

**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE HDC/PRE00696**  
**EATON SOCON EX-SERVICEMANS CLUB, 20 SCHOOL LANE, EATON SOCON,**  
**ST NEOTS, PE19 8GW**  
**(Report by Head of Community)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This application is made by the Club Committee, to vary the Premises Licence HDC/PRE00696

1.2 The application seeks to amend the following:

A. Indoor Sporting Events

Currently – Not permitted

Applied for – Mondays to Sundays 10:00 to 23:30

B. Provision of Live Music

Currently – (Indoors) Saturdays only 19:00 to 00:00

Applied for – (Indoors) Mondays to Thursdays 13:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 13:00 to 02:00, Sundays 13:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday.

C. Provision of Recorded Music

Currently - (Indoors) Tuesdays to Fridays 19:00 - 23:00, Saturdays 19:00 - 00:00, Sundays 19:00 - 22:30

Applied for - (Indoors) Mondays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 08:00 to 02:00, Sundays 08:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday.

D. Provision of Performance of Dance

Currently – Not permitted

Applied for - (Indoors) Mondays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 08:00 to 02:00, Sundays 08:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday

E. Anything of a similar description that falls within B, C or D above

Currently - (Indoors) Saturdays Only 19:00 - 00:00

Applied for - (Indoors) Mondays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 08:00 to 02:00, Sundays 08:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday

F. Late Night Refreshment  
Currently – Not permitted

Applied for - (Indoors) Mondays to Thursdays 23:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 23:00 to 02:00, Sundays 23:00 to 23:30.  
To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday

G. Supply of alcohol

Currently – (for consumption ON the Premises), Tuesdays to Fridays 19:00 - 23:00, Saturdays 19:00 - 00:00, Sundays 19:00 - 22:30.

Applied for - (for consumption ON the Premises), Mondays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 08:00 to 02:00, Sundays 08:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday

H. Hours premises are open to the public

Currently – Tuesdays 13:00 - 17:00, Wednesdays to Fridays 19:00 - 23:30, Saturdays 19:00 - 00:00, Sundays 19:00 - 23:00

Applied for - Mondays to Thursdays 08:00 to 01:00, Fridays & Saturdays 08:00 to 02:00, Sundays 08:00 to 23:30.

To include Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve until 02:00 when they fall on a Sunday

Note: 'Indoors' is also considered as 'a moveable structure' such as a marquee.

- 1.3 A copy of the application is attached as Appendix A. Also attached at Appendix B is the Current Premises Licence and plan

**2. GENERAL DUTY/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee 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 Since 2005 the premises has had the benefit of a Club Premises Certificate, which is still in force. The Club Premises Certificate allows the premises to be used by members of the club only. This Certificate is not affected by this application.

The Premises Licence was applied for and granted in March 2016.

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

- 4.1 The operating schedule submitted by the applicant in Section M 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. Any proposals made in this section are normally translated directly into conditions that will be attached to the premises licence. The application does not propose to remove or amend any of the conditions at Annex A of the current Premises Licence (Appendix B).

#### **5. REPRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 During the period for the receipt of representations, no representations were received from the Responsible Authorities. Six representations were received by the licensing authority from 'other persons'. The representations have been attached in their entirety as Appendix C. 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 issued 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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