

(Report of the Licensing Supervisor, Samantha Potts 7364)

**Application – New Premises Licence**

**Premises – The Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.**

Requested Licensable Activities	Days	Requested Hours	Agreed Hours	Comments
Sale of alcohol, Indoor Sports, Films, Live & Recorded Music and Dancing	Monday –Thursday	10.00 – 24.00		
	Friday – Saturday	10.00 – 02.00		
	Sunday	12.00 – 24.00		
	BH/NYE/Xmas Eve	10.00 – 02.00		
Late Night Refreshments	Monday - Sunday	23.00 - Close		

**Background**

Downmores Ltd have applied for a new Premises Licence in order to re-open The Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne. The Premises closed earlier this year and the previous licensee subsequently surrendered the licence. The Ship Inn is a public house situated just off the main town centre of Sittingbourne in the residential and commercial area of East Street. To the rear of the property is a small car park with some outdoor seating and a smoking area. There is no front garden as the premises is directly on the pavement, there is side access to the right (as you look at it) of the property.

The premises previously held a licence which was granted in June 2005. The new application on the whole mirrors the previous one.

The premises will be managed by Mr Fearghal Campbell, he holds a Personal Licence, which was granted by Lewisham Borough Council.

**Consultation**

The application was served by the applicant on Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue, the Councils Pollution Team, Planning, Child Protection Services, HM Customs and the West Kent PCT.

The application was advertised in the local paper (published 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012) and on the premises for a period of 28 days, in line with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

Thirty two objection letters were received from local residents the letters cite concerns over potential noise nuisance from patrons, anti social behaviour and parking issues. It will appear as if only twenty one letters have been received as many were duplicated and then sent in from different addresses. In line with the Data Protection Act names and addresses are removed, once this had been done twelve of the letters appeared identical and therefore only one is included in the report.

Swale Police have requested that fifteen conditions be applied to the licence, this is the case for all new applications and/or variations. **These conditions have already been accepted by the applicant.** None of the other Responsible Authorities have objected, this is mainly due to the fact that this is a NEW application and any history associated with the previous owner should not be taken into account.

**Conclusion**

Downmores Ltd have applied for a new Premises Licence to include sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshments. Thirty two local residents have raised objections and Swale Police have requested fifteen conditions be applied to the licence.

Councillors must decide if any of the following are appropriate:

- *Grant the licence as applied for.*
- *Grant the licence with conditions and/or changes.*
- *Refuse the licence.*

**Attachments:**

- Plan of area
- Copy of application
- Letters from local residents
- Police representation



**Application for a premises licence to be granted  
under the Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Downmores Limited  
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

**Part 1 – Premises Details**

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
The Ship Inn East Street			
Post town	Sittingbourne	Post code	ME10 4RT

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£14,750

**Part 2 - Applicant Details**

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as  
Please tick yes

- a) an individual or individuals \*  please complete section (A)
- b) a person other than an individual \*
  - i. as a limited company  please complete section (B)
  - ii. as a partnership  please complete section (B)
  - iii. as an unincorporated association or  please complete section (B)
  - iv. other (for example a statutory corporation)  please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club  please complete section (B)
- d) a charity  please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment  please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body  please complete section (B)

- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital  please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales  please complete section (B)

\* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

Please tick yes

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a
  - statutory function or
  - a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

**(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS** (fill in as applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
I am 18 years old or over					<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes
Current address if different from address	postal address if different premises				
Post Town		Postcode			
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

**SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (if applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
I am 18 years old or over					<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes
Current address if different from address	postal address if different premises				
Post Town		Postcode			
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

**(B) OTHER APPLICANTS**

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name Downmores Limited
Address 72 Plumstead High Street London SE18 1SL
Registered number (where applicable) 01836740
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Limited Company
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

**Part 3 Operating Schedule**

When do you want the premises licence to start?

Day	Month	Year
A	S	A P

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

Day	Month	Year

A

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note1) Traditional public house offering food and entertainment facilities.
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If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

N/A
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What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

**Please tick yes**

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

**Provision of entertainment facilities:**

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j)<br>(if ticking yes, fill in box K) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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

**Supply of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

**In all cases complete boxes N, O and P**

**A**

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

**B**

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mon	10:00	24:00	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	10:00	24:00			
Wed	10:00	24:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	10:00	24:00			
Fri	10:00	02:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve 10:00hrs – 02:00hours		
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	12:00	24:00			

**C**

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Please give further details</b> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	10:00	24:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue	10:00	24:00	
Wed	10:00	24:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:00hours
Thur	10:00	24:00	
Fri	10:00	02:00	
Sat	10:00	02:00	
Sun	12:00	24:00	

**D**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</b> (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue				
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Fri				
Sat				
Sun				



## E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</u>	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	10:00	24:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	10:00	24:00			
Wed	10:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	10:00	24:00			
Fri	10:00	02:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:00hours		
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	12:00	24:00			

## F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</u>	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	10:00	24:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	10:00	24:00			
Wed	10:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	10:00	24:00			
Fri	10:00	02:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:00hours		
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	10:00	24:00			

G

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Tue					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Wed			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Thur					
Fri			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Sat					
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling</u></b>		

Sun			<b>within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)
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I

<b>Provision of facilities for making music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing		
			<b>Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

J

<b>Provision of facilities for dancing</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (see guidance note 2)</b>		Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<b>Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing</b>			
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>			
Mon	10:00	24:00				
Tue	10:00	24:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities (please read guidance note 4)</b>			
Wed	10:00	24:00				
Thur	10:00	24:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</b> Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:00hours			
Fri	10:00	02:00				
Sat	10:00	02:00				
Sun	10:00	24:00				

K

<b>Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i) or j)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing			
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)</b>		Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed			<b>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</b>			
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for</b>			

			<b>entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Fri			
Sat			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)
Sun			

L

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	23:00	24:00		<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue	23:00	24:00			
Wed	23:00	24:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	23:00	24:00			
Fri	23:00	02:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	23:00	02:00	Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve: - 10:00hrs – 02:00hours		
Sun	23:00	24:00			

M

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box)</b> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	10:00	24:00			
Tue	10:00	24:00			
Wed	10:00	24:00			
Thur	10:00	24:00			
Fri	10:00	02:00			
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	10:00	24:00			
			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:00hours		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

<b>Name</b> Fearghal Liam Campbell	
<b>Address</b> 394 Lee High Road London	
<b>Postcode</b>	SE12 8RW
<b>Personal Licence number (if known)</b> LEW0087	
<b>Issuing licensing authority (if known)</b> London Borough of Lewisham	

N

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

None

O

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	10:00	00:30	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5) Bank Holidays/New Years Eve/Christmas Eve – 10:00hrs – 02:30hours
Tue	10:00	00:30	
Wed	10:00	00:30	
Thur	10:00	00:30	
Fri	10:00	02:30	
Sat	10:00	02:30	
Sun	12:00	00:30	

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

1. CCTV system to be in operation at the premises.

**c) Public safety**

1. Controls on entry to be in place at functions on New Years Eve and Christmas Eve. occupancy to be limited to 160 persons.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

1. Live music, Disco/karaoke must only take place in the Games Bar.  
2. All windows and doors on the ground floor must remain shut when entertainment takes place.  
3. Entry to be restricted after 23:00 hours on occasions when entertainment takes place.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

1. No unsupervised children allowed on the premises.



Please tick yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 4 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	<i>Woods Whur LLP</i>
Date	4 September 2012
Capacity	Woods Whur LLP – Solicitors for the applicant

**For joint applications signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent. (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13) Carole Collingwood Woods Whur LLP Devonshire House 38 York Place			
Post town	Leeds	Post code	LS1 2ED
Telephone number (if any)	0113 234 3055		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional) <a href="mailto:carole@woodswhur.co.uk">carole@woodswhur.co.uk</a>			

21.9.12.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed licensing hours of the Ship public house.

Having been a resident for some 27 years, I can speak with considerable experience of the nuisance that such opening hours can cause.

When Plough Court was formerly a public house, rowdyism and vandalism due to late night revellers was commonplace. Similar problems were also experienced when JJ's night club was in operation despite being a considerable distance from Fairview Road.

Also, with parking being very limited in East Street it is inevitable that customers will leave their vehicles in Fairview Road (rear of the Ship). This, coupled with parking restrictions now in force will lead to even greater inaccessibility for emergency vehicles.

It is also inevitable that a great deal of noise disturbance will occur be it from live or recorded music or entertainment or cars travelling through the estate to access Chilton Avenue (the only through route).

P.T.O.

Licensing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

Dear Sir or Madam

I have seen a notice posted on the gate of The Ship public house asking for a Licence to have various Activities which to me turns the Pub into a Night Club which considering the area is totally inappropriate there are retirement flats within 25 to 50 yards houses with young children. The biggest problem will be Parking there is only room for about 6 cars in the (Club)Pub car park which is also a drive through between Fairview road and East Street. Has the noise problem been looked into, when JJs was in operation we could sometimes hear the music at our end of the road. The time after the (CLUB) Pub shuts is usually when the trouble starts fighting and shouting, the language is terrible it will also mean noisy cars being driven away without regard to the local residents as Fairview will be used as a car park. I realize Fairview Road is a public highway and anybody can use it at anytime but a quiet cul-de-sac being disturb by cars and people leaving between 23.00 and 02.30hrs is not very good for residents living there. The point i am trying to make is we had 4 (four) pubs between South Avenue and Bell Road and the only one that caused problems was the Plough which has gone so we are not against Pubs but a night club In a residential area seems to be wrong.

Licensing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

26 September 2012

REF: The Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with regards to the licensing application made by the "Ship Inn, East Street, and Sittingbourne.

As you will see I have many objections to the extension of normal trading hours.

Monday – Thursday 10.00 – 00.30

Friday – Saturday 10.00 – 02.30

Sunday 12.00 – 00.30

These hours are all late and in line with a night club and not a Public House.

I do not mind having a public house with its usual trade, but the lateness of the hours in a residential area is worrying as to what it can bring.

- Loud noise
  - Caused by people leaving late.
  - People smoking outside the premises.
  - Music
  - Outbreaks of disturbances caused due to alcohol and drug consumption.
- Grave concerns for the elderly and young families in the area.
  - Due to broken glass, rubbish and urination in public areas.
- Disturbance cause by drunken loutish behaving.
- Parking problems for residence, cars left overnight by customers with consequence to the local community.
- Noise of cars arriving late at night/early morning to take revelers away.

Licensing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

25 September 2012

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Application for Grant of Premises Licence for the Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne**

I understand that you have received an application for a grant of premises licence for the Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne.

I also understand that the opening hours applied for are 10:00 to 00:30 Monday to Thursday, 10:00 to 02:30 Friday and Saturday and 12 Noon to 00:30 on Sundays.

I am objecting to these opening hours for the reasons noted below;

- 1). I feel that it is unreasonable that an establishment that sells alcohol is open after midnight in the working week.
- 2). that the opening hours for Friday and Saturday are too long and for an establishment to be open until 2:30 am in a residential area would cause disturbance.
- 3). that an establishment be permitted to open until after midnight on a Sunday for the same reasons as mentioned in 2 above.
- 4). I also believe that the car parking facilities at the Ship Inn are inadequate resulting in the overspill of customer's vehicles parking on the public highway in residential areas thus causing disturbance in the early hours.

Please put on record my objections.

24.09.2012

Licensing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

Dear Sir or Madam

**Objection to Premises Licence Application – The Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent**

I understand the above have applied for a Premises Licence as follows:

- Sale of alcohol and food
- Live and recorded music
- Exhibition of films and sporting events
- Provision of dance facilities
- Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday	10.00 am to 00.30 am (after midnight)
Friday and Saturday	10.00 am to 02.30 am           “
Sunday	12.00 pm to 00.30 am           “

I strongly object on the grounds of loss of amenity from the noise and disturbance likely to occur in a largely residential area.

The Swale Borough Council Local Plan adopted in 2008 removed East Street from the core shopping area and sought to encourage conversion of property to residential. The Ship Inn is also close to Fairview Road and the Retirement Development in Bell Road is immediately behind.

The “Spirit of Sittingbourne” regeneration plan includes further Retirement Flats on the old Bell House site. Late public house and entertainment noise and disturbance after 12.30 am or 02.30 am is contrary to the Council’s Policy of encouraging residential use in this location.

There is also inadequate parking in the area.

24 September 2012

Licensing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
Swale House  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent ME10 3HT

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposal:** Proposed Premises Licence - The Ship Inn  
**Location:** East Street (backing on to Fairview Road) Sittingbourne Kent

We are writing in response to the application for grant of Premises Licence for The Ship Inn.

We wish to put forward our objections to the length of the Opening Hours requested in that Licence and in particular the closing times i.e. 00.30 hrs most mornings.

Our objections are:

- 1) **Parking** – The courtyard of the Ship Inn has limited parking facilities, so Fairview and nearby roads will be used in the main with the inevitable disturbances in the early hours of the morning, when customers return to their cars.
- 2) **Foot Traffic** – We have lived in Fairview Road for over 16 years. We have therefore had first hand experience of the problems caused by people leaving drinking establishments in the early hours of the morning when these premises are adjacent to residential areas. (Jay Jay's Night Club to name but one). We have been woken by drunken fights (both verbal and physical), witnessed damage to cars, including our own and, the problem became so bad and regular, that the Police erected CCTV quite near to the exit to The Ship Inn to try and resolve it. Peace was only returned once this type of establishment closed.
- 3) **Noise Nuisance** – The Ship Inn backs on to a residential estate (consisting of a mixture of elderly residents and, young families), and Riverborne Court which is a retirement development. Surely this is not compatible with loud music into the early hours of the morning which would severely affect resident's quality and enjoyment of life. Add to this, the fact that, because of the smoking ban, customers will congregate outside of the pub, and the inevitable burger bars and taxis which will wait nearby (as they have done in the past); it becomes obvious that this is not a scenario that nearby residents would welcome.
- 4) **Prior Precedent** – We understand that the Licence for the proposed nightclub on the old Cinema site in the High Street was objected to on various grounds but one of the main concerns was "the public nuisance aspects of the arrival and dispersal of customers at the premises, such as closing times, traffic and other noise". Swale Borough Council Sub-Committee stated "we have agreed to grant the licence as requested, except that on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and those Sundays not followed by a Monday Bank Holiday, the closing times for all licensing activities will be two hours before that applied for". As the Ship Inn is in much closer proximity to residential areas, than the old cinema, surely more stringent restrictions should apply to the Premises Licence sought.

I hope you find my input useful and trust that you will take my objections, together with others you have received, into consideration and make the decision to reject this proposed Premises Licence in its present form.

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Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

Dear Sir/Madam.

Reference: Application for "Premises License".  
Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne.

I have read the proposal for the license for the a/m premises and strongly oppose this in its present form. Having lived in this address for over 30 years I well remember the disruption caused at the weekend in this area when the Plough Inn, East Street was in operation. The long, noisy good nights and slamming of car doors in the early hours of the morning from the departing clientele, not always good humoured either. The limited parking space at the Ship Inn means that Fairview Road will become the first choice for parking with the inevitable disruption to the residents of the area at closing time, especially at 2,30 in the morning on Friday and Saturday nights. This area is mainly residential with the recent building of a multitude of flats etc so I feel that you will have many disgruntled occupiers should this application be given the go ahead.

Yours Faithfully



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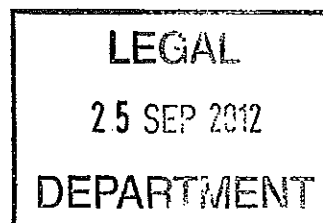
Dear Sir/Madam

We strongly object to the application for grant of 'Premises Licence' for the Ship Inn, East Street. We have had many problems in the past with late night entertainment premises in the area. Rowdy behaviour, on a regular basis, has caused sleepless nights, and my car has been damaged on more than one occasion. It is inevitable we will have the same problems again. In addition to the above, the area has also had problems with disturbances at the Swale Housing Association flats in Fairview Road. Frankly, we believe we've had enough, and I urge you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully

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Licencing Department  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT



The Licensing Officer:

My wife and I would like to make known, our concern regarding the recent Premises Licence change for the Ship Inn on East Street (ME10 4RT).

It is our understanding that for the re-opening of the premises, hours will be extended to 02.30 on Friday and Saturday.

This area is now primarily residential, the Ship Inn parking facilities are rather small and invariably patrons will be parking along Fairview Road when East Street is full.

We've had similar issues when the Plough was operating in the past – disturbances early in the morning on Saturday and Sunday. Our son is disabled and has sleep issues so for us this is a matter of concern.

I have spoken to some of our neighbours and every one of them is disappointed in the decision to extend the opening hours.

Thank you for your time and for allowing our voice to be heard. We sincerely hope the residents' interests will be taken into account before making this decision.

Yours truly,

20/09/12

Re: Application for licensing hours at The Ship Public House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Dears Sirs

I note that the new owners of The Ship Public House have made an application to the Licensing Department to remain open until Midnight Monday to Thursday, and until 2am Fridays and Saturdays.

I oppose this as we live behind the pub and it would subject us to lots of noise and disturbances. This is a residential area and not suitable to have an establishment so close, staying open so late. These hours would obviously attract drinkers from the high street pubs after they have closed. Surely it's not necessary to be open until 2am in the morning. You can also guarantee that most people would end up parking in our close, as the ship only has a small car park, so we get the noise when they come back to collect their cars in the small hours.

This we feel would also have a detrimental effect for my family as I have an 18 month old son, who is a very light sleeper and the noise would keep him awake. This would result in myself or my partner staying up to try and put him back to sleep and not getting our own sleep. As a full time employee at the local leisure centre I need to have full concentration for my job and if I am tired due to not enough sleep, then I would not be able to do my job properly putting customers health at risk.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent: 21 September 2012 23:25

To: Licensing (SBC)

Cc: Derek Conway; gordon.henderson.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: The Ship Inn, 22 East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4RT

Dear Sirs,

The Ship Inn has applied to reopen with an extended license.

They have requested a license to:

- 1) Show films
- 2) Hold indoor sporting events
- 3) Play live music and recorded music
- 4) Have a dance floor
- 5) Provision of late night refreshments – serve food after 11pm
- 6) Supply alcohol

They have requested the new later opening hours:

- 1) Monday to Thursday – 10:00am to 12:30am
- 2) Friday and Saturday – 10:00am to 02:30am
- 3) Sunday – Noon to 12:30am
- 4) Bank Holidays, New Year and Christmas – 10am to 02:30am

This means that it will effectively change from a small public house to a nightclub / sports bar which is entirely inappropriate for the area, as it is situated by an elderly residential home with access through what 'used to be' a private estate. I am, therefore, writing on behalf of my parents to raise their objections to this proposed change of use and extended licensing hours, on the grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Prevention of Crime and Disorder. Extra consideration has to be given when considering a change to licensing near residential property which is obviously the case in this instance.

The Ship Inn backs onto a residential estate, and this will (and has been) used by patrons as the main access for parking in the pub car park, even though there is access from East Street, as that is on the one way system and it is narrow. There is also limited parking in the car park, so patrons will be using the already limited residents parking spaces. The Ship is also next to a retirement complex, so it will be causing a nuisance to a number of residents there as well as on the Fairview Road estate.

My parents were one of the original residents of \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> July 1970, when it was a private estate. The housing was built on the site of a former garden nursery. Shops which fronted onto East Street gradually began to put access gates into the rear of their gardens, to gain vehicle access from Fairview Road. This inevitably increased the amount of traffic in an estate which already consisted of nearly 70 houses; in addition to the increase in number of vehicles per household over the years.

Over recent years various shops on East Street have also changed their purpose to become residential flats or homeless shelters, such as Hedley Court and Plough Court. Each time notification of the change of purpose should have been sent to affected residents, but this did not happen. I can only assume that, as the front entrance to the former shops were on East Street that the major disruption and additional vehicles that would require access through Fairview Road was not taken into consideration.

It

would appear that the residents of Fairview Road have been ignored again in this instance.

Although my parents house is several properties away from The Ship Inn,  
they will be severely affected by vehicles entering and leaving the pub/club during the extended opening hours. There is already an impact to the residents of Fairview Road, by the additional vehicles that use the road which were not part of the original plan in 1970, and this proposed change of use/licensing hours will just make matters worse. My father is a Blue Badge holder, as are other residents and yet we can rarely get a vehicle near to the property to allow him easy access, because of residents of the flats such as Hedley Court or Plough Court, or builders vehicles taking up all available spaces. Visitors to The Ship will not fit all of their vehicles in the small car parking space and so again residents will find that their ability to park near their property will be affected.

As various residents are very elderly like my parents, the change of use of one of the shops to a homeless shelter left them feeling very nervous. The increased flow of traffic during the late night/early morning hours, every single day of the year if the license is extended for The Ship Inn, will add to the feeling of fear that various residents like my parents have been living in; whether justified or not, it is a real sense of fear that they have been experiencing, and this latest proposal will only exacerbate it.

I therefore want to object to the proposed licensing changes, and live music/sporting events being held at this venue.

Regards,

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Samantha Potts  
Licensing Supervisor  
Swale Borough Council  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3HT

25 September 2012

Dear Ms Potts

**Application for Premises Licence, Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne**

Having viewed the application of Downmores Limited for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the Ship Inn, East Street, Sittingbourne, we wish to lodge the following objections and request that the application is not granted:

**Prevention of public nuisance**

1. In effect this application will turn the Ship Inn from a public house into a night club/sports bar with closing hours after midnight on Monday to Thursday and Sunday and 2.30am the following day on Fridays and Saturdays (including Bank Holidays, New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve). This is in an area that is now mainly residential and the Ship Inn being within a few yards of a large block of elderly person's residential flats.
2. The absence of more than a handful of parking spaces at the Ship and no nearby public car parks, will mean that most of the 160 customers will park in East Street and to the rear of the Ship in Fairview Road and nearby Closes. Even if public access is to the front of the Ship and their rear gates are closed, the reality of the situation is that many customers will park in Fairview and nearby residential areas.
3. The effect of customers parking in Fairview Road and surrounding residential areas will mean the inevitable nuisance from cars being started up, possibly as late as 3am or after, shouting, doors slamming, etc.

**Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

1. Those of us living in the area have experienced the fallout from the Town Centre's club and pubs and by granting this licence the Council will be giving a green light to the inevitable drunken brawls, damage to property and disturbance which will cause distress to residents and which will require extra policing.
2. The need for extra CCTV in Fairview and surrounding areas will place additional expense on the Swale Council taxpayers.

**Protection of Children from Harm and Public Safety**

1. It is evident from talking to our neighbours that many elderly residents and those with small children fear such an establishment being so near to their homes. Such fears being

disturbances, including disruption to their sleep, anti social behaviours, such as bad language urinating, vomiting and defecating outside their homes, as well as violent conduct, including fights in the street and damage to their property, etc.

Yours sincerely

16<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Re: Application for Licensing Hours at Ship Public House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent

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In the past we have had to endure endless sleepless nights when JJ's nightclub across the road was open and we dread a return to those days. It would return to the days of fighting, entailing extra policing, and more mess to be cleared away.

We Hope that you will think carefully about this application and make the right decision.

Yours sincerely,



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Ref; The Ship Inn

I and the other residents of Fairview Road. ~~We oppose the~~

We oppose the application. We have had all this befor  
with the last night club car damage fighting when thay  
close. Thay park there cars in Fairview Road so thay dont  
get pick up by the Police for Drinking and driving.  
I could go on and on but I WONT.

Dear Sir,

Having been a resident of Fairview Road since 1981 I was disappointed to hear of the application for music, etc up to 3 a.m. at the Old Ship Inn, just up the road from me.

We already have to put up with verbally living in the middle of a car park during the day - to have this at night is most unacceptable - my view is NO, NO, NO!!

Points for this application: - maybe I am blinkered but I can't see any!

Points AGAINST: - 1) noise 2) litter, 3) cars parked everywhere 4) the odd fight 5) most of the folk who live around here are O.A.P.s. - Riverbourne Court, Ronald's Court, Fairview Road. 6) Drunks we're taking by my garage (private road) - I've caught one at it during the day.

Again from me it's NO, NO, NO. Out of

town - trading estate maybe.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed late licence for the Ship pub in East Street.

We only live a few doors away from the pub and are worried about noise levels, and the violence that this will bring.

My son still goes to school and he just would never be able to get a good night's sleep. His bedroom is at the front nearest to the pub.

We already have had the experience of the noise and fights every weekend when the pub was last open. The shop windows, were constantly being in. All this and the previous owner did not even operate a late licence.

You only have to look at the police crime rate for East Street to see that the figures have dropped significantly since the Ship stopped trading.

Dear Sir or Madam.

Re opening the Ship pub.  
I do not object to a 'pub' but I do  
object strongly to late opening hours.  
People of Fairnew Estate have in the past  
had to put up with early morning  
noise. Shouting and swearing, and  
still do occasionally. The back entrance  
to the Ship leads into Fairnew Road  
so drinkers pass past our houses,  
not quietly. Also have you considered  
the residents of Riverbourne Court?  
Yours truly

Dear Sir  
I disagree with  
the Ship Inn being given a  
licence for  
1 sale of alcohol & food  
2 live recorded music  
3 Exhibition of films & football  
4 Dance facilities  
5 opening from 10.0am till yesterday  
I have enough trouble  
weekends on Saturdays with  
being on windows &  
waiting through the locked  
iron gate  
Yours Faithfully  
P.S. I'm blind

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here 36 years we have had  
2 flats added to end house  
Council flats along fairview  
people just take advantage  
today how would you all  
like to be woken up at  
7.30 in the morning and  
12.30 weekdays hope to hear  
the decision

yours faithfully

Sunday mornings. This already means that interested people are attracted to the area. Celebrating local history & some of the most interesting and causing considerable disturbance to the residents.

On the subject of the vehicle shops, I note that the Council Planning department granted these premises the right to serve food even though they were originally licensed for the sale of liquor. This is a considerable increase in the number of premises which are licensed to sell alcohol. I have raised this issue with the Planning department and they have accepted that the shops are in breach of planning. The fact that these premises have ignored planning would mean that the application would not be successful. I therefore fully expect you to totally ignore the quality of life impact that granting this licence would have on residents and suggest that my objections are going to be ignored.

Yours mine in hope from Enniskillen.

NO

Sir,

RE: Premises licence application for the Ship Inn, East Street

I am writing to register my objection to the issuing of this licence.

East Street has a number of residential properties - indeed the Council has been concerning the change of the nature of the street from business to residential. So there has been an increase in the number of residential properties in the area.

It is my contention that the quality of life for residents will be adversely impacted if the licence is granted - especially given the application to allow live music and opening hours which will mean that intoxicated (and often loud) customers will be displaced onto East Street accentuating the noise already caused by the licensing department allowing the vehicle shops on East Street to operate until 3.0.11 on Saturday &

## The Ship Inn East Street Application

With regards to the grant for a change of premises licence, we find it most unsuitable.

East Street is more residential than shopping so it is not right to inflict these unsuitable hours on residents trying to sleep. Especially affected will be the elderly residents of the new McCarthy Flats Bell Road who will hear most of the noise. Car parking spaces are limited & at the most, people will be parking right down to lavender courts. All of us who live in this area will be affected by vehicle noise, loud music too. The Plough Pub trial introduced 24 hours in the big barn in the car park at back, it was bottom. They could not contain the noise inside the barn itself, it echoed all up the road. The Old Oak Trial closed nights, that did not go well.

Teenagers running up down road shouting to each other in the garden. Pub windows open so the sound vibrated. That was originally a good local pub with excellent beer & music. They have now recreated it into a restaurant/pub and its easy to live by.

With the weekend hours you are suggesting you are creating a night club venue. We don't like that, we've you turned down a suitable night club venue in the Old Cinema and you had it knocked down. These places had access to car parks making them more suitable for access and noise.

Speaking to my neighbours I do believe you already have a noise complaint in hand regarding the late opening hours of the takeaway shops operating after midnight. Apparently they sit on the walls of the Empire Court Flats annoying residents and chucking empty tin cans in the garden. Tins & bottles later. Fourview road now I also believe it was a noise complaint that got the seat taken out of the bus shelter. It's the only shelter in the area with a seat in

for the elderly. Especially next to a Drs Surgery and a 36 name petition was submitted to the council to put back. Why did you think it not necessary. You like your 93 year old mother to stand for 15 mins because missed a bus and waited for the next one, no I think please look into this it must come under health and safety to be able to sit while waiting do not much to ask is it

This all came about thru noise late cut night. Keep everything to reasonable hrs and there will be no complaints or less complaints.

Therefore we regard anything after midnight too late. Most of my neighbours feel the same as us they do not want their sleep disturbed.

I expect you will be receiving more letters with the views as I have written in this letter.

Your Sincerely





# Kent Police

**Chief Officer of Police Representation** in relation to an application for grant of premises licence made under Part 3 **Section 17** Licensing Act 2003 (S18 Licensing Act 2003)

<b>Details of person or body making representation</b>	
Name of Chief Officer of Police	Chief Inspector A. HENLEY
Postal Address: (Area Headquarters)	Police Station Central Avenue Sittingbourne
E-mail address	<a href="mailto:Licensing.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk">Licensing.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk</a>
Telephone Number:	01795 419298 Geoff Rowley

<b>Details of premises representation is about</b>	
Name of Premises:	Ship Inn
Address of premises:	East Street Sittingbourne ME10 3HT
Date application received by police	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2012
Date representation sent to Licensing Authority	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2012

<b>The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the grant of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 17 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 18 of that Act asks the Licensing Authority to consider these representations in respect of: -</b>	
<i>Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that the representation relates to:</i>	
Prevention of crime and disorder	X
Public Safety	
Prevention of public nuisance	X
Protection of children from harm	X

The relevant representations within the meaning of S.18 (6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18 (7) of that Act and are as follows:

**Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:**

This premises is in the town centre and has been closed for some time. Sittingbourne is a small town that has several small pubs and bars, restaurants and one purpose built nightclub all within a short walking distance of each other along the High Street, East Street and West Street.

The police believe that conditions covering the installation and use of a fully functional CCTV system are essential to deter crime and disorder both within the premises and in the immediate vicinity. The cameras need to be sited so that all public areas are covered inside and outside and of a specification so that they are able to record under the challenging conditions that are prevalent. It is essential that images are not only recorded, but are of sufficient quality to enable the identification of a person in court if required. The areas that need particular attention are the access and exit points, especially those that are going to be used for the ejection of customers. It is a fact that allegations are often made by persons, who are under the influence of alcohol against security staff, and a CCTV system that can be used to disprove allegations of heavy handed handling by security staff is good protection for those staff and assists in refuting allegations of crime. It has also been found in the past that the retrieval of recorded images has caused problems, especially with the advent of digital systems. Not only is it essential that staff are fully trained and able to record images onto a disc, but this needs to be done within a reasonable time, as evidence has been lost in the past when police have had to wait days and sometimes weeks for this to be done.

It is essential that customers and police can identify security staff both at the door and within the premises. It is also essential that security staff can be readily identified on CCTV as this avoids confusion and aids identification if an incident occurs. The use of reflective jackets or tabards by security staff is the obvious way of ensuring that this is achieved.

The use of the Swale Safe radio has proved to be an invaluable tool in the prevention of crime and disorder by alerting premises to the presence of people who have been ejected from other premises or who have been involved in crime and disorder elsewhere. The active participation in the related forum is also invaluable in order that information can be exchanged.

The protection of children from harm is a core licensing objective and the use of 'Challenge 21' is a tried and tested way of combating those under the age of 18 years gaining entry to the premises, purchasing and consuming alcohol. All staff must be aware of their personal responsibility to check that alcohol is not being sold to anyone under the age of 18 years, and it is essential that bar staff do not rely solely on the fact that security staff check identification on entry. The type of identification that is accepted is also important, as it is all too easy to obtain fake identification.

All staff must be fully trained in the Licensing Act and the 'Challenge 21' policy and this training must be auditable in order to prove that the license holders are showing all due diligence in their responsibilities under the Licensing Act.

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the Licensing Sub Committee may take into account:**

**Prevention of Crime and Disorder.**

1. A CCTV system will be installed, or the existing system maintained, such system to be fit for the purpose.
2. The CCTV system shall be capable of producing immediate copies of recordings on site. Copies of recordings will be recorded onto CD/DVD or other equivalent medium.
3. Any recording shall be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of 28 days (one calendar month) and shall be available, subject to compliance with the Data Protection legislation, to the Police or Officers of the Licensing Authority immediately that a request is made or, in any case, within 48 hours.
4. The CCTV system will incorporate cameras covering the entrance door, rear entry points, all public areas [except inside toilet areas] of the premises and the alcohol display areas. The system will be capable of providing an image, which is regarded as identification standard. The precise positions of the cameras may be agreed, subject to compliance with Data Protection legislation, with Police from time to time.
5. The system will display, on any recording, the correct time and date of the recording.
6. A system will be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained.
7. The CCTV system will be maintained so as to be fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity and at all times when any members of staff or public are in the premises.
8. Minimum of two SIA approved door staff to be on duty when any function takes place.

9. On a Friday night when the premises stay open after 00.30 hours there will be a minimum of 2 SIA door staff on duty from 21.00 until close of premises.  
All SIA door staff will wear reflective jackets or tabards and their registration card will be displayed in a reflective armband.
10. No entry will be allowed after midnight on a Friday and Saturday. Any readmission will be by means of a clearly identifiable means ie stamp or similar to identify readmissions to SIA staff, police officers or other enforcement agency.
11. The premises will be member of Swale safe radio scheme [subject to approval] and will use and monitor the radio at all times the premises are open for licensable activities

### **The Prevention Of Public Nuisance**

12. Notices will be prominently displayed to ask customers to leave quietly at all points of exit.
13. Entry to the premises will be from the front only after 20.00 hours on a Friday and Saturday with the rear gates closed or additional SIA staff located at the rear gates.

### **The Protection Of Children From Harm**

14. Only ID acceptable will be passport, photo driving licence and any PASS marked identification.
15. Challenge 21 posters to be prominently displayed in all areas where alcohol is on sale and at the point of entry to the premises.

SIGNED  
PRINT NAME: Geoff Rowley

DATE: 24/09/12  
FORCE NUMBER

Pp Chief Officer of Police for the Police area in which the licensed premises are situated