

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE**  
**Priory Park, St. Neots PE19 1RF**

### 1. INTRODUCTION

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

from **Mr Ben Pitt, on behalf of Neotists CIC**

for the premises **Priory Park, St. Neots PE19 1RF**

The Application was received on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and in the local newspaper on the 24<sup>h</sup> April 2024. The 28-day consultation period ended on 16<sup>th</sup> May 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, live music, recorded music, and performances of dance**

Saturday – 1100hrs to 2130hrs

Sunday – 1100hrs to 2030hrs

Seasonal Variations –

Bank Holiday's – 1100hrs to 2130hrs

b. **Hours premises are open to the public**

Open access to the public

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 Huntingdonshire District Council, in the capacity of land owner of Priory Park, have provided confirmation of permission for Neotists CIC to use the premises for the purposes applied for.
- 3.3 During the period for representation a total of 21 valid representations were received from 'other persons'. The representations and any subsequent correspondence are attached as **Appendix D, Appendix D.1, Appendix D.2, and Appendix D.3**
- 3.4 A person who has submitted a relevant representation is entitled to address the Licensing Sub-Committee at the hearing and ask questions of any other party appearing at the hearing.
- 3.5 Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.

### **4. MEDIATION**

There were additional conditions proposed by Environmental Health which were agreed with the applicant, found in **Appendix C**, however due to the volume of representations, mediation was not possible.

### **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.