

**North Hertfordshire District Council  
Licensing Act 2003  
Decision Notice**

Date of Hearing	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2005
Members of Panel	P. Burt, P. Clark and J. Cunningham.
Applicant(s) Name	Greene King Brewing and Retailing Limited
Premises Address	Old Bull, 56 High Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9AW
Date of Application	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2005
<b>APPLICATION FOR VARIATION</b>	<p>This is an application for variation of a Premises Licence during the transitional period under Schedule 8 paragraph 7(b) of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee have read the material presented to us and have listened to all the evidence and submissions. The Sub-Committee has considered the National Guidance and the Statement of Licensing Policy and has come to the following decision:</p> <p>The application is <b>approved</b> subject to the conditions and hours as are set out below.</p> <p><b>1. <u>OPENING HOURS</u></b></p> <p>The permitted opening hours are:</p> <p>Monday to Thursday    0700hrs to 0030hrs the following morning  Friday and Saturday    0700hrs to 0230hrs the following morning  Sunday                      0700hrs to 0030hrs the following morning</p> <p>These hours are to apply each day of the year with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•□□□ Christmas Eve</li> <li>•□□□ Christmas Day</li> <li>•□□□ Boxing Day</li> <li>•□□□ Any Sunday prior to a bank holiday Monday</li> <li>•□□□ Good Friday</li> <li>•□□□ Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday</li> </ul> <p>On these days the permitted hours will be from 0700hrs to 0230hrs the following morning.</p> <p>Plus non-standard timings on local market days (on a Wednesday and Saturday) to serve market traders from 0700hrs</p> <p>On days when 'functions' are held at the premises the permitted hours will be from 1200hrs to 0330hrs the following morning. On these occasions a written log is to be kept by the licensee of the event held and made available to the licensing authority at their request.</p>

## **2. LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES**

The licensable activities applied for are:

- PART E – Live Music
- PART F – Recorded Music
- PART J – Provision of Facilities for dancing
- PART M – Supply of alcohol

The hours during which the following licensable activities may take place are:

**PART E – Live Music**

**PART F – Recorded Music**

**PART J – Provision of Facilities for dancing**

Monday to Thursday	1200hrs to 2400hrs
Friday and Saturday	1200hrs to 0200hrs the following morning
Sunday	1200hrs to 2400hrs

**PART M – Supply of Alcohol**

The permitted hours are:

Monday to Thursday	0900hrs – 2400hrs
Friday and Saturday	0900hrs – 0200hrs the following morning
Sunday	0900hrs – 2400hrs

These hours are to apply each day of the year with the exception of:

- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- Any Sunday prior to a bank holiday Monday
- Good Friday
- Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday

On these days the permitted hours will be from 0900hrs to 0200hrs the following morning.

On those days when there are markets held namely every Wednesday and Saturday in Royston the permitted hours will be from 0700hrs to the standard permitted terminal hour.

On days when 'functions' are held at the premises the permitted hours will be from 1200hrs to 0300hrs the following morning. On these occasions a written log is to be kept by the licensee of the event held and made available to the licensing authority at their request.

<p><b>CONDITIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee recognises that conditions will <u>only</u> be imposed on a licence where conditions are necessary for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee will only impose conditions on a licence where relevant representations have been made and they consider that it is necessary to impose conditions as a result of these representations.</p> <p>The following conditions are each considered necessary by the Sub-Committee to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of [public nuisance].</p> <p>The condition(s) are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requiring the display of signs at all main public exits reminding customers to leave the premises quietly and respect the right of nearby residents.</li> </ol>
<p><b>CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY APPLICANT</b></p>	<p>This licence will be subject to those conditions, which are consistent with the terms offered by the applicant in order to promote the four licensing objectives set out in part Q of their application.</p> <p><u>Plus:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Live Music, Recorded Music and Provision of Facilities for Dancing to only take place in the function rooms.</li> <li>2. In addition to the conditions proposed in the Applicants application.</li> </ol>
<p><b>REMOVAL OF SUPPER HOUR CERTIFICATE</b></p>	<p>The applicant has sought to have the conditions set out at part P of his application removed. The Sub-Committee allows this request.</p>
<p><b>EFFECT OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS EXPLAINED TO APPLICANT</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee has explained to the applicant the effect of failure to comply with any of the conditions attached to the licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which upon conviction, would result in a fine of up to £20,000 or up to six months imprisonment or both.</p>
<p><b>STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the North Hertfordshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in reaching their decision. They have found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision.</p> <p><b>4. Regulating Licensing</b></p> <p>4.1 <i>Licensing is about regulating the carrying on of licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events within the terms of the Act. The Council may attach conditions to licences issued under the Act and these must be focussed on matters, which are within the control of the individual licence holders and others in</i></p>

possession of relevant authorisations.

4.2 *Licensing law is not a mechanism for the general control of nuisance and antisocial behaviour by individuals once they are away from the licensed premises or event and therefore beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or authorisation concerned. Nonetheless, it is a key aspect of such control and licensing law will always be part of a holistic approach to the management of the evening and night-time economy in North Hertfordshire.*

4.3 *In addressing these matters the Council will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the vicinity.*

## **5. Licence Conditions**

5.1 *The Council will tailor any conditions to the individual circumstances of the premises and events concerned and will seek to avoid attaching disproportionate and over burdensome conditions on licences.*

5.2 *Conditions will only be imposed when they are necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives and will focus upon matters within the control of the individual licensee such as the premises, places or events being used for licensable activities. Conditions are likely to be focused towards the direct impact of those activities on persons living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the vicinity.*

## **7. Licensing Hours**

7.1 *The Council recognises that fixed and overly restrictive opening times can lead to peaks of disorder and disturbance on the streets due to large numbers of people leaving licensed premises simultaneously. These concentrations of people leaving can result in friction at places such as late night food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport. Longer licensing hours with regard to the sale of alcohol are an important factor in reducing these concentrations and the resulting crime and disorder.*

7.2 *The Council also recognises that licensing hours should not inhibit the development of a thriving and safe evening and night time economy, which is important for local investment, employment and tourism. The Council will not seek to restrict the trading hours of any particular premises unless this is necessary to promote one or more of the Licensing Objectives.*

## **8. Children and Licensed Premises**

8.1 *The Council recognises the diversity of premises that will be*

	<p><i>licensed under the Act. The premises will include theatres, cinemas, restaurants, pubs, nightclubs, cafes, take-away shops, community halls and schools. Access by children to any premises will not be limited unless it is considered necessary for the prevention of physical, moral or psychological harm to them.</i></p> <p>8.2 <i>When deciding whether to limit access by children to premises, the Council will judge each application on its individual merits.</i></p> <p><b>9. The Prevention of Public Nuisance</b></p> <p>9.1 <i>Licensed premises may have significant potential to impact adversely on communities through public nuisances that arise from their operation. The Council interprets 'Public Nuisance' in its widest sense and takes it to include such things as noise, light, odour, litter and anti-social behaviour, where these matters impact on those living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the vicinity of a particular premises.</i></p> <p><b>10. Live Music, Dancing and Theatre</b></p> <p>10.1 <i>The Council recognises the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefit of the community.</i></p> <p>10.2 <i>Only necessary, proportionate and reasonable licensing conditions will be imposed on relevant licences so as not to discourage the promotion of entertainment. Conditions will relate to the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.</i></p> <p>10.3 <i>The Council will avoid any measure, which deters live music, dancing and theatre by imposing indirect costs of a substantial nature.</i></p>
<b>COMMENCEMENT DATE</b>	This licence will come into effect from the second appointed day, namely the 24 <sup>th</sup> of November 2005.
<b>RIGHTS OF REVIEW</b>	At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police or an interested party, such as a resident living in the vicinity of the premises may ask the licensing authority to review the licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. The review is a request for the Council to look at the existing licence and decide whether its conditions are adequate to meet the four licensing objectives defined under the Licensing Act 2003.