

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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