

# **Report to the Licensing Sub-Committee**



**Date of meeting: 9 April 2013**

**Subject: To vary a Club Premises Licence at Buckhurst Hill Sports & Social Club, 50a Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5BY under the Licensing Act 2003**

**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Responsible Officer: Kim Tuckey (01992 564034)**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**(1) To determine the application for a variation of an existing Club Premises Licence at Buckhurst Hill Sports & Social Club under the Licensing Act 2003.**

## **Report:**

### Application

1. An application has been made by K Waites, the Premises Licence Holder for a variation to the Club Premises Licence for Buckhurst Hill sports & Social Club. The authority received the application on 11 February 2013. The application sets out the varied licensing activities applied for and times requested. A copy of the present licence for the premises, the application for variation and the public notice are attached.

2. The original application was requesting:

- Sale of Alcohol, Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 01.00hrs; and
- Live Music Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 23.30hrs.

3. However, during the consultation process the applicant has offered the following amendment:

- Sale of Alcohol, Monday to Sunday to 0030hrs; and
- Close of premises at 01:00.

4. Sections E, I & J of the application for variation amends the Operating Schedule of the premises licence and sets out some new conditions which will be attached to the licence if this application is granted.

### Licensing Act 2003

5. When considering an application for a licence, the licensing authority must have regard to the promotion of the following licensing objectives:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

6. It must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

### Consultation

7. The Responsible Authorities have received a copy of the application; it was properly advertised at the premises and in a local newspaper.
8. The authority has received representations from:
  - (a) Essex Police - requesting an amendment to the application;
  - (b) David Baker – the local Planning authority;
  - (c) Cllr Sylvia Watson, Cllr G Chambers and Nigel Moore (Clerk to Buckhurst Hill Parish Council); and
  - (d) 2 representation from local residents.

### Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State

9. The Licensing Act 2003 provides that the licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.
10. 2.1 to 2.40 apply.

### Options

11. In determining this application, the Sub-Committee may take any of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, namely:
  - to modify the conditions of the licence; or
  - to reject the whole or part of the application.
12. For the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003 the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or a new condition added.

### Determination

13. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to:
  - (a) the content of this report and representations;
  - (b) any additional information obtained from the hearing;
  - (c) the Council's statement of licensing policy;
  - (d) Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, and
  - (e) the steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

### Appeal

14. If any party is aggrieved with the decision they can appeal to Magistrates court. The appeal period is 21 days from notification of the decision.

### **Background Papers Used In Preparing This Report:**

- The Licensing Act 2003  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents?view=plain>

- The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/alcohol-drugs/alcohol/guidance-section-182-licensing?view=Binary>
- Epping Forest District Council's statement of licensing policy.  
<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk>

**Attached Documents:**

- Application for premises Licence.
- A copy of the Premises Licence.
- Copy of the notice.
- Representation from Interested Parties/Responsible Authorities.
- Map showing the area.