

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

10th November 2025
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE
The Snug – Unit 3, The Mill, Free Church Passage, St Ives PE27 5AY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application to vary a premise licence:

from **Snugco Limited**

for the premises **The Snug – Unit 3, The Mill, Free Church Passage, St Ives PE27 5AY**

The Application was received on **15 September 2025**. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from **16 September 2025** and in the local newspaper, the Riverporter, on **26 September 2025**. The 28-day consultation period ended on **13 October 2025**.

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

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The variation application is applying to

- a. Increase the licensable area for permitted activities to include the outdoor area as shown in **Appendix B**
- b. The provision of live music and recorded music **Monday to Sunday 1200-2300**

2.2 The existing licence and plan can be found at **Appendix C**.

2.3 Section 16 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. The responses can be seen in summary at **Appendix D**.

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 E**.

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

Mediation was not possible on this occasion.

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.

5.4 The sub-committee will also need to consider the impact of any decision on the existing conditions and consider amendments to these where appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A – Application to Vary a Premises Licence

Appendix B – Licensing Plan

Appendix C – Existing Licence

Appendix D – Responses from Responsible Authorities

Appendix E – Representations from Other Persons