

AGENDA

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Membership:

Councillors Paul Fleming, Lesley Ingham and Mike Whiting.

Quorum = 3

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1. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Substitutes	
2. Notification of Chairman and Outline of Procedure	
3. Declarations of Interest	
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To consider an application for a variation of an existing premises licence at West Faversham Community Centre, Bysingwood Road, Faversham,

Kent, ME13 7RH.

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Swale Borough Council

Report to: Licensing Sub – Committee (Under the Licensing Act 2003)
Date: Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 14:00
Report Author: Mohammad Bauluck - Licensing Officer
Subject: West Faversham Community Centre – Bysingwood road Faversham
Kent ME13 7RH

Purpose and summary of report:

To consider an application, to which a representation has been made, for a variation of an existing Premises Licence application under the Licensing Act 2003 – application reference number FAV/SWALE/189/0558

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to determine the application and decide whether to grant a licence. Members asked to consider the application on its merits.

Background papers: The Licensing Act 2003
DCMS Guidance Documents issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 as amended.
Swale Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

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The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to publish a 'Statement of Licensing Policy' that sets out the policies the Council will general apply to promote the licensing objectives when making decision on applications made under the Act. The Policy will be available at the meeting for reference purposes.

Under the 2003 Act, it is the duty of all licensing authorities that, in carrying out their functions, they must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise. Provided that the licensing authority has properly understood and considered the Guidance, it may depart from it when it has reason to do so. However, as the licensing authority is under a duty to have regard to the Guidance, it will need to give full reasons for its departure from it. This would be a key consideration for the courts should departure from the Guidance result in a determination which gives rise to an appeal or judicial review. Should the need arise the Guidance will be available at the meeting for reference purposes.

The Licensing Authority must, under the Act refer any application for hearing to the Licensing Panel, if relevant representations are made by a responsible authority or other person. A copy of the Council's approved procedure for hearings of the Panel in relation to an application, along with a copy of the Hearings Regulations has been circulated to all parties prior to the meeting.

**Report Title: West Faversham Community Centre – Bysingwood road Faversham
Kent ME13 7RH**

Application for: A premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003.

Purpose of the report

The report advises Members of an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003, made by James Browning, in respect of the premises West Faversham Community Centre (Appendix A and B) in respect of which one(1) representation (Appendix C) has been received from an other person.

Issues to be decided

1. Members are asked to determine whether to (i) grant subject to conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule modified to such an extent as considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and any mandatory condition, (ii) grant excluding any of the licensable activities applied for, (iii) grant refusing to specify a premises supervisor, or (iv) reject the application.

2. Background

The Licensing Act requires the Council as licensing authority to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives:

- i) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- ii) the protection of public safety;
- iii) the prevention of public nuisance: and
- iv) the protection of children from harm

3. The Application

- a. On 6th August 2015 an application was received from Mr James Browning for the variation of a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of premises West Faversham Community Centre at Bysingwood road Faversham Kent ME13 7RH

The application is for:

- (1) An extension of the hours for licensable activities on Friday nights to 00:00 (midnight)
- (2) Removal of condition 'All glasses used on the premises will be polycarbonates or toughened glass. No glass bottles will be served other than wine/champagne'.

The current opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 07.00 – 24.00
Friday – Saturday 07.00 – 01.00
Sunday 08.00 – 00.00 (midnight)

The current hours for licensable activities are:

Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live, Recorded Music, Performance of dance and Supply of alcohol.

Sunday – Thursday 09.00 – 23.00
Friday 09.00 – 23.30
Saturday 09.00 – 00.00(midnight)

Late Night Refreshment

Friday 23.00 – 23.30
Saturday 23.00 – 24.00

Live/Recorded Music - One extra hour on New Year's Eve.

- b. A copy of the application, which includes the operating schedule that details the steps the applicant intends to take to address the licensing objectives, is shown as **Appendix A**
- c. The application has been correctly advertised in the local press and a notice has been displayed for the whole of the consultation period.
- d. There is no Designated Premises Supervisor on the premises. On 10 October 2011, an application for the mandatory alcohol condition under the Licensing Act 2003 requiring a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) in respect of a premises licence to be disapplied was submitted and granted.

Representations

Responsible authorities:

- Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Service – No representations
- Kent County Council Trading Standards – No representations
- Kent County Council Social services Children & Families – No representations
- Planning Department – Swale Borough Council – No representations

- Environmental Pollution – Swale Borough Council – No representations
- Kent County Council Public Health – No representations.
- Kent Police – No representation

There has been one valid representation received from an other person. Their comments are shown as **Appendix C**.

Responsible Authority / Other person	Licensing Objective	Associated Documents	Appendix
Mr Martin Tyler	Public Nuisance	Email	C

4. Policy Considerations

The following provisions of the Secretary of State’s Guidance apply to this application:

Chapter 2 – The licensing objectives

Chapter 8 – Applications for premises licences

Chapter 9 – Determining applications

Chapter 10 – Conditions attached to Premises Licences

The following paragraphs of the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy apply to this application:

Sections 2.1 to 3.4 – These sections set out the Council’s approach with regard to licensing and details other mechanisms to deal with potential problems.

Section 1.1 to 1.4 – These sections set out the four licensing objectives and identifies matters that may be relevant to the promotion of each licensing objective.

5. Determining the application – Options of the Panel

The Panel must, when reaching a decision on the outcome of the application, take into account the licensing objectives. Having had proper regard to the matters above the Panel may:

1. Grant the licence subject to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application; modified to such an extent as the Licensing sub-committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and any relevant mandatory condition.
2. Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities applied for.
3. Refuse to specify a person in the licence as premises supervisor.

4. Reject the application.

Members of the Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Sub – Committee are reminded of their duty under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1989 to consider the crime and disorder implications of their decisions and the Licensing Authority’s responsibility to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in the Borough.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states:

“Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those function on, and the need to do all that is reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area”.

6. Implications Assessment

The decision should be made with regard to the Secretary of the State’s guidance and the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. Where the decision departs from either the Guidance or the Policy clear and cogent reasons must be given. Members should be aware that if such a departure is made the risk of appeal / challenge is increased.

7. Human Rights

While all Convention Rights must be considered, those which are of particular relevance to the application are:

- Article 8 – Right to respect for private and family life.
- Article 1 of the First Protocol – Protection of Property
- Article 6(1) – Right to a fair hearing.
- Article 10 – Freedom of Expression

8. Recommendations

Members must ensure that the application is considered on its merits, as well as against the relevant guidance, policy and statutory framework.

9. List of Appendices

Appendix A – Application form
Appendix B – Plan of premises
Appendix C – Representation (Other Persons)
Appendix D – Plan of area
Appendix E – Order of proceedings

10. Appeals

The applicant or any other person (objector) may appeal the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee’s decision within 21 days beginning with the day on which the Appellant is notified. All/any appeals must be lodged with the Magistrates’ Court. Parties should be aware that they MAY incur an Adverse Cost Order should they bring an appeal.

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* 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?

- Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

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

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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 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

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Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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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.

At present we are not able to server drinks in glass, we would like to have this condition removed, as in the last three years we feel we have proven our ability to safely manage events at the Centre. We would also like to extend our hours on Friday nights till midnight from 11.30pm.

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

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

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?

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

 Yes No**Section 8 of 17****PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC**

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

Start End Start End

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.

TUESDAY

Start End Start End

WEDNESDAY

Start End Start End

THURSDAY

Start End Start End

FRIDAY

Start End Start End

SATURDAY

Start End Start End

SUNDAY

Start End Start End

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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.

Music will be through speakers in some cases, mainly the use will be by DJ, and the hall does have a sound limiter.

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.

New years eve, till 1am

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

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

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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THURSDAY

Start 09:00

End 23:00

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start 09:00

End 00:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 09:00

End 00:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 09:00

End 23:00

Start

End

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.

DJ for party or shows to continue till midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, the hall has a sound limiter

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.

New years eve till 1am

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

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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

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

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

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End

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FRIDAY

Start 09:00

End 00:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 09:00

End 00:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 09:00

End 23:00

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

- On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

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 the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol 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.

new years eve till 1am

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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

MONDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 07:00

End 01:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 07:00

End 00:00

Start

End

State any seasonal variations.

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

[Empty box for seasonal variations]

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.

New years eve till 2am (bar and music to stop at 1am)

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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.

We would like the condition to serve drinks in toughened glass or poly carb, with no bottles removed, as this makes service of drinks such as wine in glasses or soft drinks hard, and we have shown are ability to manage a safe enviorment over the last 3 years with no incidents.

- 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.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

We have CCTV, our team are trained not to server those who have to many drinks, and hirers are also ID checked before the event and this is stored should any issues occur.

c) Public safety

Our staff and trained not to serve those who have to many drinks and report any issues to the Duty Manager.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Our guests do not use the outside areas for drinking after 10pm, guests wait inside for Taxi, which staff help to arrange

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e) The protection of children from harm

We use a challenge 21 policy, and have a comprehensive safe guarding policy.

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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 (£)

DECLARATION

* I/we understand 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.

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

* Capacity

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* Date

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Add another signatory

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

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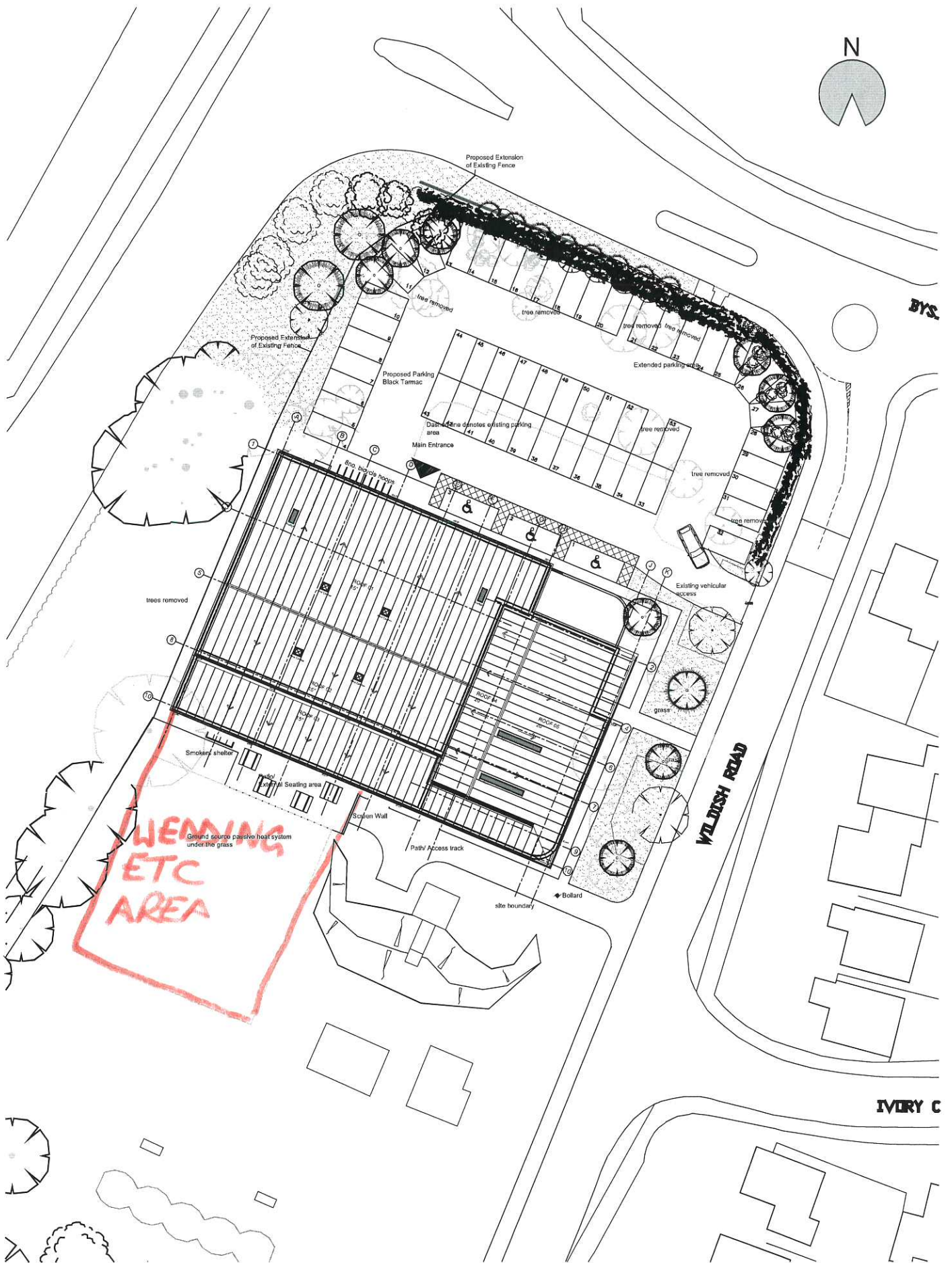
Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING 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

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Fee paid	<input type="text"/>
Payment provider reference	<input type="text"/>
ELMS Payment Reference	<input type="text"/>
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Payment authorisation code	<input type="text"/>
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West Faversham Community Centre Faversham

From: Martin Tyler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 26 August 2015 09:30
To: Licensing Resource (SBC)
Subject: West Faversham Community Centre, Faversham

I write on behalf of the local residents living near to the above centre.

I refer to our recent conversation and the new application to revise the current licence at the west Faversham Community Centre and wish to raise concerns regarding this application.

You have advised that the application seeks to extend the hours of live music on both Friday and Saturday evening to midnight. You have also confirmed that the current requirement for there to be no guests outside after 10pm and that the rear doors remain closed after this time.

My concerns are:

We are aware of the current conditions of the licence and do not believe that they are being respected.

The requirement of no guests outside after 10pm and that the rear doors be closed from this time is not adhered to fully. There are occasions when guests are outside after this time and the doors remain open after 10pm. The most recent was last Saturday when the doors were open past 11pm with guests visible outside. Music is also therefore clearly heard from the premises.

We are also concerned that the extension to 12midnight will impact on the local community with events ending later. Guests are not quiet when leaving the premises which is set within a residential area. There have been many occasions where disruptive guests have concerned some of the local residents.

Residents have also had on many occasions had to report excessive noise at the hall. You will I am sure be aware that the hall is not soundproof and if you check with the local environment team will see that noise has been reported on many occasions.

We would also like to highlight that the bottle banks used by the centre are often used at unsociable hours either late at night or early mornings.

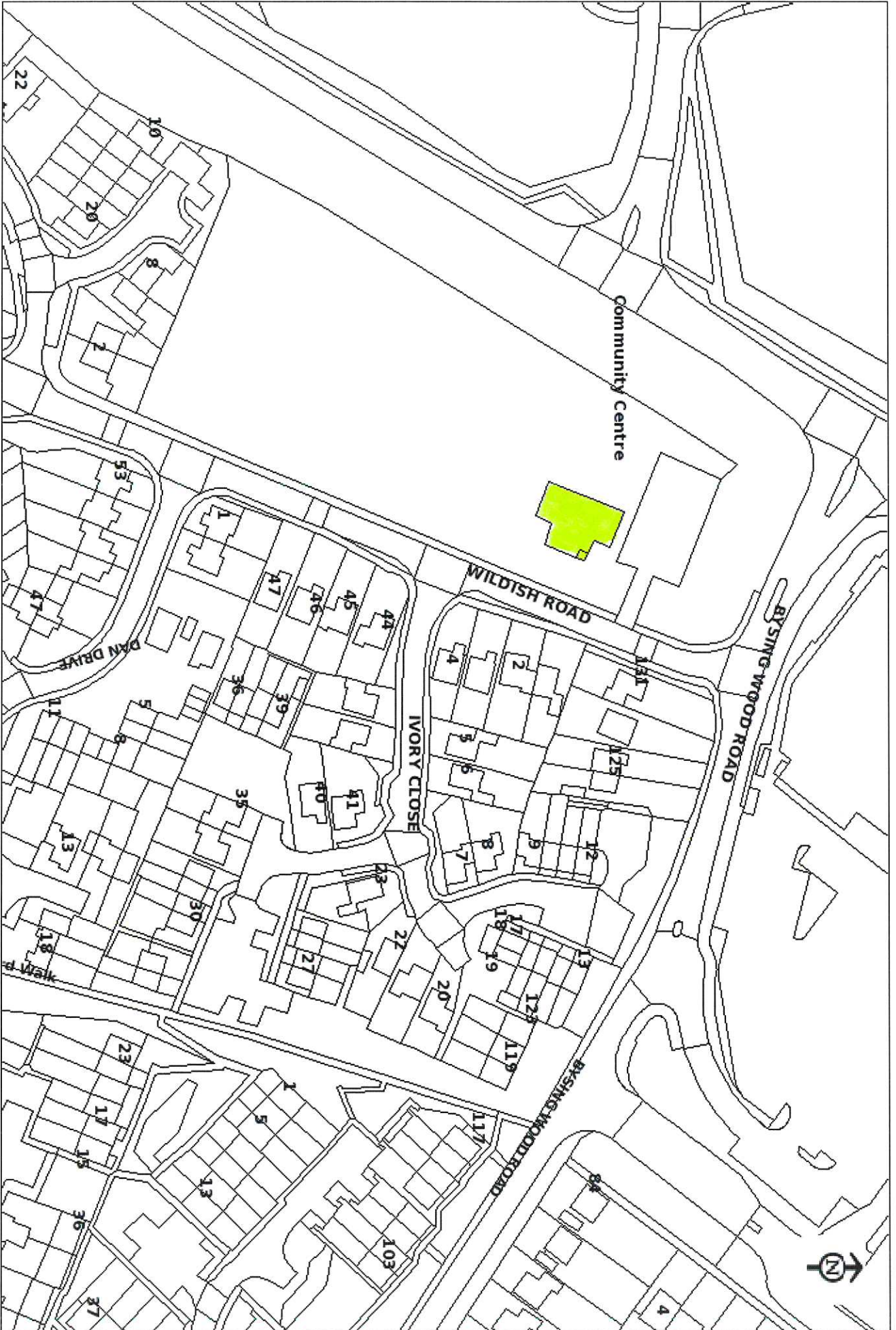
We trust you that our concerns will be taken into account when considering this licence revision.

Martin TYLER
Ivory Close
Faversham
Kent

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COMMUNITY CENTRE.



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Making Swale a Better Place

**LICENSING AUTHORITY:
SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Licensing Act 2003 Sub-committee Hearing Procedure
Applications for New Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates and Variations to existing
licences and certificates

1. Introductions

The Chairman will request all those persons participating in the hearing to identify themselves or introduce them.

Members/Officers/Applicant and any representative/Responsible Authorities/any other persons (objectors)

2. Procedural Matters

The Chairman will:

- i) Confirm that all parties are aware of the sub-committee **hearing procedure** and that each party has a copy of the hearing procedure document.
- ii) Confirm that all sub-committee members have **pre-read all the papers** and any other documents contained in the report regarding the hearing.
- iii) Explain that the sub-committee will allow all parties to put their case fully and make full **submissions**, within a reasonable time frame. The procedure will be discussion led by the Sub-Committee and **questions** will usually be permitted.
- iv) Explain that where any person attending the hearing **behaves in a disruptive manner**, the sub-committee may direct that person to leave the hearing (including temporarily). If this happens, the person may give the sub-committee in writing any information which the person would have been entitled to give orally.
- v) Enquire whether any draft **conditions** have been agreed between the applicant and any of the other parties for the sub-committee to consider.
- vi) Enquire whether any parties request to have **any witness** give evidence at the hearing; and if so grant the request unless the request is unreasonable.
- vii) Invite the parties, where appropriate, to appoint a **spokesperson**.

3. The Hearing

- A) The Chairman will ask the legal advisor or licensing officer to briefly outline the application and all representations regarding the application.
- B)
 - i) Ask the **Applicant** (or their representative) to put forward their case opening remarks and evidence (including witnesses).
 - ii) **Allow** appropriate **questions** from any Responsible Authority and/or other person/members of the subcommittee
 - iii) Any points of clarification.
- C)
 - i) Ask **Responsible Authorities** (where applicable) to put forward their case. Opening remarks and evidence (including witnesses) by the officer representing the responsible authority (or their representative).
 - ii) Allow appropriate **questions** from:
the Applicant/other Responsible Authorities/other persons/member of the Sub-Committee.
 - iii) Any points of clarification.
- D)
 - i) Opening remarks and evidence by the **other person/s** (or spokesperson/representative).
 - ii) Allow appropriate **questions** from:
the Applicant, Responsible Authorities, each further other person and sub-committee members.
 - iii) Any points of clarification.
- E) **Closing Summary**

Responsible Authorities/Other Persons/The Applicant
- F) **End of Hearing**
 - i) The Chairman will ask the members of the sub-committee if they have any final questions for any party to the hearing.
 - ii) The Chairman will ask the legal advisor whether there are any further matters to be raised or resolved before the hearing is closed.
 - iii) The Chairman will bring the hearing to a close and shall declare that the sub-committee will retire, to private session, to consider the application.
 - iv) The Chairman will invite the legal advisor to remain with the sub-committee during its deliberations to provide any advice required.

G) **The Decision**

The Chairman shall declare in public session:

- i) The sub-committee's **determination** and indicate that all parties to the hearing will receive a copy of the written Determination Notice regarding the sub-committee's determination; and
- ii) that all parties may **appeal** against the sub-committee's decision within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant is notified of the Licensing Authority's written determination. Appeals must be lodged with the Magistrates' Court. Parties should be aware that the Magistrates Court may make an order with respect to costs on any appeal.
- iii) Formally close the meeting.

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