

APPENDIX A
Agenda Item No. 4

Director of Community Services

**REPORT ON APPLICATION FROM THE
SPORTSMAN ARMS, WING UNDER THE
LICENSING ACT 2003 FOR CONVERSION AND
VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Local Member: Councillor Mrs Glover

1. THE APPLICATION

Applicant(s): Punch Taverns Plc

Premises: Sportsmans Arms, 45 Littleworth, Wing

1.1 Conversion Application

No representations have been received from Thames Valley Police in respect to this application to convert the existing permissions to a Premises Licence. Therefore in accordance with the transitional provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 the application to convert the existing permissions has been granted under delegated powers subject to any existing statutory restrictions and conditions and any other conditions which currently apply.

Attached as Appendix 1 is a copy of the completed application form, the designated premises supervisor consent form and a copy of the justices' licence. A plan of the premises will be made available at the Sub-Committee hearing.

1.2 Variation application

The application is for the variation of the Premises Licence during the transitional period under Schedule 8, paragraph 7 (1)(b) of the Act. The detail in respect to the hours and activities applied for are set out in the application form, Part B, section A to P. In response to concerns expressed by Environmental Health the applicant has volunteered a number of conditions and therefore changed the scope of the application. In an effort to clarify the current and proposed permissions these are set out in Appendix 2.

The steps the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see appendix 1, Part Q of application form).

2. RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

2.1 Responsible Authorities

Thames Valley Police – No representation
Bucks Fire and Rescue – No representation
Environmental Health – No representation

Planning – No representation
Trading Standards – No representation
Area Child Protection Committee – No representation

2.2 Interested Parties

During the consultation period 2 representations were received from interested parties. These are attached as Appendix 3.

3. NOTICE OF HEARING AND RESPONSES

All parties were served Notices of Hearing on receipt of the representation along with the document, 'Licensing Act 2003 – The Procedure to be followed at Hearings'. The parties have therefore been notified of the consequences of failing to attend.

The submissions received to date following service of the Notice of Hearing are attached as Appendix 4 and Members will be notified of any further responses at the hearing.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

The general information Members need to have regard to when determining applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 is set out in a separate document which is attached to the Agenda under cover of which this report has been published.

5 ISSUES RAISED BY THE APPLICATION

The issues raised by the application are for the Sub-Committee to determine having regard to all the relevant considerations. Whatever, the Sub-Committee decides, it must give reasons.

To assist Members and the parties further, The Licensing Services Manager will draw attention to any issues arising from this application at the hearing.

Contact Officer
Background Documents

Peter Seal 01296 585083

Ps-lsc-hst- Sportsmans Arms – greens may 2003
Licensingact - 1782005

PART B - Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

We Punch Taverns Plc being the proposed premises licence holder of an existing licence to be converted under the terms of Schedule 8 to the Licensing Act 2003 apply to vary it under section 34/section 37 of the Licensing Act 2003 (delete as applicable) for the premises described in Part A above.

Part B1 - Variation

Please tick

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect from the second appointed day?

If not when do you want the variation to take effect from

Day		Month		Year			

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

n/a

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation. (please read guidance note 8)

- An additional hour every Monday to Thursday inc.
- An additional two hours into the morning following every Friday and Saturday.
- An additional half hour every Sunday.
- A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend.
- A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.
- A further additional hour every Christmas Eve.
- A further additional hour every Boxing Day.
- To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours.
- Drinking up time: an additional 10 minutes, to allow 30 minutes drinking up time, after the last permitted sale of alcohol.

All of the above to be for the sale of alcohol, recorded music, live music limited to 2 entertainers, indoor sporting events and Karaoke.

Part B2 - Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the operating schedule which would be subject to change if this application to vary was successful.

What licensable activities do you now intend to conduct on the premises and/or at what varied times do you intend to conduct them?

(Please see section 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick ✓

Yes

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e),(f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of entertainment facilities

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

Sale by retail of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

Please complete Part B3 on this form.

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish	Both		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 11)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [√] (please read guidance note 9)		Indoors	
					Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)			
Mon						
Tue						
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 11)			
Thur						
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)			
Sat						
Sun						

C

Indoor sporting events			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)					
Day	Start	Finish	Celebrity pool / darts exhibitions where members of the public will spectate and or be invited to participate with the celebrity [on payment of a fee]		
Mon	10:00	00:00			
Tue	10:00	00:00		State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 11)	
Wed	10:00	00:00			
Thur	10:00	00:00			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours.
Fri	10:00				
Sat		01:00			
	10:00				
Sun		01:00			
	12:00	23:00			

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Boxing or wrestling entertainment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)		Indoors	
					Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish	Both			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 10)			
Tue						
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 11)			
Thur						
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 12)			
Sat						
Sun						

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	✓
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon	10:00	00:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10) Amplified and / or unamplified live music performed by no more than 2 entertainers.		
Tue	10:00	00:00			
Wed	10:00	00:00	State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 11)		
Thur	10:00	00:00			
Fri	10:00		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (Please read guidance note 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours. 		
Sat		01:00			
	10:00				
Sun		01:00			
	12:00	23:00			

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [√] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	10:00	00:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10) To match sale of liquor at section M below. Amplified recorded music ancillary to sale of alcohol (section M) below.	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	10:00	00:00			
Wed	10:00	00:00	State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (please read guidance note 11)		
Thur	10:00	00:00			
Fri	10:00		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (Please read guidance note 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours. 		
Sat		01:00			
	10:00				
Sun		01:00			
	12:00	23:00			

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Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 11)		
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
			Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoor	
				Outdoor	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 11)		
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Sun					

Provision of facilities for making music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing					
			Will the facilities for making music take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)		Indoor			
				Outdoor				
				Both				
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)					
Mon								
Tue								
Wed						State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music (please read guidance note 11)		
Thur								
Fri						Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Sat								
Sun								

J

Provision of facilities for dancing Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [✓] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	
Day				Outdoors	
Start	Finish			Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Tue			State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities (please read guidance note 11)		
Wed			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Thur					
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

K

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing Karaoke		
Day	Start	Finish	Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 9)	Indoor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	10:00	00:00		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	10:00	00:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Wed	10:00	00:00			
Thur	10:00	00:00	State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j (please read guidance note 11)		
Fri	10:00				
Sat		01:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
	10:00				
Sun		01:00			
	12:00	23:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours. 		

L

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick [√] (please read guidance note 9)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 10)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 11)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night entertainment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Sat					
Sun					

M

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption please tick [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] (please read guidance note 13)	On the premises	
				Off the premises	
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 11)		
Mon	10:00	00:00			
Tue	10:00	00:00			
Wed	10:00	00:00			
Thur	10:00	00:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)		
Fri	10:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours. 		
Sat		01:00			
	10:00				
Sun		01:00			
	12:00	23:00			

IN ALL CASES PLEASE COMPLETE BOXES N, O, P and Q below

N

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 14)

2 X AWP machines
1 X Cigarette machine

O

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			State any seasonal variation (please read guidance note 11)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	10:00		<p>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further additional hour into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour into the morning following every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. • A further additional hour every Christmas Eve. • A further additional hour every Boxing Day. • To reflect existing New Year's Eve/Day hours.
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Thur		00:30	
	10:00		
Fri		00:30	
	10:00		
Sat		01:30	
	10:00		
Sun		01:30	
	12:00	23:30	

P

Please identify any of the conditions, terms or restrictions currently imposed on the converted licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking

None

Q Please describe any proposed additional steps that you intend to take in order to promote the four licensing objectives if the proposed variation is granted:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 15)

Following an assessment of the premises and its surrounding area the following is proposed:
30 minute "drinking up" time will allow appropriate dispersal, use of lavatories etc
In order to further the licensing objectives the licensee reserves the right to move the fire appliances, AWP machines, cigarette machines and or any other similar objects temporarily in a fixed location which may impact on the ability of individuals on the premises to use exits or escape routes without impediment.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

At the Sportsmans Arms the patio areas are illuminated at night. The operators are members of the local Pub Watch scheme and the majority of the customers are mature local people. The closest other public house is half a mile away.

c) Public safety

The Sportsmans Arms has the benefit of fire fighting equipment that is regularly maintained.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The Sportsmans Arms is of traditional construction that retains sound well. On regular basis the operator reminds customers on departing the premises to leave quietly and with consideration to local residents. The closest other public house is half a mile a way.

e) The protection of children from harm

No children are allowed into the Sportsmans Arms except for when they are accompanied in the patio area to the side. The Sportsmans Arms does not show any restricted films or hold Adult style entertainment that may give cause to offence.

PART B3 - Premises Supervisor

Full name of proposed designated premises supervisor

Michael David Jackson

Address of proposed designated premises supervisor

Sportsmans Arms, 45 Littleworth, Wing, Leighton Buzzard. LU7 0JX

Personal licence number of proposed designated premises supervisor, if any, and issuing authority of the personal licence, if applicable

Please tick Yes

- I enclose the consent form completed by the proposed premises supervisor
- I will give a copy of Part B3 of this application to the chief office of police (section 37 of the Licensing Act 2003)
- I have sent copies of this application to vary (except Part B3) to responsible authorities and others where applicable (section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003)
- I understand that I must now advertise my application to vary (section 37 of the Licensing Act 2003)
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

Part B5 - Signatures (please read guidance note 16)

Signature of applicant (the proposed current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (See guidance note 17) **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature *Mark Anthony TLT*
Date 6/6/05
Capacity Solicitors to applicant

Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant (the proposed current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. (please read guidance note 18) **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature _____
Date _____
Capacity _____

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 19)	
TLT Solicitors One Redcliff Street (Ref: 30PG3/054004/P Smith/201082)	
Post town BRISTOL	Post code BS1 6TP

Notes for Guidance

PART A

1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, it's general situation and layout and any other information which would be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place is and it's proximity to the premises.
2. Where the conditions to which your existing licence(s) is granted do not relate solely to any one of the four licensing objectives, please describe such conditions in the general box.
3. The law requires you to send a mandatory copy of this application to the chief officer of police for that area at the same time as sending to the relevant licensing authority.
4. The application form must be signed.

5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
7. This is the address we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

PART B

This application cannot be used to vary the licence to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act

8. Please give timings in 24 hour clock and only give details for days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
9. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
10. Please state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
11. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer.
12. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day i.e Christmas Eve.
13. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
14. Please give information about anything to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups, the presence of gambling machines.
15. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
16. The application form must be signed.
17. A applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
18. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
19. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

APPENDIX 2**SPORTSMANS ARMS – CURRENT AND PROPOSED PERMISSIONS****Existing permitted hours and activities**

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday

12.00 Mid-day to 10.30 p.m. Sunday

- Sale of alcohol

Variation**Standard timings**

10.00 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. - Monday to Thursday

10.00 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. - Friday and Saturday

12.00 Mid-day to 11.30 p.m. – Sunday

- Premises are open to the public

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Mid-night. – Monday to Thursday

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. –Friday and Saturday

12.00 Mid-day to 11.00 p.m. – Sunday

- Supply of alcohol (both on and off the premises)
- Recorded music (indoors) – amplified music ancillary to sale of alcohol. All recorded background music/ juke box to be operated on hours that reflect licensed hours. Noise levels to be substantially reduced so as not cause disturbance after: 11.00 p.m. – Monday to Thursday
12.00 Mid-night – Friday and Saturday
- Indoor sporting events – celebrity pool/darts exhibitions where members of the public will spectate and or be invited to participate with the celebrity

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. – Monday to Thursday

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Mid-night – Friday and Saturday

12.00 Mid-day to 11.00 p.m. - Sunday

- Provision karaoke (indoors)
- Live music (indoors) – amplified or unamplified live music by no more than 2 entertainers

Non standard timings

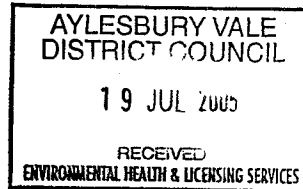
- + 1 hour – every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend
- + 1 hour – every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend
- + 1 hour – Christmas Eve
- + 1 hour – Boxing Day

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15 July 2005

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Licensing Authority
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HP20 1SD



Dear Sirs

Re: The Sportsman's Arms Public House at Littleworth Wing

I wish to object to the proposed application for an extension to the Licensing hours in respect of the above premises. I believe that if this extended licence is approved it will be detrimental not only to me and my family but to the small community of Littleworth as a whole, for the following reasons:

1. This is a largely residential area with a number of older properties very close to the licensed premises. Extended hours are bound to have an impact on young an old living in close proximity.
2. In this rural village there are narrow footpaths in places on this B-road where increased traffic would cause danger to pedestrians.
3. Parking at the above premises is limited, which will result in overflow parking on an already constricted B-road.
4. Longer opening is bound to cause noise at unsociable hours, which will disturb all local residents. Not only will this involve music in the pub but the sound of car doors slamming in the early hours is even more disruptive to those trying to sleep.
5. External lighting around the premises would be lit for longer causing increased light pollution.

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As can be seen from the enclosed photographs, my property actually adjoins the public house in question. As a result we already suffer from problems with noise and frequent use of our front boundary as an extension of the bar. When the bar is too crowded patrons already spill over onto the street in front of neighbouring properties with drink and food. Not only do they carouse and make mobile phone calls but they leave behind litter, bottles, glasses, and food as well as vomit etcetera. This problem is likely to get worse and could attract vermin.

Another problem that we experience is that the toilets for the pub back onto the end wall of our house. Consequently every time the facilities are used and the door slams we not only hear the bang but feel the vibration.

In addition, our bedroom window overlooks the entrance to the pub and nothing we do can completely block out the noise or the light. We have complained to Environmental Health Department three times so far this year, because music from the coin operated Jukebox/music centre is so loud the vibration travels through the walls into our property.

I appreciate that this may sound trivial, but the sound of billiard balls cracking together can travel at least 200 yards and ruins any quiet enjoyment of our front garden.

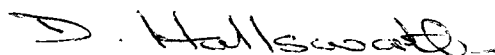
Late night revellers are not quiet or considerate of anyone trying to sleep when they leave their cars on a weekly basis already. I am concerned that this situation will only get worse if the hours are extended and our chances of a good night's sleep will evaporate while the 'binge drinkers' continue to enjoy themselves at our expense.

Sadly for us, over the past forty odd years since we purchased this property the nature of public houses has changed and our quality of life has progressively deteriorated as consequence. Naturally, we are also concerned that increased opening hours can only have a negative effect on the value of our property.

We feel that it is time to request that the authorities call a halt to this erosion of our basic human rights, i.e. to a good nights sleep!

Yours faithfully

RON & DAPHNE HALLSWORTH





31 Willow Way
Wing
Leighton Buzzard
Beds LU7 0TJ

5 July 2005

AVDC Licensing Authority
66 High Street
Aylesbury
HP20 1SD

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Sportsman's Arms Public House, 45 Littleworth, Wing

I am writing to object to the application by Punch Taverns plc for variations to the licence of the above premises.

My house is located a short distance from the pub. The present situation is that on weekends (including Friday evening) it is often impossible for us to enjoy our garden because of the unacceptably loud music coming from the pub in the afternoon and evening. It is frequently so loud that we cannot use the rooms at the back of the house unless we shut all the windows. A further complaint is the incidence of 'lock-ins'. While a 'lock-in' results in respite from the noise when doors windows and curtains are closed after the 11pm current closure time, when patrons finally leave in the early hours (often as late as 2-3 am) they congregate around the houses in the vicinity, interrupting sleep with noisy laughter, arguments and anti-social behaviour.

I feel that the proposed licence extensions will result in unbearable levels of disruption and bad behavior continuing uninterrupted through the afternoon, evening and night to the detriment of the quality of life of nearby residents.

I understand that several of my neighbours will be objecting in similar terms. We should be grateful if these points could be taken into account when the extension of licensing times is considered.

Yours faithfully,



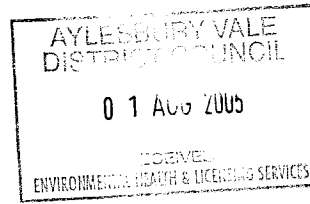
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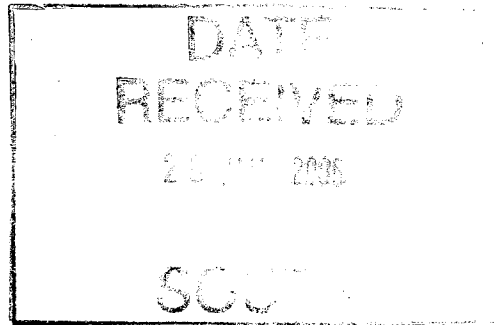
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Our Ref:
 Your Ref:



22nd July

Mr John Beazley
 Punch Taverns
 Jubilee House
 Second Avenue
 Burton Upon Trent
 Staffordshire
 DE14 2WF



Dear Mr Beazley

Licensing Act 2003

Re: Sportsman's Arms, 45 Littleworth, Wing, Nr Leighton Buzzard, Beds

I write with reference to your e-mail on 22nd July 2005 concerning the above premises.

I understand that you are willing to amend your application for your premises licence to include the following:

Condition 1: All live music and Karaoke to end by:

23:00 Monday to Thursday
 00:00 Friday and Saturday
 23:00 Sunday

Condition 2: All recorded background music/juke box to be operated on hours that reflect licensed hours. Noise levels are to be substantially reduced so as not to cause disturbance after:

23:00 Monday to Thursday
 00:00 Friday and Saturday
 23:00 Sunday

Condition 3: No person will be allowed to leave carrying open bottles or unfinished drinks in glasses (except for normal off sales and to garden area).

Condition 4: On regular basis the operator will remind customers on departing the premises to leave quietly and with consideration to local residents, and signs must be placed in the pub to that effect.



If you agree with these amendments please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter within 7 days. I have enclosed an addressed envelope for your use.

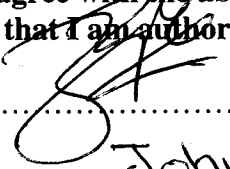
Should you wish to discuss any matters raised in this letter, or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Gareth H H Jones
District Environmental Health Officer

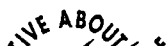
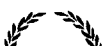
I confirm that I agree with the above mentioned amendments being made to the above application, and that I am authorised to do so.

Signature: 

Print Name: John Beazley

Position in Company: Business Relationship Manager

Date: 29-07-05



Punch Taverns Licensing Conditions Communication

Enter Outlet ID:

Outlet Name:

Address:

Area:

Select the Authority:

Name of Person Agreed With:

Date Agreed:

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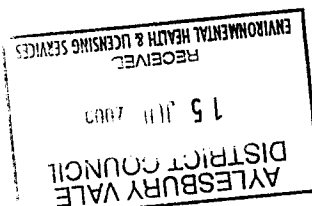
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DATE 13th July 2005
EMAIL Claire.temple@punchtaverns.com

Peter Seal
Licensing Services Manager
PO Box 622
Aylesbury
HP20 1ZL

Dear Peter,

Re: **The Sportsman's Arms**



Thank you for notification that this matter is listed for hearing on 17th August 2005.

We write to confirm the following:

1. We do consider that a hearing is necessary at this time.
2. Our Business Relationship Manager, John Beazley and/or the Regional Operations Director, Phil Pegler and/or the existing Justices On Licence holder will all be in attendance to support the Application.
3. We shall now liaise direct with those making representations. If it proves possible to negotiate a settlement, we would hope to get back to you confirming the details of any such agreement as soon as possible.

Please note, although you will receive communication from us direct in respect of the hearing and any agreement reached, our legal representative remains TLT Solicitors of One Redcliff Street, Bristol BS1 6TP. Any Notice of Decision or ensuing licence(s) MUST be forwarded to them and not to us.

Kind regards,

Claire Temple
Hearings Team
Punch Taverns Plc