

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

29th April 2026
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO GRANT A PREMISES LICENCE
Abbots Ripton Hall, Hall Lane, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon, PE29 2PQ
Application Small Events Pre 23:00 Licence - 299872

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application to Grant a Premise Licence:

from **Backwoodsmans Ltd, The Estate Office, Grange Farm, St Ives Road, PE28 2PH**

for the premises **Land Associated with Abbot Ripton Hall, as shown on the attached plan.**

The Application was received on **07 March 2026**. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from **08 March 2026** and in the local newspaper on **18 March 2026**. The 28-day consultation period ended on **02 April 2026**.

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

1.3 The Applicant has also provided an Explanatory Note for this and 2 other applications for this site. This note is at **Appendix C**

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The application is applying to permit the following licensable activities:

a. **The performance of PLAYS – Indoors and outdoors**

i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

b. **The showing of FILMS – Indoors and Outdoors**

i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

c. **Performance of LIVE MUSIC – Indoors and Outdoors**

i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

d. **Performance of RECORDED MUSIC – indoors and Outdoors**

i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

e. **Performance of DANCE – Indoors and outdoors**

- i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00
- f. **Anything of a similar description to that falling within c. d or e**
 - i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00
- g. **Supply of ALCOHOL – for consumption ON and OFF the premises**
 - i. Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

3.2 The application addresses the four licensing objectives. In this application the proposed conditions can be seen at **Appendix D**. The 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. For this application a response was received from the Environmental Health Officer. The representation can be seen at **Appendix E** the relevant part for this application has been highlighted
- 3.2 During the period for representations **1** valid representations was received from 'other persons'. The representation is at **Appendix F**.
- 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

- 4.1 At the time of writing, mediation was in progress with the Environmental Health Officer, in relation to the wording of the conditions. An edited version of the conditions document (appendix D) can be seen as **Appendix G** to show the proposed amendments. Any further updates will be provided at the hearing.

5. GENERAL DUTY/POLICY CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 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. As amended February 2026, including but not limited to
 - i. Conditions attached to premises licences 10.1 – 10.10
 - ii. Planning and Building Control 14.65 – 14.67
 - iii. Overview of circumstances in which entertainment activities are not licensable 16.5 to 16.9
- c. the Human Rights Act 1988

5.3 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

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 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. As amended February 2026

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A – Application to Grant a Premises Licence

Appendix B – Licensing Plan

Appendix C – Explanatory Note from the applicant

Appendix D – Schedule of proposed conditions

Appendix E – Representation from Responsible Authority

Appendix F – Representation from 'Other Persons'

Appendix G – Mediation documents – edited schedule of conditions