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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 – Stamford Rugby Club, Hambleton Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2RZ.

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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 premise licence at a premise located at Stamford Rugby Club, Hambleton Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2RZ and the views of the representation made by any person bearing in mind the four 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Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?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 a 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 1st July 2025 an application was received to the licensing authority for a new premises licence at the above location (**Appendix 1**)
- 2.2 The application is to licence the premises for the following –
- **The Provision of Fims indoors;** Monday to Thursday and Sundays 09:00 to 23:00, Friday and Saturdays 09:00 to 00:00
 - **The Provision of Live Music and Recorded Music indoors and outdoors;** Friday and Saturdays 23:00 to 00:00 (Christmas day/New years day until 01:00)
 - **The Sale of Alcohol on and off the premises;** Monday to Thursday and Sundays 09:00 to 23:00, Friday and Saturdays 09:00 to 00:00 (Christmas day/New year's day until 01:00)
- 2.3 The Premise benefits from a Club Premises Certificate, which has been in place since it transitioned over in 2005. This allows licensable activities to club members and their guests for the following activities and times:
Supply of alcohol on the premises; Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 23:00 and Sundays 12:00 to 22:30. With new years eve into new years day extensions.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.2 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 (**Appendix 2**). The reasons for the representation include concerns regarding potential noise disturbance from late night events, if these are to be held on a frequent basis.
- 3.3 A location plan showing the proximity to residential areas has been included to aide members (**Appendix 3**)
- 3.4 There has been one recorded incident of a noise complaint against the premise, found on record from May 2013. This appeared to be from a neighbour who complained that noise from people shouting and revving their cars after a private function was disturbing them. A letter was sent to the premises, but no follow up response or complaints appear to have been made
- 3.5 Correspondence between the applicant and the resident who made a representation is included at **Appendix 4**
- 3.6 The applicant has agreed to include a condition that no regulated entertainment will take place in any outdoor area past 21:00
- 3.7 The applicant has agreed with the Police to extend their opening hours by a 30-minute period, to allow for sufficient drinking up time. This will mean new opening hours of Monday to Thursday and Sundays 09:00 to 23:30 and Friday and Saturdays 09:00 to 00:30 (Christmas day/New year's day until 01:30)

- 3.8 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.

- 3.9 It was felt that the representation at Appendix 2 did not fall within the delegated authority.

- 3.10 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 1st July 2025 until 29th July 2025. During this time one representation from a member of the public was received. None of the responsible authorities objected.

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 – Representation made from a member of the public
Appendix 3 – Location plan and images
Appendix 4 – Correspondence from applicant and resident