

**LICENSING ACT 2003  
APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE  
12 LONDON ROAD, WANSFORD, PE8 6JB  
(Report by Head of Community)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 To consider and determine this application for a new premises licence for 12 London Road, Wansford, PE8 6JB, taking into account the policy considerations detailed in paragraph 2 of the report and the representations detailed in paragraph 5.

1.2 Buckles Solicitors acting on behalf of Mr Allen Freeman is seeking a new premises licence to permit:

Supply of alcohol (on the premises)

Mon – Wed	09:00 to 16:00
Thur – Sat	09:00 to 22:30
Sun	09:00 to 17:00

Hours premises are open to the public

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Thur – Sat	09:00 to 22:30
Sun	09:00 to 17:00

1.3 A copy of the application and plan are attached as Appendix A.

**2. GENERAL DUTY/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.1 The Sub-Committee's is reminded that the licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which 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.

2.2 The licensing authority 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.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The application describes the premises as being a ground floor café restaurant supplying food and drink, to include alcohol, with table service inside the premises. The premises will have approximately 12 tables with the capacity to serve approximately 30 persons. The premises are situated on the main road in Wansford with on-street parking. Having previously been used

as a hairdressing establishment, there is no history of grant of a premises licence for these premises under the Licensing Act 2003.

#### **4. LICENSING OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT**

- 4.1 The operating schedule submitted by the applicant in Section 18 of the application addresses the four licensing objectives. Paragraphs 8.38-8.46 and Section 10 of the government guidance refer to the operating schedule and licence conditions. The applicant has not proposed any measures in support of the licensing objectives. Proposals made are normally translated directly into conditions that will be attached to the premises licence.

#### **5. REPRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 During the period for the receipt of representations, no representations were received from the Responsible Authorities. One representation was received from Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council, five representations were received by the licensing authority from 'other persons'. The representations have been attached in their entirety as Appendix B. Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.2 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.

#### **6. ACTION BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY**

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 by promoting the Licensing Objectives. Each objective has equal importance. In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, any Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 and is bound by the Human Rights Act 1988. 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.

#### **7. OPTIONS**

- 7.1 Having regard to the representations and supporting documentation contained and attached to this report and any other information presented at the hearing, the Licensing Sub-Committee must take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are to grant the licence subject to conditions, modified as necessary, to exclude a licensable activity, or to reject the application. Conditions are modified if they are altered, omitted or any new condition added (Licensing Act 2003 section 18(4) & (5)).

#### **8. RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 That Members determine the application on its individual merits.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

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