



Licensing Sub-Committee agenda

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Membership:

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Addendum Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee Virtual Procedural Rules

Procedure at Hearings before the Licensing Sub-Committee (“LSC”) in relation to matters under the Licensing Act 2003 as amended (“The 2003 Act”) **except** Interim Hearings (Summary Review of a Premises Licence) conducted pursuant to Section 53B of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended (separate Procedure) or as otherwise provided.

Hearings for Gambling Premises are dealt with under the Gambling Act 2005 as amended.

Introduction

The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing) Regulations 2005 provide flexibility to Licensing Authorities in determining their own hearing procedures. Buckinghamshire Council has decided to hold such hearings remotely in accordance with these procedural rules.

Administration in Relation to the Hearing

Prior written notice of the hearing will have been given to the interested/relevant parties.

- (a) Where a party has informed the Council that they will not be attending or be represented at the hearing it may proceed in their absence.
- (b) Where a party has not replied to the notice, does not attend and is not represented then the LSC may proceed with the hearing in that party’s absence or adjourn the hearing if it is considered necessary in the public interest to do so.
- (c) If a party has indicated they will attend but does not appear, that party must inform the Council of any delay - with reasons - and in consideration thereof the LSC can decide to proceed with the hearing or adjourn to later the same day or another time. If a party is more than 15 minutes late and has not contacted the Council with details of any delay – the LSC shall proceed with the hearing unless it is in the public interest not to do so and shall adjourn the hearing to later on the same day or another date.

If the hearing is held in a party’s absence, the LSC will still consider the application, representation or notice made by that party.

A hearing can be dispensed with if all parties give notice that they consider a hearing unnecessary. If this is the case the application/notice will be dealt with by way of a determination.

Representations can be withdrawn by prior notice up to 1 working day before the hearing or orally at the hearing.

At the hearing, any party can be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

Account can be taken of documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representation or notice (as applicable) if provided either at least 1 working day before the hearing or - with the consent of all other parties - at the hearing, in which case sufficient copies are required to be provided for all relevant parties. Any party wishing to call another person (other than a person representing them) to make oral representations must provide details of this to the Council within the time stated in the Notice of Hearing which the Council will serve on the Parties. At the beginning of the hearing the LSC will consider any such requests and confirm whether permission is granted for that person to speak.

The LSC may disregard any information which is not considered relevant to the application/representation/notice and the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The purpose of a hearing is to enable those with a right to appear to amplify their written application or representation and to test the case of their opponents. It is also to assist the LSC to gather evidence and understand the relevant issues. The parties (including other persons on their behalf) will be allowed an equal reasonable period of time to address the hearing and ask questions. The Chairman may set a maximum period of time on how long each party may speak, progressing without undue delays and ensuring that there is a fair hearing. Where the representations made relate to the same or similar issues, a spokesperson should be appointed where possible to speak on behalf of any person who has made a written representation.

The Decision of the LSC will be made after the close of the hearing when the LSC retires with the Democratic Services Officer and the Legal Advisor to the sub-committee in a private session to consider all the evidence and submissions made at the hearing.

The decision of the LSC will be communicated to all parties by way of a written Decision Notice issued by Legal Services. They will endeavour to serve the notice within 5 working days of the hearing and if there is to be a delay in issuing such a notice; the licensing officer will communicate with all parties. The notice will be dated and set out the provisions of the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court.

The LSC may depart from this procedure (as varied/amended from time to time based on changes to law and practice) if it considers reasonably necessary and proportionate.

Access to Information

The Council can hold and alter the frequency and occurrence of hearing without requirement for further notice.

These Regulations make provision for local authority members and officers, and the public, to have access to documents without attending council buildings and it will be sufficient for local authorities to publish the documents on their website. This includes notices, agendas, reports, background papers and minutes. The Proper Officer will give the requisite notice to the public of the time of the hearing, and the agenda, together with details of how to join the hearing which will be available on the website.

Time and Place of Hearing

All hearings will be held remotely, including by (but not limited to) telephone conferencing, video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming unless a party can show good and sufficient reason why the hearing should be held in person. Where a party has notified the Council that they wish to attend a remote hearing but are unable to access the hearing remotely, for whatever reason, the Council will endeavour to make provision for them to be able to view the hearing at Council offices. The Council will use Microsoft Teams to hold virtual hearings and will invite external participants to virtual hearings, if any, via email or telephone. Virtual hearings will be webcast where the hearing is held in public via a link published on the meeting webpage.

The Constitution states that when reasonably practical, a sub-committee hearing should be held at the Council facility which is closest to the premises or issue that is the subject of the hearing. However, this requirement is disapplied in respect of remote hearings.

During the Hearing

It is a requirement for such hearings that:

- a) proper notice is given, with all papers served timeously on the authority and published online;
- b) the actual parties to the hearing are able to participate;
- c) any member of the public can see or hear, albeit not participate in, the hearing.

Although held in a virtual format, hearings dealing with new licences or variations to existing licences will follow the standard procedure. Panel Members may ask questions of any party at any time. Questions are usually taken after each person has spoken. It is helpful to undertake a document check at the start of the hearing.

In terms of issues that may arise during the hearing the following rules apply:-

Quorum for Hearings

The rules for quorum will still apply. This is 3 Councillors for a licensing or regulatory sub-committee. It is also considered good practice to have a reserve member, in case of interests. The constitution states that if a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the scheduled start of the LSC or such longer time as allowed by the Chairman, the business of the hearing will be adjourned. The Chairman may allow for flexibility around the start time of the hearing where there are any technical issues.

In the event of any apparent failure of the technology the Chairman should immediately determine if the hearing is still quorate. The Chairman could adjourn for 10-15 minutes to allow the connection to be re-established. If an individual remote participation fails the Chairman may call a short adjournment. As the hearing must have 3 members present, the hearing will be reliant on the lost connection being re-established to ensure all members are present for the entire discussion in order to hear all of the facts and vote on the matter.

Only 3 members are permitted on LSC for each hearing (as per Section 9 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Constitution Terms of Reference for the LSC). The reserve member is present in case an interest arises at the beginning of the hearing or one of the 3 members identified as being on the LSC fails to attend the virtual hearing. It is only those 3 members who have been identified as being on the LSC for that hearing who can ask questions of the other parties.

A reserve member would not be able to participate if the technology fails for one of the members present as whilst they would be listening they will not have taken an active role nor been included in the process/asked to see if they have any questions etc.

Attendance at hearings and webcasting

A roll call or introductions will be made at the start of the hearing to record those present. There is no requirement for councillors to sign their names on the attendance sheets when attending a virtual hearing. The Democratic Services Officer will maintain a list of attendance throughout the hearing.

To be classified as a 'member in attendance' and attend the hearing remotely, the following conditions must be satisfied;

- a) Councillors sitting on the Sub-Committee must be able to hear and be heard and (where practicable) see and be seen by parties in attendance at the hearing.
- b) This full requirement also extends to parties attending to exercise a right to speak at the hearing.
- c) All other members of the public must as a minimum be able to hear and if practicable see the proceedings.

In practice this means that if councillors and speaking members of the public can be heard and hear each other and other members of the public not speaking can hear, this would fulfil the requirements of holding a virtual hearing.

Members of the press and public may only be excluded from a hearing in accordance with the Access to Information Rules.

The Regulations state that hearings being open to the public include access by remote means. Such access includes (but is not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a hearing is accessible to the public through such remote means the hearing is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the hearing in person. For clarity, a hearing recorded and then posted online after the event would not satisfy this requirement.

In the event that the live webcast fails and cannot be resumed the hearing will be opened and adjourned to allow for it to take place at a later date (the date and time of which will be fixed prior to the matter being adjourned).

The people on the Teams call who are present throughout the hearing are the Members of the Sub-Committee, any officer supporting the hearing and those who have submitted valid representations, applicant and/or legal representative. The public gallery, where Members can sit and observe the hearing alongside members of the public, is the webcast version.

Conflicts of Interest

Councillors should consider if they have an interest, and, if required, seek advice from the Monitoring Officer, or their deputy, before the hearing starts. If a Councillor appointed to a licensing hearing considers that their interest is prejudicial they should notify Democratic Services as soon as possible so that an alternative councillor can be appointed to the licensing hearing.

Members of the LSC must consider beforehand if they need to declare any personal interests and

whether their personal interest is also a prejudicial interest in which case they will not be able to attend the hearing. Members who have any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests will not be able to attend the hearing either. Members should also consider beforehand if they have or would be considered to have predetermined the matter in which case they should also distance themselves from the determination of the matter and not attend the hearing.

Minutes of hearings

The Minutes of hearing will be published on the website.

Questions

Parties can ask questions of other parties in accordance with the procedure below. The Chairman can stop a party asking questions if they feel the questions are unnecessary. Parties are expected to treat other parties with respect and any form of harassment or excessive questioning will not be tolerated. In such cases the Chairman will ask the party to discontinue that type of questioning. The Chairman can require any person (including any of the parties) who is disrupting the proceedings to leave the hearing.

Order of business (as normal)

1. The Chairman will open the hearing and start the introductions of the LSC and Officers and ask each party to introduce themselves. The Chairman will confirm that if a party is not present their representations/application will have been read and will be considered in reaching the decision.
2. The Chairman will address any interest arising under the Code of Conduct.
3. The Chairman will consider any submitted requests from a party for permission for another person to appear at the virtual Hearing and any other procedural matters. If necessary, the sub-committee will retire to deliberate before making a decision.
4. If all parties present confirm that they have seen and understand the procedure to be followed at the virtual hearing and agree they are ready to proceed then the hearing **shall commence as set out from para 9 below.**
5. The Chairman will remind everyone that the purpose of the virtual hearing should be borne in mind at all times i.e.
 - to enable those with a right to appear at the virtual hearing to advance their point of view and concerns and to test the case of their opponents and
 - to assist the LSC to gather evidence and understand the relevant issues.
6. The Chairman will confirm what advance papers have been received and that these have been read and therefore there is no need to repeat these matters.
7. The Chairman will make clear that parties should only address the LSC in relation to matters previously raised/submitted. Late evidence to be submitted at the hearing will only be considered by the LSC with the consent of all parties present.
8. The Chairman will then outline the procedure to be followed by reading out the order of oral presentations **unless** all parties present have confirmed that they have seen and understood the

procedure and are ready to proceed with the virtual Hearing.

9. The Chairman will ask the Applicant whether they wish to make any amendments to their application with a view to addressing issues raised by the representations.
10. Order of oral presentations:-
 - a. The Licensing Officer will present their report outlining the details of the application/notice and representations received.
 - b. Any party may question the Licensing Officer.
 - c. The Members may question the Licensing Officer.
 - d. The Applicant will present their case and call any witnesses.
 - e. Any other party may question the Applicant.
 - f. The Members may question the Applicant.
 - g. The Responsible Authorities, who made representations. will present their case in turn and call any witnesses.
 - h. Any party may question the Responsible Authorities.
 - i. Any Members may question the Responsible Authorities.
 - j. Each Interested Party will present their case in turn and call any witnesses.
 - k. Any other party may question the Interested Party.
 - l. The Members may question the Interested Parties.

Once they have made their representations under the requirements of the constitution they will need to switch off their microphone and not participate any further in the hearing unless they are asking any questions or wish to sum up. No speaking is timed.

11. Before moving onto the next party at any time during the procedure above, the Chairman will check there are no further points the current party wishes to make or any further questions that need to be put to that party.
12. There may be a discussion at the hearing, on a without prejudice basis, where each party will be asked to address/give their views on any proposed conditions and suggest any other appropriate conditions to assist the Sub-Committee. Any agreed conditions may be incorporated into the Decision Notice if the application is successful. However, the LSC are to determine any final conditions that will apply to the licence.
13. Each party will be invited to make closing submission in the order as set out in paragraph 10.
14. The Chairman will then close the hearing and the LSC will meet (privately) virtually together with the Democratic Services Officer and Legal Advisor for the matter to be determined.
15. The LSC will come to a decision which will be sent to the Applicant and all other parties' who submitted relevant representations within the time limits set out in this procedure and Regulations together with details of the right of appeal.

When can the Chairman be interrupted?

There are circumstances allowed for in the Constitution where the Chairman can be interrupted such as:-

- Technology is not working effectively.
- Officer needs to provide advice.
- Point of order or personal explanation

or any other area where the Constitution or Chairman allows.

Disturbance during proceedings

The Constitution states that if anyone interrupts proceedings the Chairman will warn the person concerned and if they continue to interrupt the Chairman will order their removal from the virtual hearing room. There may be circumstances where the person needs to be removed immediately, for example if they are being inappropriate, and the Chairman can do this by muting their microphone. If there is a general disturbance making orderly business impossible, the Chairman may adjourn the hearing for as long as they consider necessary.

Adjournments

People will remain on the call with mics muted and cameras off until the hearing starts again. The Chairman may also want to consider having a comfort (screen) break for longer hearings. If there is a problem with the technology the Chairman should pause the hearing until that issue has been resolved. However, this does not stop a hearing going ahead because a person does not have access to the required technology in the first place. If technology fails for a wholly remote hearing, and the hearing is no longer open to the public, any decisions made could be challenged as unlawful which renders the whole hearing incapable of proceeding and therefore the Chairman should adjourn until the remote hearing can be restored within a reasonable period, or at a time and date fixed by the Chairman. Any interested party eligible to speak who attends to exercise their right to speak and is unable to do so renders only their item incapable of proceeding unless they are happy to submit their comments through a written representation.

The Council will try and achieve the best possible outcome.

Deliberations and Exclusion of the Press and the Public

Under Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 the licensing authority may exclude the public from all or part of the hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing or part of that hearing taking place in public. In addition there may be information in the agenda pack pertaining to the hearing which will be exempt from publication or discussion in public under Schedule 12A of The Local Government Act 1972 as amended. In these circumstances the public will be excluded from part or the whole of the hearing as appropriate.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the LSC together with the Democratic Services Officer and Legal Advisor, will remain in a private virtual meeting in order to deliberate on the decision. Interested parties will then be notified of the outcome of the hearing in writing after the meeting in accordance with required timescales.

Each Member in remote attendance must ensure and verbally declare that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be (either hearing or seeing) consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings.

They may depart from this procedure (as varied/amended from time to time based on changes to

law and practice) if it considers it necessary and/or equitable to do so.

NOTE

IN PRODUCING THIS PROCEDURE, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED: -

- Licensing Act 2003 *as amended* - and Explanatory Notes
- National Guidance
- The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 as amended.
- The Human Rights Act 1998.
- Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

SUBJECT:	APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE at: The Bricklayers Arms, 19 Walton Terrace, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7QY
Report Of:	Application under Section 34 Licensing Act 2003
Responsible Officer:	Kerryann Ashton – Licensing Officer
Report Author	Kerryann Ashton – Licensing Officer
Ward/s Affected	Aylesbury North

1. Purpose of Report

To provide Members with information enabling the determination of an application for a variation to the premises licence, in respect of which relevant representations have been received. The application has been submitted by Desmond Power (“the applicant”) in respect of **The Bricklayers Arms, 19 Walton Terrace, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7QY** (“the premises”).

2. Background

- 2.1 The premises is located within the town of Aylesbury in a mixed area of commercial and residential premises. The premises consist of a pub with a beer garden to the rear of the premises and beyond that car parking for a number of cars.
- 2.2 A location plan showing the premises is attached to this report marked **Appendix 1**. The current layout plan is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 The original premises licence was granted in 2005 as a conversion application and authorised the Sale of alcohol (both on and off) between the hours of 10am and 11pm Monday to Saturday and 12pm to 10.30pm on a Sunday. This licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 2.4 The premises applied for a variation of the of the premises licence in January 2015. The variation was to - Extend hours to 01.00 Friday and Saturday for sale of alcohol. Add regulated entertainment on Friday and Saturday from 09.00 to 00.00. Extend to 02.00 hours on Fri, Sat and Sun at Bank Holidays.
- 2.5 This application was modified during consultation period the licence and granted was as follows:

Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Sunday to Thursday	12:00 - 23:00
Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Friday to Saturday	12:00 - 01:00

Performance of Live Music	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:00
Performance of Live Music	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Playing of Recorded Music	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:00
Playing of Recorded Music	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:30

Opening Hours	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:30
Opening Hours	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 01:30

2.6 A copy of the current licence is attached as **Appendix 3**.

3 The Application

3.1 This application is for a variation of the current premises licence to take immediate effect. A copy of the application form is attached as **Appendix 4**.

3.2 The variations sought are as follows:

- Extend hours for recorded music and for it to be permitted outdoors in the garden (at the rear of the pub)
- Removal of condition on current licence that states that Use of the beer garden will stop at 23:00.

<u>Current activities and hours</u>	<u>Proposed activities and hours</u>	<u>Effect of Variation</u>
Sale of Alcohol Both on and off the premises Sunday to Thursday 12:00 – 23:00 Friday to Saturday 12:00 – 01:00	No change	
Live music (indoors only after 2300 hrs) Sunday to Thursday 09:00 - 23:00 Friday to Saturday 09:00 - 00:00	Under de regulation act live music is permitted both indoors and outdoor between the hours of 8am and 11pm	
Recorded music (indoors only after 2300 hrs) Sunday to Thursday 09:00 - 23:00 Friday to Saturday 09:00 - 00:30	Recorded music (both indoors and outside) Monday to Thursday 15:00 – 23:00 Friday 15:00 – 01:00 Saturday 12:00 - 0100 Sunday 12:00 – 23:00	Extend hours for recorded music and change to both indoors and outside
Hours premises are open to the public Sunday to Thursday 09:00 - 23:30 Friday to Saturday 09:00 - 01:30	No change	

- 3.3 The steps the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see Appendix 4, section 16 of application form).

4 Relevant Representations

4.1 Responsible Authorities:

- 4.1.1 **The Chief Officer of Police:** Response received: No objection
- 4.1.2 **The Fire and Rescue Authority:** No Response received: No comment
- 4.1.3 **The Local Planning Authority (Head of Sustainable Development):** No Response received: No comment
- 4.1.4 **The Local Environmental Health Authority (Head of Environmental Health):** Submitted a representation during the consultation period a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 5**.
- 4.1.5 **Weights and Measures Authority (Trading Standards Officer):** No response received: No comment
- 4.1.6 **The Safeguarding and Child Protection Unit:** No response received: No comment
- 4.1.7 **The Licensing Authority:** Response received: No comment
- 4.1.8 No responses were received from any other Responsible Authority.
- 4.2 **Other persons:** One valid objection was received during the 28-day consultation period which ended on the 25 April 2024. A copy of the representation is attached marked **Appendix 6**.
- 4.3 No letters of support were received during the consultation period.

5 Licensing Officer's Observations:

- 5.1 The Relevant Representation from other parties mainly raises the follows issues:

- The prevention of public nuisance

The representation states given the close proximity of many houses backing onto the pub's garden the music amplifies vibrations and sound, which directly infiltrate homes. And that the premises are in an area occupied by families and elderly residents and this proposed extension would significantly infringe upon their rights to privacy and the peaceful enjoyment of their properties, inevitably resulting in heightened sleep deprivation and stress. They are concerned about the potential implications this extension could have on the peace and quiet of our neighbourhood. Incidents of disruptive and antisocial behaviour by pub patrons have been reported. These include being loud, breaking glass, leaving rubbish on the road, and, on two occasions, jumping on cars and climbing scaffolding.

I would draw Members attention to the provision in the Licensing Act 2003 under the De Regulation Act that amplified live or recorded music does not require authorisation when playing on licensed premises that are authorised and open for the sale of alcohol on the premises for audiences up to 500, between the hours of 8am and 11pm.

- 5.2 In addition to the Mandatory Conditions, which together with the Conditions proposed by the applicant and the Responsible Authority are considered appropriate for recommendation to the Licensing Sub-Committee to address concerns raised in the objections if a Premises Licence is granted.

6. Policy Considerations

6.1 Regard must be given to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (published 4th March 2022) when determining this application. Part C - promoting the licensing objectives Para 3.14 states the Licensing Authority seeks to encourage the highest standards of management in licensed premises and expects this to be demonstrated through the operating schedule.

3.19 In preparing their applications, applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the terms of this Policy in general and this chapter in particular. In considering applications, the Licensing Authority will also take this Policy as a starting point.

3.23 In considering variation applications, decision concerning conditions will be confined to the subject matter of the application as per case law (Taylor vs Manchester City Council [2012]). In practice this means that conditions will not be imposed in response to a variation application that do not relate to the application sought.

In relation to the prevention of a public nuisance licensing objective, section 3.36, the Licensing Authority will consider whether the measures proposed to deal with the potential for public nuisance having regard to all circumstances of the application, are adequate. Much weight will be placed on recommendations made by Environmental Health Officers in terms of preventing public nuisance.

3.37 Particular measures include:

Noise escape

The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to prevent noise and vibration escaping from the premises, including music, noise from ventilation equipment and human voices. Such measures may include the installation of soundproofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies and sound limitation devices. In appropriate circumstances and where not included in the operating schedule, a condition may be imposed requiring the assessment by the applicant (either with or without the involvement of Environmental Health), of potential noise sources which could cause disturbance to those in the vicinity and to identify and implement appropriate control measures.

Smokers

Arrangements to minimise disturbance from customers smoking outside the premises. These may include supervision, delineated areas for smoking, controls on numbers and preventing customers taking alcohol outside.

Customer departure

The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the applicant to prevent disturbance by customers leaving. Such steps will include proper winding down policies so that customers leave gradually and quietly, notices to customers requesting respect for neighbours, the use of dedicated taxis, management of queues for taxis, direction of customers away from residential areas, supervision of exterior areas, requesting customers to respect neighbours and prevention of customers gathering outside the premises.

Outside areas

The Licensing Authority supports the use of outside areas such as gardens and forecourts however robust management controls are usually required to ensure that the use of these areas does not cause a nuisance. Control measures may

include adequate supervision, regular glass collections, curfews and last entry conditions.

- 6.2 Regard must also be had to the national Guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended.

In relation to Prevention of Public Nuisance the Statutory Guidance states:

- 2.21 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.
- 2.22 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.
- 2.23 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music.
- 2.24 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.
- 2.25 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.
- 2.27 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the

premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

7. Resources, Risk and Other Implications

- 7.1 **Resource:** The only resource implications to date have been officer time however if the applicant or persons making relevant representations appeal against the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee this would result in legal fees to defend the appeal and further costs. In the event of a successful appeal the Council may also have to pay the applicant/other party's costs.
- 7.2 **Human Rights:** The Licensing Sub - Committee's decision regarding this application will have Human Rights implications in respect of both the Applicant and the persons making relevant representations which also need to be considered equally and fairly so that the decision is proportionate and the right balance is met. The referral of this matter to the Sub - Committee is laid down in the Licensing Act 2003, as amended and is also in accordance with Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998, the right to a fair hearing, which is an absolute right. The Applicant and the persons making relevant representations have been notified of the Hearing and invited to make representations. A statutory right of appeal to the Magistrates Court and the right (if it arises) to challenge the Sub-Committee's decision by way of Judicial Review to the High Court also ensure a fair hearing to both the Applicant and the persons making relevant representations.
- 7.3 Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol - the right to respect for private/family life and peaceful enjoyment of property/possessions (including Licences) - also need to be considered. The persons making relevant representations have a right to respect for their private and family life and their home. They are entitled not to be disturbed by unreasonable noise and/or nuisance. However, this is a qualified right and has to be balanced against the rights of others including the rights of businesses in the area to operate.
- 7.4 Article 14 of the Human Rights Act 1998 - the right to freedom from discrimination, which is an absolute right – also needs to be considered. The human rights provided under the Human Rights Act 1998 must not be subject to discrimination under various headings, including race, national or social origins, association with a national minority group, or other status.
- 7.5 Interference with these rights is acceptable within the terms of the Human Rights Act 1998 if it safeguards the rights of others, is legitimate, proportionate and balanced in that there is a need to find a fair balance between the protection of individual rights and the interests of the community at large – other than rights under Article 6 and 14 which are absolute rights and cannot be interfered with.
- 7.6 Therefore if Members refuse to grant the application to vary the Premises Licence in whole or part or grant it subject to Conditions this will be a breach of the rights of the Applicant unless such refusal (in full or part) is and/or the Conditions imposed are appropriate, proportionate and can be justified, on balance, by being outweighed by the rights of the community at large to peaceful enjoyment of their property/possessions. Any restriction placed upon the Premises Licence must not go beyond what is strictly necessary to achieve its legitimate purpose in order to

mitigate the interference with the community at large's enjoyment of their property/possessions.

7.7 By taking into consideration all the material considerations relating to this application and balancing the interests/rights of all parties involved it is considered that the Licensing Sub-Committee's decision will be both proportionate and justified having regard to the Human Rights Act 1998.

7.8 The Equality Act 2010, including the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty, must be taken into account when making decisions in relation to licensing applications.

8. Determination by the Licensing Sub-Committee

8.1 The Sub Committee is obliged to determine applications in the light of the above and any other material considerations with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives. Which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

Regard must also be had to the Council's Licensing Policy, Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended, relevant representations received and the evidence presented at the Hearing.

8.2 Each application must be considered on its own merits and any conditions attached to premises licences must be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions. Standardised conditions should be avoided and indeed, may be unlawful where they cannot be shown to promote the licensing objectives in any individual case.

8.3 The Sub Committee must avoid duplication of other legal requirements and should only impose conditions on a premises licence which are appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and where additional and/or supplementary measures are required in order to promote the licensing objectives.

8.4 The following options are available to the Licensing Sub Committee:

8.4.1 Grant the Variation Application in full or part - subject to any Conditions to be attached to the premises licence (which modify, or add to or vary the Conditions already imposed on it) which are consistent with the Operating Schedule and which are considered appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the four licensing objectives in response to relevant representations received - and any relevant Mandatory Conditions.

On a "without prejudice" basis, a draft list of **proposed Conditions** is attached to this Report marked "The Schedule".

8.4.2 Reject the whole of the Variation Application.

8.4.3 Grant the Variation Application subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or licensable activities if this is considered appropriate and proportionate to promote the four licensing objectives and in response to the representations received).

8.5 The Sub-Committee is asked to note that:

8.5.1 It may not reject the whole or part of the application or modify or add to or vary the existing conditions - merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be **appropriate and proportionate** in order to promote the four licensing objectives and be in response to the representations received and full reasons must be given for the Sub-Committees decision.

8.5.2 When determining the application to vary the Premises Licence consideration must be given to the effect of the variations proposed. Any modification or variation to Conditions or any additional Conditions to be added to the Premises Licence must also be as a result of the effect of the variation if granted on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

THE SCHEDULE

The Mandatory Conditions

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

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Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made authorised by a person who holds a personal licence

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(1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:-

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to:-

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(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective; .

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective; .

- (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner; .
- (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

Mandatory Condition 2

The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

Mandatory Condition 3

- (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
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- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:-
 - (a) a holographic mark, or .
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.

Mandatory Condition 4

The responsible person must ensure that:-

- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures:-
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint; .
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 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; .
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and .
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."

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$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

Where:-

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

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3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
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Proposed conditions

General – All four licensing objectives

The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system in accordance with any minimum requirements of Thames Valley Police. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.

The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance.

All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days (or other specified time period) with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31-day period (or other specified time period).

The prevention of crime and disorder

A written record of all staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be maintained on the premises and made available to an authorised officer on request.

A manager, nominated in writing by the licence holder, shall be on the premises at all times that it is open to the general public.

The licence holder must ensure any nominated manager has been provided with a copy of the licence conditions.

Empty drinking vessels shall be frequently collected from all public areas on the premises, including any outside areas.

The prevention of public nuisance

Notices, of a minimum A4 size, shall be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.

The protection of children from harm

A Challenge 21 (or Challenge 25) proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.

Public Safety

All emergency exit doors shall be available at all material times without the use of a key, code, card or similar means.

All emergency doors shall be maintained effectively self-closing and not held open other than by an approved device.

Outside furniture shall not be placed in front of any designated emergency exits or prevent easy access for emergency services.

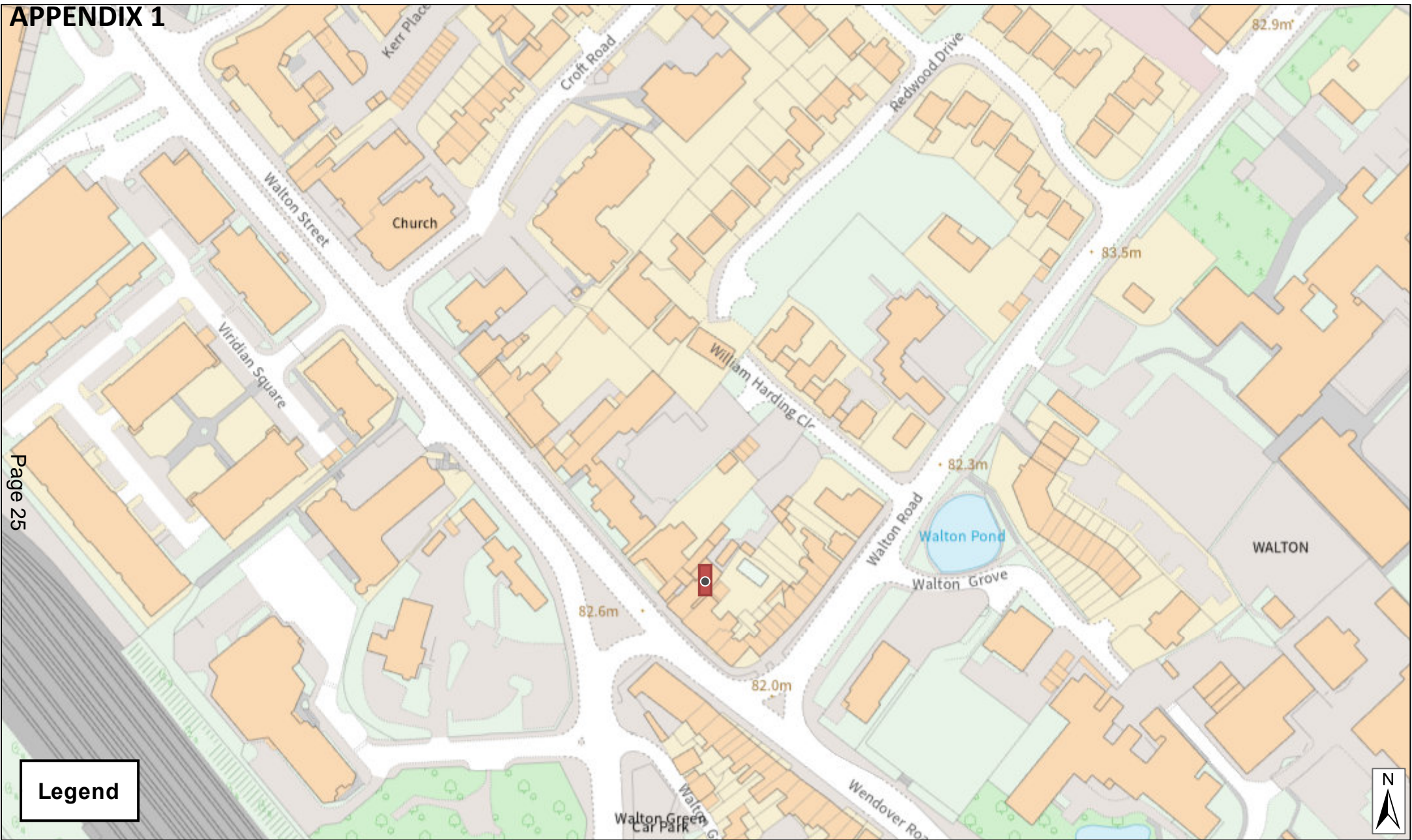
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This Premises Licence does not purport to grant planning permission for the use of the premises hereby permitted by this Licence and/or for the hours of operation hereby permitted by this Licence and the Applicant is advised to contact the Planning Department to check compliance with the relevant planning legislation/requirements and to submit any necessary planning applications prior to operation.

Officer Contact: Kerryann Ashton (01296 585 560)
email address: kerryann.ashton@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application ref: PR202404-343844• Licensing Act 2003, as amended• Licensing Policy – Buckinghamshire Council published March 2022• Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended
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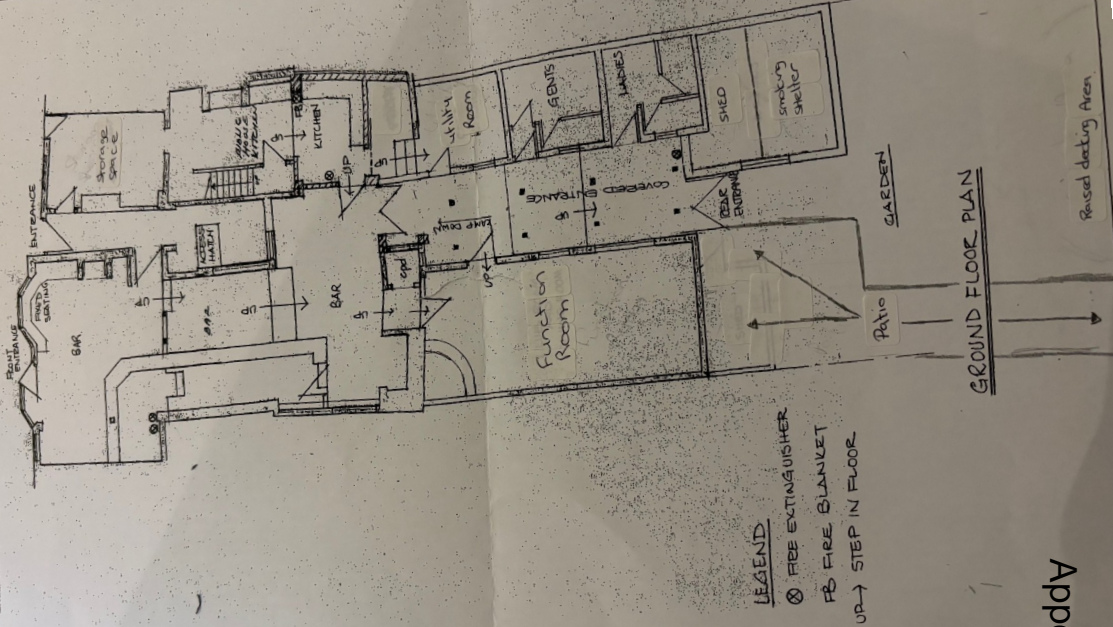
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APPENDIX 3

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL
Environmental Health and Licensing



Premises Licence

Premises Licence Number

PR201909-222400 (PR0465)

Date Issued

27th September 2019

Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

The Bricklayers Arms
19 Walton Terrace
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP21 7QY

Telephone number 01296 482930

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Not applicable.

Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Sunday to Thursday	12:00 - 23:00
Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Friday to Saturday	12:00 - 01:00
Performance of Live Music	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:00
Performance of Live Music	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Playing of Recorded Music	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:00
Playing of Recorded Music	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:30

Live music and recorded music are indoors only

The opening hours of the premises

Opening Hours	Sunday to Thursday	09:00 - 23:30
Opening Hours	Friday to Saturday	09:00 - 01:30

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies

Supply of alcohol from these premises is authorised for consumption both on and off the premises.

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr Desmond John Power
The Bricklayers Arms Ph
19 Walton Terrace
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP21 7QY

Tel - 01296 482930

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not applicable.

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Mr Desmond John Power
The Bricklayers Arms Ph
19 Walton Terrace
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP21 7QY

Tel - 01296 482930

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

PE1804
Aylesbury Vale District Council

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Annex 2 –Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

1) Non standard timings for all licensable activities.

In this condition, permitted hours means:

- a. On New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.
- b. To extend to 0200 hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of all bank holiday weekends.
- c. To extend to 00.00 on Christmas Eve.
- d. An additional hour on St George's day, St Andrew's day, St Patrick's day and St David's day.

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the consumption of the alcohol on the premises;
- (b) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
- (c) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours the consumption of the alcohol on the premises by persons taking meals there if the alcohol was supplied for consumption as ancillary to the meals;
- (d) consumption of the alcohol on the premises or the taking of sale or supply of alcohol to any person residing in the licensed premises;
- (e) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
- (f) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
- (g) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
- (h) the taking of alcohol from the premises by a person residing there; or
- (i) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to any private friends of a person residing there who are bona fide entertained by him at his own expense, or the consumption of alcohol by persons so supplied; or
- (j) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to persons employed there for the purposes of the business carried on by the holder of the licence, or the consumption of liquor so supplied, if the liquor is supplied at the expense of their employer or of the person carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.

2) No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies:

- (1) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence.
- (2) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.
- (3) He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress.
- (4) The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary

In this condition 'bar' includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.

General Licensing Objectives

- a) Ensure all staff are aware of licensing objectives with emphasis on under age drinking and drunkenness both on and off the premises
- b) To be vigilant for the use of drugs and anti-social behaviour
- c) We will not promote binge drinking and will not have happy hours
- d) To join the pubwatch scheme

The prevention of crime and disorder

- a) All management and staff trained and know all relevant codes of practice
- b) Requesting proof of age identification
- c) Not serving patrons who are seriously intoxicated
- d) Maintain suitable lighting
- e) No encouraging binge drinking or having happy hours

Public Safety

- a) Risk management carried out by the responsible person on duty
- b) Best practice in relation to Health and Safety, fire and all other policies and appliances requiring certification
- c) All management and staff kept up to date with changes in legislation

The prevention of public nuisance

- a) Management and staff to prevent any nuisance internally and externally.
- b) All windows and doors closed after 23.00 to prevent noise nuisance.
- c) Signs placed asking patrons/staff to leave quietly.
- d) Use of the beer garden will stop at 23.00

The protection of children from harm

- a) No person under the age of 16 to be allowed on the premises without a responsible adult.
- b) Relevant notices displayed.

Annex 3–Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable.

Annex 4 – Plans



Buckinghamshire
Application to vary a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

For help contact
Licensing@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
 Telephone:

* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Yes No

Applicant Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? Yes No

Registration number

Business name If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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APPLICATION DETAILS

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or 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 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Premises Contact Details

Telephone number

Continued from previous page...

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

16,333

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VARIATION

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible? Yes No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy?

Yes No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

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

Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

We would like to change the current license to allow music to be played in the garden. this to include piped music, a Dj and Live bands. The garden is at the rear of the pub.

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
- No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
- No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
- No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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SUNDAY

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Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors
- Outdoors
- Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

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.

Live band playing in the garden

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of live music at different times from those listed, above below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes
- No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

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.

juke box music being played through speakers into the garden

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

- Yes No

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

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Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

the removal of the clause on our current licence that states that Use of the beer garden will stop at 23.00. this would need to be removed if our new application is agreed.

I have enclosed the premises licence

I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

use more staff, and security staff to help maintain customer behavior and keep everyone safe. stick to the recommended capacity so that we are able to manage and keep everyone save. Use signage to encourage customers to enter and leave quietly and respectfully. we use a sound meter to make sure music does not go above the legal levels. keep children to a minimum, and ask that children vacate the premises by 7pm.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. Use security staff on certain nights. have extra staff on. A written record of all staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be maintained on the premises and made available to an authorised officer on request. A manager, nominated in writing by the licence holder, shall be on the premises at all times that it is open to the general public. The licence holder must ensure any nominated manager has been provided with a copy of the licence conditions. Empty drinking vessels shall be frequently collected from all public areas on the premises, including any outside areas.

c) Public safety

All emergency exit doors shall be available at all material times without the use of a key, code, card or similar means. All emergency doors shall be maintained effectively self closing and not held open other than by an approved device. use signage where appropriate. stay within recommended numbers to ensure the venue isnt overcrowded. encourage all customers to leave quietly. using a sound meter to make sure noise doesnt exceed legal levels. Outside furniture shall not be placed in front of any designated emergency exits or prevent easy access for emergency services.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

signage up to remind customers to be quiet and respectful. keeping to the noise levels appropriate to the area by using a sound meter.

e) The protection of children from harm

A Challenge 21 (or Challenge 25) proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologramno children on the premises from 7pm

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Variation Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises. To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00 Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00 Band C - £33001 to £8700 £315.00 Band D - £87001 to £12500 £450.00* Band E - £125001 and over £635.00* *If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee Band D - £87001 to £12500 £900.00 Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00 If you own a large premise you are subject to additional fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00 Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00 Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00 Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00 Capacity 30000-39000 £16,000.00 Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00 Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00 Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00 Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00 Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00 Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

Desmond John Power

* Capacity

Owner

* Date

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BY EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003

Re: Application to vary a Premises Licence – The Bricklayers Arms PH, 19 Walton Terrace, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7QY

I am an authorised officer of the Council as set out in Section 69(2)(d) of the Licensing Act 2003. I fulfil the duties of a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 69(4)(e) of the Act in terms of the Council's statutory functions associated with the minimisation or prevention of risks associated with pollution to the environment or harm to human health.

I have reviewed the above application documentation in the context of what steps, if any, are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives as described in Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 and **wish to make a Representation against the granting of a revised premises licence on the terms set out in the application.**

The application seeks the removal of a current Premises Licence condition prohibiting the use of the rear beer garden after 11pm. If granted this relaxation would, as I understand it, permit unlimited use of the garden by patrons and also the undertaking of regulated entertainment (in the form of live and recorded music) in that space until 1am on Saturday and Sunday mornings *et al.*

Given the proximity of a number of dwellings to 19 Walton Terrace I believe that the above proposal would not promote the *prevention of public nuisance* objective set out in the Act. In forming this opinion I have been informed by the following publication: *Good Practice Guide on the Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs* published by the Institute of Acoustics (2003). In particular, I am mindful of the provisions reproduced over page:

Music, Singing and Speech Originating from Outside Buildings (Entertainment Noise)

- 3.5 The levels of noise from these sources can often be high because there is no building envelope to attenuate the sound. Examples of this are use of beer gardens; receptions and parties held in marquees; and barbecues and parties held in the open.

Use of Gardens and Play Areas

- 7.8 Careful consideration should always be given to the siting of gardens and play areas, intended for the use of patrons, in order to minimise the risk of disturbance to neighbours. The use of gardens and external play areas from which noise disturbance has arisen, or may arise, should not commence before the start of normal trading hours and should normally cease at dusk or at 21:00 hours, whichever is the earlier.

It can be noted that the existing Premises Licence condition relating to the beer garden of The Bricklayers Arms PH already permits its later use than the terminal hours recommended within the above guidance document (for information, dusk on the 21st June 2024 in Aylesbury is 22:15).

I have also considered the mitigation measures set out in Section 16 of the application as regards the control of noise. I believe that they are vague (for example use of a sound level meter is cited but no maximum permissible sound pressure level is proposed) and/or are likely to be materially ineffectual (such as the use of signage).

I have approached the applicant, Mr Power, with view to eliciting more effective and reliable control measures but, unfortunately, they have not been forthcoming. Accordingly, I would recommend that the Licensing Authority refuses this application.

If you would like to discuss this case please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Godman
Environmental Health Officer

cc: Applicant

I am writing to formally register my objection to the application submitted by The Bricklayers Arms for an extension of their license to permit outside music until 1am. As a resident in close proximity to the pub, I am deeply concerned about the potential implications this extension could have on the peace and quiet of our neighborhood.

The Bricklayers Arms has been a longstanding part of our community, and while I appreciate its role as a local gathering spot, I must emphasize the significant disturbances its current operations already pose to the surrounding residential area. The pub already allows music to be played outdoors until late hours, which has led to numerous disturbances and discomfort for nearby residents, myself included.

Given the close proximity of many houses backing onto the pub's garden, the music amplifies vibrations and sound, which directly infiltrate our homes. In an area occupied by families and elderly residents, this proposed extension would significantly infringe upon our rights to privacy and the peaceful enjoyment of our properties, inevitably resulting in heightened sleep deprivation and stress.

In addition to the noise disturbances, the conduct of certain pub patrons has been a source of ongoing concern. Residents frequently encounter difficulties in finding parking spaces as pub patrons occupy residential spots instead of utilizing the designated car park. This worsens an already strained parking situation in the area. Moreover, there have been instances where the pub landlord has confronted residents for using the car park, citing their inability to find parking, and even resorted to threatening to clamp vehicles.

Furthermore, incidents of disruptive and antisocial behavior by pub patrons have been reported. These include being loud, breaking glass, leaving rubbish on the road, and, on two occasions, jumping on cars and climbing scaffolding. Such behavior not only poses a threat to public safety but also severely disrupts the peace and security of our residential area. Police intervention has been required to address these incidents, indicating a serious breach of public order and safety. Extending the pub's license, I fear, will exacerbate these incidents further.

I believe it is imperative to balance the interests of local businesses with those of residents. While I appreciate the importance of supporting establishments such as The Bricklayers Arms, it cannot come at the expense of the well-being and quality of life of nearby residents.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Name and address provided to the Licensing Authority

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