

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

3rd November 2025
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE
LANCASTER LOUNGE, 152 MAIN STREET, YAXLEY, PE7 3LB

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application to review a premises Licence, from HDC Licensing Officer William Dell'Orefice in his capacity as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act'), for Premises Licence HDC/PRE00890; Lancaster Lounge, 152 Main Street, Yaxley, PE7 3LB
- 1.2 The Application was received on 10 September 2025. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, a notice of the application was advertised on the Council's website, and blue notices were displayed at or near the premises from 11 September 2025. The 28 days consultation period ended on 08 October 2025.
- 1.3 A copy of the application for review, along with supporting documentation is attached as **Appendix A1 and A2**.
- 1.4 The current premises licence holder is Lancaster Lounge Ltd, the sole director of which is Dominico Ricciardi who is also the current Designated Premises Supervisor. A copy of the Premises Licence is at **Appendix B**.

2. BACKGROUND and TIMELINE

- 2.1. The Premises at 152 Main Street, Yaxley, for many years was the RAFA Lancaster Club, this benefited from Club Premises Certificate HDC/CPC00011. They ceased operating in November of 2020, and the Club Premises Certificate was surrendered.
- 2.2. The premises remained empty and unused until Jan 2022, when the first planning applications were submitted to refurbish and re-open the premises.
- 2.3. In January of 2024 the application to Grant a new Premises Licence was received and processed, and in March the licence was granted following a hearing of the licensing sub-committee.
- 2.4. On the 6 April 2024, The Lancaster Lounge opened to the public.
- 2.5. Since the Premises Licence was granted there have been several minor changes namely

June 2025 Minor Variation – to include Off sales of alcohol as an activity and to update the internal plan.

3. REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 During the period for representations comments have been received in support of the Review application and in support of the premises.

3.2 Representations in support of the REVIEW APPLICATION as follows:

- 3 from Responsible Authorities – **Appendix C**
- 3 from other persons – **Appendix D**

3.3 During the period for representations 54 valid representation were received in support of the PREMISES. **Appendix E**

3.4 In addition, a petition was submitted in support of the premises. From the premises, containing 95 signatures. This petition is attached at **Appendix F**.

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

3.6 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.

4. GENERAL DUTY/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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

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.

5. 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:

- a. modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times;
- b. exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption);
- c. determine to re-regulate music activities currently exempt from regulation by the Live Music Act 2012. In conjunction with a and/or be above.
- d. remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because it is considered that the problems are the result of poor management;
- e. suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- f. revoke the licence.
- g. take no action

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.

Licensing Officer: Sarah Mardon

10.10.2025