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Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Committee

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Report of Elizabeth Reeve, Licensing
Officer

Licensing Act 2003: Application for a New Premise Licence – Ramroot Festival, Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF.

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Purpose of Report

Committee to determine an application for a new premises licence.

Recommendations

That the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Committee consider an application for a new time limited premise licence for the period between 4th – 7th July 2025 for the Ramroot Festival. Whilst taking into account the views of the representation made in relation to one or more of the licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm.

Decision Information	
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Healthy and strong communities
Which wards are impacted?	All wards

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 There are no specific financial implication associated with this report, however, in the event of an applicant, responsible authority or interested person making an appeal against a decision which was then subsequently upheld, the council may incur additional costs.

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 This is an application for new premises licence under S17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The committee should consider whether the application is likely to impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives. In reaching the decision the Committee should consider, the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, the representation (including supporting information) presented by the parties, the guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Councils own statement of licensing policy.

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required? No

Community Safety

- 1.3 Community Safety implications will be considered in accordance with the licensing objectives and the duty to consider in accordance with S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 On 15th April 2025 an application was processed by the licensing authority for a new premises licence at the above location (**Appendix 1**). At that time the event management plan was still being finalised.
- 2.2 During the consultation period, Lincolnshire Police liaised with the applicant and they both agreed on revised Premise Licence conditions, a different named Designated Premises Supervisor and an amendment to the licence validity.
- 2.3 The application was also changed to a time limited premise licence, to cover the event period of 4th to 7th July 2025 only. This means any future events by this applicant and/or this location will require a new premise licence application to be submitted and granted. A copy of the correspondence and amended licence conditions is at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.3 The Environmental Health department also liaised with the applicant regarding the hours requested for live and recorded music and that a separate and detailed noise management plan be produced and agreed with them. It was then agreed by the applicant that the timings for live and recorded music would be scaled back to the following, as confirmed in **Appendix 3**:
 - Outdoor stages– Performance of live and recorded music
Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 00:00 Sunday 10:00 to 00:00
 - Indoor stages - Performance of live and recorded music
Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 02:00 Sunday 10:00 to 02:00
- 2.4 The event management, noise management and site plan is still being revised and finalised, however a copy of the latest documents and site map at the time of this report being written is included. In addition, confirmation from the applicant outlining that the hours for the sale of alcohol on the premise will be scaled back until 2 hours after the provision of live or recorded music has ended, is attached. (**Appendix 4**)

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 Each application to be determined on its own merits
- 3.2 During the consultation period the authority received one representation from a member of the public which the applicant has offered mitigation for (**Appendix 5**). The reason for the representation include concerns regarding noise disturbance to residents of Allington.
- 3.3 Another member of the public made a representation, but this was subsequently withdrawn after further information was provided by the applicant and Environmental Health. A third resident representation was also received by the Licensing Authority but was not accepted as it was received after the last date for representations.
- 3.4 Licensing Officers have the delegated authority to decide whether a representation is relevant, vexatious, or frivolous however, Section 9 of the Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:

9.9 It is recommended that, in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt about any aspect of a representation should be given to the person making that representation. The Subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it.

- 3.5 It was felt that one representation at Appendix 5 did not fall within the delegated authority.
- 3.6 Where relevant representations are made, the authority must:
 - i. Hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representation agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
 - ii. Having regard to the representations, take such steps mentioned below (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
 - iii. Grant the application subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule modified to the extent that the committee considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and any mandatory conditions that must be included under the Licensing Act 2003.
 - iv. Exclude from the scope of the licence a licensable activity to which the application relates.
 - v. Refuse to specify a person in the licence as a Premises Supervisor. (DPS)
 - vi. Reject the whole or part of the application.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 4.1 The licensing authority should give appropriate weight to:
 - ❖ The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
 - ❖ The representation (including supporting information) presented by the parties.
 - ❖ The guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
 - ❖ South Kesteven District Councils Licensing Policy.
- 4.2 The guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states at 9.37 that;

“As a matter of practice, Licensing Authorities should seek to focus the hearing on the steps considered appropriate to promote the particular licensing objective or objectives that have given rise to the specific representation and avoid straying into undisputed areas. A responsible authority or other person may choose to rely on their written representation.

They may not add further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing, but they may expand on their existing representation and should be allowed sufficient time to do so, within reasonable and practical time limits.”

5. Consultation

5.1 Statutory 28 day consultation has taken place from 15th April 2025 until 13th May 2025. During this time one representation from a member of the public was received and then subsequently withdrawn, another representation was received again from a member of the public but was out of the consultation time. A separate resident representation still stands.

6. Background Papers

6.1 [Statement of Licensing Policy 1st April 2021](#)
6.2 [Guidance to Applicants](#)
6.3 [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – New Application for a Premises Licence submitted
Appendix 2 – Amended Premise Licence conditions and time limited Licence agreement with Lincolnshire Police
Appendix 3 – Amended timings for live and recorded music
Appendix 4 – Most recent Event Management, Noise Management and Site plan and amendment to alcohol sale terminal hours
Appendix 5 - Representation from a member of the public