrs	f. Indoor Sporting Events Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0000 hrs
e. Live Music - indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0200 hrs	f. Live Music- indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0000 hrs
g. Recorded Music - indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0200 hrs	h. Recorded Music- indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0000 hrs
i. Performance of Dance - indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0200 hrs	j. Performance of Dance- indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0000 hrs
k. Anything similar description to e,f,g - indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0200 hrs	l. Anything similar description to e,f,g - indoors Friday and Saturday – 2300 to 0000 hrs
Provision of Late Night Refreshment - indoors Friday and Saturday - 2300 to 0200hrs	Provision of Late Night Refreshment- indoors Friday and Saturday - 2300 to 0000hrs

Supply of Alcohol – On & Off sales Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100 to 2300 hrs Friday and Saturday – 1100 to 0200 hrs	Supply of Alcohol - On & Off sales Monday to Thursday, Sunday – 1100 to 2300 hrs Friday and Saturday – 1100 to 0000 hrs
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Seasonal Variations

Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance – New Year’s Eve until 0200hrs
Late Night Refreshment – New Year’s Eve until 0200hrs
Supply of Alcohol – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Year’s Eve until 0200hrs 2. When Home Nation teams are playing in televised matches which are broadcast live at a time outside of the standard hours permitted by this licence, alcohol may be supplied for consumption ON the premises from 1 hour before the kick-off time until 1 hour after the final whistle. The Licensing Authority will be notified in writing of such occasion no less than 7 days in advance.

Conditions –

Volunteered condition	Reworded conditions after consultation with Licensing
A H&S policy is in place and staff are trained in both First Aid and the requirements of the licencing regulations.	<p>Staff must have completed their responsible alcohol sales training, covering relevant licensing legislation including input on preventing underage sales and preventing sales of alcohol to people who are drunk. prior to being authorised to sell alcohol.</p> <p>Records will be kept of such training and will be immediately available for inspection by Cambridgeshire Police or authorised officer of a responsible authority for inspection upon request.</p>

	All staff must complete welfare and vulnerability training, this is to include 'Ask for Angela' Scheme (as long as it is still in operation). The training is to be carried out at least once every 6 months and written records of the training must be kept for inspection by Cambridgeshire Police or authorised officer of a responsible authority.
The club has a zero acceptance policy relating to drugs and anyone found using or supplying drugs on the premises will be quickly removed and barred from future attendance	The premises shall have a written Drugs Policy. Any seized/found substances believed to be illegal substances will be recorded in a drugs register with the item placed in a secure safe or drawer, and arrangements shall be made at the earliest opportunity to hand to police.
<p>Bookings for parties for under 25's will not be taken unless the individual is a club member and strict procedures will be in place to ensure the no underage drinking takes place.</p> <p>The club does not hire the premises for 18th or 21st birthday parties except in exceptional circumstances when they relate to members or their immediate families. On these occasions a full risk assessment is undertaken to ensure that all steps are taken to ensure compliance to the law.</p> <p>For other events a full risk assessment is undertaken and suitable door staff employed.</p> <p>Door staff are employed where considered necessary following the risk assessment</p>	<p>Booking for parties for under 25's will not be accepted except in exceptional circumstances when they relate to a club member or their immediate families.</p> <p>On these occasions a full written risk assessment will be undertaken and made available for inspection by the police or other authorised officer on request</p> <p>Though SIA door supervisors are not considered necessary for the day to day business operation, an ongoing risk assessment will be undertaken to ensure at during licensed hours where it is considered necessary, sufficient SIA registered security officers will be employed by the License Holder. This risk assessment will be made available for inspection by the police or other authorised officer on request.</p>
All staff are trained to ensure that identity is provided where the buyer of the alcohol appears to be below 25 years old.	The Challenge 25 proof of age policy shall be operated and only a photographic driving licence, a valid passport, a valid UK Armed Forces photographic identity card with the bearer`s

	<p>photograph on it or Home Office approved proof of age card with the bearer`s photograph and the PASS hologram on it will be accepted as proof of age.</p>
<p>All hirers are required to sign up to adoption of the H&S policy when making a booking.</p> <p>All hirers sign up to the booking rules which include the need to avoid causing a public nuisance. All events organised by the club take into account the need to consider the local community and to consult where necessary.</p>	<p>All hirers of the venue must be required to sign and following the booking rules and Health and Safety Policy. The booking rules will be made available to the police or other authorised officer on request.</p>

Additional Conditions Requested from Licensing & Environmental Health –

1. All OFF sales made for the purpose of being consumed on the adjacent field will be decanted and served in plastic/polycarbonate containers.
2. All OFF sales made for the purpose of being consumed on the adjacent field, will take place when a pre-planned, 3rd party organised events or Rugby Training Sessions and/or Rugby Matches are taking place on the adjacent field. On these occasions OFF sales will cease at 22:00.
3. A written delegation of authority record will be kept at the premises whereby non personal licence holders are authorised to make sales on behalf of the Designated Premises Supervisor.
4. An Incident Book shall be kept at the premises and made available to the Police or Authorised Officers, which shall record the following:
 - a. All crimes reported;
 - b. All ejections of customers;
 - c. Any incidents of disorder;
 - d. Any faults in the CCTV;
 - e. Any refusal in the sale of alcohol;
5. Any outside seating will be carefully monitored by staff to ensure it is being used in a responsible manner so as not to cause a disturbance to local residents.

6. The person nominated as the DPS will join the HBAC/Pubwatch scheme and support its aims and objectives. This includes support of its agreed banning policy and attending meetings; personally, or by sending an authorised representative of the venue.
7. External doors and windows will be kept closed when Regulated Entertainment is taking place on the premises
8. Signage requesting customers to leave quietly will be fixed in a prominent position by the final exit door(s) and a sign requesting customers to be mindful of local residents will be displayed prominently on the outside patio.

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