

**RECORD OF DECISION**  
**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF HEARING: MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2025**

**MEMBERS: Councillors M L Beuttell (Chair), A E Costello  
and S J Criswell**

**Date:** 19 November 2025

**APPLICATION CONSIDERED:**

**Name of premises: The Snug, Unit 3, The Mill, Free Church Passage, St  
Ives PE27 5AY**

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

1. Licensing Officer, William Dell'Orefice
2. Applicant
3. Terry Simpson
4. Gina Zivtina (St Ives Spiritual Church)
5. Bruce Moore (St Ives Spiritual Church)

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

- ❖ Statutory provisions referred to in the report
- ❖ Statutory Guidance referred to in the report
- ❖ Huntingdonshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
- ❖ Licensing Officer's Report
- ❖ Advice from the District Council's Legal Representative
- ❖ Submission from the Applicant
- ❖ Representations from those listed above
- ❖ Written representations from those not present at the hearing
- ❖ Suggested amendments from the Applicant
- ❖ Responses to questions asked by Members and those attending the hearing.

**Our decision is as follows:**

We GRANT the variation insofar as explained below and subject to the conditions outlined.

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

1. We have carefully considered the application before us, including the written representations (both in support and those objecting) and those from Responsible Authorities. We have carefully listened and considered all the oral representations made today. We have viewed this application in isolation and entirely on its own merits.
2. We have applied the relevant legislation and guidance, including our policy, and reminded ourselves that our fundamental function is to promote the licensing objectives and we must be satisfied that granting this application would promote those licensing objectives; of which we give equal weight and importance.
3. We take the view that whilst the representations raise legitimate concerns in respect of the licensing objectives (principally, the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance), these concerns can be allayed by conditions which overall would promote the licensing objectives.
4. We are satisfied that this variation can be granted, subject to the following conditions.
5. In relation to the application for a licence for music (recorded and live), we have taken into consideration the representations both in support and in objection, but on consideration of the law, we do not impose any conditions relating to the playing of recorded or live music within the hours sought (which fall between 08:00am and 23:00pm) as we are satisfied that it falls within the exemption imputed into the Licensing Act 2003 by virtue of the Live Music Act 2012 and the Legislative Reform (Entertainment Licensing) Order 2014. We also note paragraphs 16.26 and 16.33 of the Statutory Guidance which confirms that a licence is not required for music in this circumstance.
6. We do reflect upon the promotion of the licensing objectives, particularly, public nuisance and in respect of noise nuisance we impose the following conditions:
  - 6.1. For any recorded or live music at the premises between the hours of 11:00pm and 08:00am:
    - 6.1.1. No live or recorded music is to be played in the outdoor areas of the premises during these times except for pre-arranged events which shall take place no more than once per calendar month; with at least two weeks between any event.
    - 6.1.2. All windows and doors must remain closed, except for access and egress.
    - 6.1.3. Save for as provided above, no music shall be audible outside the premises between these hours.
7. In relation to promoting the licensing objectives and preventing crime and disorder we have considered the conditions proposed by Cambridgeshire Constabulary and agreed by the Applicant and do consider those conditions to be necessary and appropriate in the circumstances to promote the licensing objectives. They are outlined below:

- 7.1. A CCTV system with recording equipment must be installed and maintained at the premises and operated with cameras in positions agreed with the Police. All recordings used in conjunction with CCTV must:
  - 7.1.1. Be of evidential quality in all lighting conditions,
  - 7.1.2. Indicate the correct time and date; and,
  - 7.1.3. Be retained for a period of 29 consecutive days.
- 7.2. The recorded images must be available for inspection upon request to all officers of Responsible Authorities. A system must be in place to provide images for uploading upon request to the Police or all officers of other Responsible Authorities. All images downloaded from the CCTV system, must be provided in a format that can be viewed on readily available equipment without the need for specialist software.
- 7.3. Notices advising that CCTV is installed on the premises shall be displayed so that they are clearly visible to the public within the licensed premises.
- 7.4. All customer facing 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 12 months and written records of the training must be kept for inspection by Cambridgeshire Police or authorised officer of a responsible authority.
8. We are satisfied that the conditions already in place, along with the conditions imposed today, are sufficient to satisfy any concern in relation to public nuisance in relation to infringement onto the public walkway. We are not satisfied in our assessment of the evidence that the activity arising from the premises is such that it would amount to public nuisance requiring our specific intervention.
9. Conditions 1-3 of the public nuisance section on the current licence be revoked and removed as this does not promote the licencing objectives and are not enforceable.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

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