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You are invited to attend a

**MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS
SUB-COMMITTEE**

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
GERNON ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY**

On

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2019 AT 1.00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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THE BUFFS FOOTBALL CLUB HEARING PROCEDURE

1. Chair's Welcome

Introduction of:

- Councillors sitting on Sub-Committee
- Legal advisor;
- Licensing officer(s);
- Other Persons
- The applicants

2. The Chair will outline the procedure for the hearing

3. The Chair will ask the Legal Advisor to outline the matters for consideration during the course of the hearing.

The Licensing Officer's report

4. The Chair will ask the licensing officer if they have anything to add to their report to the Sub-Committee; if there has been any amendments to the hearing bundle, and if so, if all Other Persons, and the applicants have been made aware of the amendments.

5. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the licensing officer from:

- Other Persons
- The applicants.

6. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the licensing officer

The Applicant(s) case

7. The Chair will ask the applicants to present their submissions to the Sub-Committee.

8. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the applicants from:

- Other Persons

9. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the applicants.

The Other Persons submit their case

10. The Chair will ask the Other Persons, in turn, to present their submissions to the Sub-Committee

11. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the Other Persons from:

- The applicants

12. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the Other Persons

Closing Statements

- 13. The licensing officer may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee
- 14. The Other Persons may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee
- 15. The applicants may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee.

Conclusion

- 16. The Legal Advisor will summarise any legal points that have arisen during the hearing and will answer any legal questions from the Sub-Committee.
- 17. The Sub-Committee will close the hearing and retire to make a decision.
- 18. Where possible, the Sub-Committee will return and the Chair will announce the sub-Committee's decision including reasons for the decision.

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE Wednesday 19 June 2019

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT	AGENDA ITEM No.
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LICENSING ACT 2003

**APPLICATION BY MASSIMO CIERZO, TRACEY CIERZO AND REBECCA CIERZO
FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF
THE BUFFS FOOTBALL CLUB, BAKERS CLOSE, CLOTHALL ROAD, BALDOCK, SG7 6PE.**

REPORT OF THE LICENSING OFFICER
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 No premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”) is currently in place for the premises.
- 1.2 The premises previously benefitted from a premises licence whilst trading as the Cannon & Brett Social Club which was surrendered on 16 August 2013. The history of that premises licence is not relevant to this application as it was operated by a different management team.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 The application is for the grant of a premises licence under Section 17 of the Act.
- 2.2 The licensable activities and hours applied for are attached as **Appendix A**.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 On 30 April 2019, Massimo Cierzo, Tracey Cierzo and Rebecca Cierzo made an application for the grant of a premises licence.
- 3.2 The application was served on Hertfordshire Constabulary and the other responsible authorities.
- 3.3 A public notice was displayed on the premises for a period of not less than twenty-eight (28) consecutive days in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 3.4 A newspaper advertisement was placed in The Comet in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 3.5 The consultation period ran from 1 May 2019 to 28 May 2019 inclusive and representations had to be received within that prescribed period.

4. REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 No representation was received from Hertfordshire Constabulary as conditions were agreed with the applicants during the consultation. These conditions, included as **Appendix B**, now form part of the amended application that is being considered by the sub-committee.
- 4.2 No representation was received from NHDC Environmental Protection as conditions were agreed with the applicants during the consultation. These conditions, included as **Appendix C**, now form part of the amended application that is being considered by the sub-committee.
- 4.3 No representations were received from any other responsible authority.
- 4.4 For the convenience of the sub-committee and the 'other persons', the amended application is included as **Appendix D**. It is this amended application that the sub-committee is asked to determine.
- 4.5 Nine (9) representations were received from 'other persons' against the application however one (1) of the representations was received outside the consultation period therefore could not be considered. The eight (8) relevant representations are attached as **Appendix E**
- 4.6 The Council's Scheme of Delegation requires the licensing officer to determine whether a representation is relevant as specified within the Act.
- 4.7 Where representations include comments that are not relevant to the Act, these comments have been clearly redacted by the licensing officer and should not be considered as part of the determination process.

Other persons must not refer to these paragraphs in any oral presentation at the hearing.

- 4.8 Where the licensing officer has determined that the representations are relevant, it is for the sub-committee to determine what weight to apportion to each representation.
- 4.9 The applicant has been served with a copy of all relevant representations by way of this report.
- 4.10 The applicant and the 'other persons' making relevant representations have been invited to attend the hearing to present their cases respectively. They have been advised that they may be legally represented and of the hearing procedure.

5. OBSERVATIONS

- 5.1 In determining this application, the sub-committee must have regard to the representations and take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.2 In making its decision, the sub-committee must act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. It must also have regard to the licensing authority's Statement of Licensing

Policy and National Guidance.

5.3 The sub-committee has the following options when issuing the Decision Notice:

- i) Grant the application as made
- ii) Grant the application with conditions and/or amendments to the licensable activities and/or timings (conditions should only be added where they are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives).
- iii) Refuse the application.

6. LICENSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 The following paragraphs from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2021 may be relevant to this application. This section does not prevent the sub-committee from considering other paragraphs of the Statement of Licensing Policy where they deem it appropriate:

B6

Our vision is:

“To ensure that North Hertfordshire continues to offer a diverse range of well managed entertainment venues and community and cultural activities within a safe and enjoyable environment.”

B7

The Council is committed to the continued promotion of the diverse cultural and community activities within the district and providing a safe and sustainable night-time economy for residents and visitors alike. Licensing Policy will be approached with a view to encouraging new and innovative forms of entertainment that promote this vision and are consistent with the four licensing objectives.

B8

The Council encourages greater live music, dance, theatre and other forms of entertainment for the benefit of the community. Where activities require a licence, the Council will seek to balance the potential for disturbance of local residents and businesses against the wider community and cultural benefits.

B9

In making a balanced decision, the Council accepts that those living in town centre environments are likely to experience a degree of disturbance associated with a vibrant night-time economy but this must be managed in such a way to limit its impact beyond that which is reasonable. The Council will at all times consider the wider benefits to and impacts on the community as a whole and will take a proportionate view on the weight to apply to representations.

D1.5

The Council expects applicants to address the licensing objectives in their operating schedule and have due regard to this Policy. To achieve this, the Council supports the principles set out in sections 8.33 – 8.36 of the Statutory Guidance which state:

8.33

In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the

licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.34

Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

- the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to local residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;*
- any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and*
- any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.*

8.35

Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact policy), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.

8.36

It is expected that enquiries about the locality will assist applicants when determining the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. For example, premises with close proximity to residential premises should consider what effect this will have on their smoking, noise management and dispersal policies to ensure the promotion of the public nuisance objective. Applicants must consider all factors which may be relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives, and where there are no known concerns, acknowledge this in their application.

D1.8

Whilst there is no requirement for applicants to consult with the responsible authorities prior to submitting an application the Council encourages pre-application dialogue to take place.

D2.1

Each licence application will be decided by reference to this Policy, the National Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, relevant legislation and to the individual circumstances of the particular application. The Council may depart from the Policy where the individual circumstances of any application merit such a decision in the interests of the promotion of the Licensing Objectives. Full reasons will be given for decisions taken by the Council when undertaking its licensing functions.

D2.4

In determining applications, the Council will focus primarily on the direct impact of the proposed activities on persons that may be adversely affected in relation to the licensing objectives. The scope of those persons that may be affected will be determined on a case by case basis taking into account all relevant factors.

D2.5

The Council acknowledges that the licensing process can only seek to impose conditions that are within the direct control of the licence holder. The Council does not consider that the term 'direct control' can be generically defined and will consider its definition relative to the specific circumstances of each application. For example, licensed premises at the end of road leading to a car park may be able to control its patrons leaving the premises and using the car park. In general terms, to be considered to be under the 'direct control' of a licence holder, there will need to be a direct causal link between the problems or likely problems and the specific premises.

D2.6

Where problems with a direct causal link to premises exist in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives but they cannot be mitigated by the imposition of appropriate conditions, a Licensing Sub-Committee will seriously consider refusal of the application. For example, patrons from a licensed premise that are causing disorder in a town centre after leaving the premises cannot be controlled by conditions, however the problem may be resolved by the refusal of the application or revocation of the licence.

D2.8

The Council recognises that the exercise of its licensing function is only one of a number of means of securing the promotion of the licensing objectives. The exercise, by the Council, of its licensing function should not be seen as a panacea for all problems within the community. The Council will encourage co-operation between its licensing function, planning function and environmental health functions to ensure that any problems are addressed using the most appropriate means and that its licensing function does not duplicate any other statutory responsibilities.

D2.9

The Council will carry out its licensing functions in the promotion of the licensing objectives and, in addition, will support the stated aims of the Act which are as follows:

- (i) protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;*
- (ii) giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;*
- (iii) recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;*
- (iv) providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and*
- (v) encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.*

D3.1

The Council recognises that fixed and artificially early closing times previously established under the Licensing Act 1964 were one of the main causes of rapid binge drinking prior to closing times and one of the causes of disorder and disturbance when large numbers of customers were required to leave 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. The aim through the promotion of the licensing objectives will be to reduce the potential for concentrations and achieve a slower dispersal of people from licensed premises through flexible opening times where appropriate.

D3.3

Generally, when the Council's discretion is engaged, the presumption will be to grant the hours requested unless there are representations raised by responsible authorities and/or other persons that demonstrate an adverse effect or likely effect on the licensing objectives.

D3.4

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.

D6.2

The Council recognises that each application must be considered on its own merits and any conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and activities concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises. A standardised approach to imposing conditions must be avoided and conditions will only be lawful where they are deemed appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in response to relevant representations.

D6.3

Conditions will only be imposed when they are appropriate 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 or the surrounding areas of the premises, places or events. Conditions are likely to be focused towards the direct impact of those activities on persons living in, working in or visiting areas affected by, or likely to be affected by, those activities.

D6.8

It is the Council's view that the imposition of conditions should be restricted to those that are proportionate in addressing any concerns in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives. Conditions should not be used as a tool to attempt to mitigate every possible scenario; this will serve only to place undue burden on applicants and is not consistent with the general principles of the Guidance.

D6.9

Operating schedules and licence conditions should be drafted in such a way that it is clear to licence holders exactly what is required of them and these requirements should be concise and well-worded to assist the licence holder in managing their premises. The Council is strongly of the view that the imposition of a substantial list of conditions in order to grant an application calls into question the suitability of the applicant to hold a licence. Where a Licensing Sub-Committee determines that it is appropriate to impose a substantial list of conditions to the extent that they are effectively determining the day-to-day management of the premises, they will give serious consideration to refusing the application.

D8.1

The Council recognises the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefit of the community.

D8.2

Only appropriate, proportionate and reasonable licensing conditions will be imposed on licences so as not to discourage the promotion of entertainment. Conditions will relate to the minimum needed to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

D8.3

The Council will ordinarily avoid any measure which deters live music, dancing and theatre by imposing indirect costs of a substantial nature (for example, noise limiting devices for smaller or community premises). The Council acknowledges, however, that on occasions the imposition of appropriate conditions with cost implications may be the only alternative to refusing an application where there is sufficient evidence in relation to the effect, or likely effect on the licensing objectives.

E2.1

The Council recognises that the public safety objective is concerned with the physical safety of the people using the relevant premises and not with public health, which is dealt with in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning.

E3.1.1

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 matters arising at licensed premises impact on those living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the locality. Ordinarily, the Council's Environmental Protection & Housing Team, in their role as a responsible authority, would take the lead in respect of nuisance issues.

E3.2.1

This may include noise from live or recorded music, human voices (both amplified and unamplified) and other forms of entertainment (i.e. indoor sporting events). Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include, but are not limited to:

- installation of soundproofing;*
- installation of noise-limiting devices;*
- provision of acoustic lobbies;*
- no externally played music;*
- restrictions on the times and types of entertainment;*
- keeping windows and doors closed (i.e. with self-closing devices).*

E3.2.2

Soundproofing and other structural modifications may be identified as a requirement following an acoustic survey of the premises. Such a survey may be requested if the building is old and/or insufficiently insulated, very close or adjacent to neighbouring properties and/or the type of entertainment could be considered unsuitable for the premises without additional noise mitigation measures being implemented.

E3.2.3

Noise-limiting devices may be requested, in particular, where the entertainment takes place with sound systems not provided in-house (i.e. brought in by a hired DJ), where the premises is in a residential area or where the premises has a history of noise issues. Before imposing conditions requiring a noise-limiting device, the Council will give consideration to paragraph 2.16 of the Guidance which states:

2.16

Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable. Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.

E3.3.1

This may include noise and disturbance from customers on the premises and customers in outdoor areas such as terraces, beer gardens and smoking areas. It will also include noise, disturbance and obstruction from customers in the vicinity of premises smoking and/or drinking

and customers arriving at, leaving or queuing outside premises. Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include, but are not limited to:

- use of time restrictions on specified areas of the premises (different times can apply to different areas);*
- cessation of the use of certain areas of the premises;*
- supervision of outdoor areas, entrances and exits;*
- suitably worded, clear and prominent signage;*
- restriction of seating in outdoor areas of the premises;*
- restriction of times that drinks can be taken in specified outdoor areas of the premises;*
- restriction of the number of customers permitted in specified outdoor areas of the premises, including time.*

E3.7.1

This can include external lighting, security lighting and lighting displays. Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include:

- suitably selected lighting installations (i.e. luminaires without excessive power output and with appropriate shielding);*
- suitably located and directed lighting installations.*

E3.7.2

The Council is aware that security lighting plays an important part in securing the premises and promoting the prevention of crime and disorder objective. Before imposing conditions restricting security lighting, the Council will give consideration to paragraph 2.19 of the Guidance which states:

2.19

Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.

E3.8.1

Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include:

- entering into a waste contract agreement;*
- provision of external litter bins for customers;*
- regular litter picks in the immediate surrounding area of the premises.*

E3.8.2

The Council is aware that it would be unreasonable and disproportionate to require licence holders to be responsible for littering associated with their products when patrons have gone beyond their control. The Council will, however, expect licence holders to take responsibility for ensuring that the immediate surrounding area is regularly cleared of litter associated with their business operation.

E3.9.1

The Council is fully aware of the nuisance that can be caused by poorly managed or inappropriately located premises, however will seek to strike an appropriate balance with its vision of promoting a diverse and vibrant night-time economy.

E3.9.2

The provision of well-managed and controlled entertainment will be encouraged to promote the vision, however the potential disturbance to residents and businesses will need to have been adequately considered by applicants as part of their operating schedule.

E3.9.3

Should disturbance from licensed premises become unreasonable, any review proceedings will seek to impose suitable control measures in the first instance. Should control measures prove ineffective or are deemed inappropriate then the restriction of licensable activity timings, removal of licensable activities, suspension or revocation of the licence will be seriously considered.

E4.1

The Council recognises that the protection of children from harm objective relates primarily to children accessing or using licensed premises, or being exposed to activities taking place without having to access the premises (for example, underage alcohol sales, exposure to performances or advertising of an adult nature whether within or outside a premises).

F4.1

In order to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes the Council will not, as far as reasonably possible, attach conditions to licences unless they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and inadequately covered by other legislation. Ordinarily, conditions will be considered unnecessary if they are already adequately covered by other legislation.

F8.1

The Council acknowledges that conditions cannot be imposed on an authorisation where it would be either impracticable or impossible for the licence holder to comply with such conditions when customers have left the premises and are beyond the control of the licence holder.

F8.2

That said, if behaviour of customers beyond the control of the licence holder can be causally linked to a specific premises and it is causing crime and disorder or a nuisance it is wrong to assume that the Act cannot address this; section 4 of the Act gives the Council a positive duty to deal with it proportionately. Whilst conditions would be inappropriate in these scenarios, the Council is strongly of the view that activities and/or operating times of an authorisation should be restricted, or an authorisation refused or revoked, where appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

O1.1

The Council accepts that it can only consider matters in relation to the four licensing objectives when determining licensing applications, however as a public body it also has a statutory duty to consider the following legislative requirements:

- (i) Crime and Disorder Act 1998
Local authorities are required to have due regard to the crime and disorder implications of any decision it makes.*
- (ii) Human Rights Act 1998
Local authorities are required to implement the Act in a manner consistent with the Human Rights Act 1998 by giving due consideration to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.*
- (iii) Equality Act 2010
Local authorities are required to implement the Act in a manner consistent with its responsibilities to consider the equality implications of any decision it makes.*

O2.2

Any licence/certificate is issued without prejudice to any other consent, licence, approval or other authorisation required by other functions or responsibilities of the Council or any other statutory body. The possession of a licence/certificate under the Act does not supersede or replace any other statutory provision.

7. RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF STATUTORY GUIDANCE

- 7.1 The following paragraphs from the Guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018 version) may be relevant to this application. This section does not prevent the sub-committee from considering other paragraphs of the Guidance where they deem it appropriate and the determination should be based upon consideration of the full document:

1.3

The licensing objectives are:

- *The prevention of crime and disorder;*
- *Public safety;*
- *The prevention of public nuisance; and*
- *The protection of children from harm.*

1.4

Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

1.5

However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work.

They include:

- *protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;*
- *giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;*
- *recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;*
- *providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and*
- *encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.*

1.16

Conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate are important in setting the parameters within which premises can lawfully operate. The use of wording such as “must”, “shall” and “will” is encouraged. Licence conditions:

- *must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;*
- *must be precise and enforceable;*
- *must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;*
- *should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;*
- *must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;*
- *should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;*
- *should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 Act or other legislation;*
- *should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met, (for example, whilst beer glasses may be available in toughened glass, wine glasses may not);*
- *cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of*

customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and

- should be written in a prescriptive format.*

1.17

The licensing authority should only impose conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate which are appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other existing law already places certain statutory responsibilities on an employer at or operator of a premises, it cannot be appropriate to impose the same or similar duties on the premises licence holder, or club. It is only where additional and supplementary measures are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives that there will be a requirement for appropriate, proportionate conditions to be attached.

2.1

Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2.10

Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include:

- Providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home; and*
- Ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks.*

2.15

The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.

2.16

Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.

2.18

As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.

2.19

Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain

circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

2.20

Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.

2.21

Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

2.22

The protection of children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes not only protecting children from the harms associated directly with alcohol consumption but also wider harms such as exposure to strong language and sexual expletives (for example, in the context of exposure to certain films or adult entertainment). Licensing authorities must also consider the need to

8.41

In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.42

Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

- the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;*
- any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and*
- any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.*

8.44

It is expected that enquiries about the locality will assist applicants when determining the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. For example, premises with close proximity to residential premises should consider what effect this will have on their smoking, noise management and dispersal policies to ensure the promotion of the public nuisance objective. Applicants must consider all factors which may be relevant to the promotion of the

licensing objectives, and where there are no known concerns, acknowledge this in their application.

8.47

Applicants are expected to provide licensing authorities with sufficient information in this section to determine the extent to which their proposed steps are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in the local area. Applications must not be based on providing a set of standard conditions to promote the licensing objectives and applicants are expected to make it clear why the steps they are proposing are appropriate for the premises.

9.12

Each responsible authority will be an expert in their respective field, and in some cases it is likely that a particular responsible authority will be the licensing authority's main source of advice in relation to a particular licensing objective. For example, the police have a key role in managing the night-time economy and should have good working relationships with those operating in their local area. The police should usually therefore be the licensing authority's main source of advice on matters relating to the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objective. However, any responsible authority under the 2003 Act may make representations with regard to any of the licensing objectives if they have evidence to support such representations. Licensing authorities must therefore consider all relevant representations from responsible authorities carefully, even where the reason for a particular responsible authority's interest or expertise in the promotion of a particular objective may not be immediately apparent. However, it remains incumbent on all responsible authorities to ensure that their representations can withstand the scrutiny to which they would be subject at a hearing.

9.42

Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

9.43

The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

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Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination.

10.8

The licensing authority may not impose any conditions unless its discretion has been exercised following receipt of relevant representations and it is satisfied as a result of a hearing (unless all

parties agree a hearing is not necessary) that it is appropriate to impose conditions to promote one or more of the four licensing objectives. In order to promote the crime prevention licensing objective conditions may be included that are aimed at preventing illegal working in licensed premises. This provision also applies to minor variations.

10.9

It is possible that in some cases no additional conditions will be appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

10.10

The 2003 Act requires that licensing conditions should be tailored to the size, type, location and characteristics and activities taking place at the premises concerned. Conditions should be determined on a case-by-case basis and standardised conditions which ignore these individual aspects should be avoided. For example, conditions should not be used to implement a general policy in a given area such as the use of CCTV, polycarbonate drinking vessels or identity scanners where they would not be appropriate to the specific premises. Licensing authorities and other responsible authorities should be alive to the indirect costs that can arise because of conditions. These could be a deterrent to holding events that are valuable to the community or for the funding of good and important causes. Licensing authorities should therefore ensure that any conditions they impose are only those which are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

8. LICENSING OFFICER COMMENTS

- 8.1 The comments within this section of the report are provided by the licensing officer to assist the sub-committee with the interpretation of the Act, the Guidance and existing case law. It is for the sub-committee to determine what weight they attach to this advice.

Definition of 'appropriate'

- 8.2 The previous Statutory Guidance first issued in July 2004 and subsequently updated up until April 2012, specifically required Licensing Sub-Committees to ensure that their decisions were based on measures that were 'necessary' for the promotion of the licensing objectives. This placed a burden on the licensing authority to demonstrate that no lesser steps would satisfy the promotion of the licensing objectives and any conditions imposed on a licence would only be those necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives with no opportunity to go any further.
- 8.3 The revised Statutory Guidance issued on 25th April 2012 and subsequently amended, has amended the 'necessary' test to one of 'appropriate'. This has changed the threshold which licensing authorities must consider when determining applications by requiring that they make decisions which are 'appropriate' for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 8.4 The Guidance explains 'appropriate' as:

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- 8.5 It is anticipated that, in due course, case law will provide clarity on the meaning of 'appropriate' as referred to in paragraphs 9.43 and 9.44 of the Guidance. The sub-committee is therefore advised to give 'appropriate' its ordinary meaning, as expanded upon by paragraph 9.43 of the Guidance, subject to the over-riding requirement on all local authority decisions of reasonableness.

- 8.6 This approach, of allowing the courts to provide clarity, is reflected in the following paragraphs of the Guidance:

1.9

Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. This Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, this Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons. Departure from this Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

1.10

Nothing in this Guidance should be taken as indicating that any requirement of licensing law or any other law may be overridden (including the obligations placed on any public authorities under human rights legislation). This Guidance does not in any way replace the statutory provisions of the 2003 Act or add to its scope and licensing authorities should note that interpretation of the 2003 Act is a matter for the courts. Licensing authorities and others using this Guidance must take their own professional and legal advice about its implementation.

- 8.7 The sub-Committee should also be aware that their decision must be proportionate to the evidence received in respect of the application and representation. Proportionality is a key factor in assisting with the definition of 'appropriate'.

Case law

- 8.8 As the Guidance confirms, public nuisance under the Licensing Act 2003 has a wide interpretation and it is for the Sub-Committee to determine, based on the evidence, whether they consider these issues to be a public nuisance.

- 8.9 The Guidance states at paragraph 2.20 that conditions relating to public nuisance beyond the vicinity of the premises are not appropriate and the Council's Statement of

Licensing Policy supports that view. Conditions that it would be either impracticable or impossible for the licence holder to control would clearly be inappropriate.

- 8.10 That said, if behaviour beyond the premises can be clearly linked to a premises and it is causing a public nuisance, it is wrong to say that the Licensing Act 2003 cannot address this. Whilst conditions may well be inappropriate, if the evidence deems it necessary, times and/or activities under the licence could be restricted or, indeed, the application could be refused, suspended or revoked.
- 8.11 The magistrates court case of *Kouttis v London Borough of Enfield*, 9th September 2011 considered this issue.
- 8.12 In a summary of the case provided by the Institute of Licensing it is reported that District Judge Daber considered an appeal against a decision of the local authority to restrict the hours of musical entertainment of a public house to mitigate the noise from patrons as they left the premises in response to representations from local residents. The appellant relied on the sections of the Guidance that state that “beyond the vicinity of the premises, these are matters for personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right” (para 2.24). It was also suggested that, given that certain residents were not disturbed, this did not amount to public nuisance within the meaning of para 2.19 of the Guidance as approved by Burton J in the Hope and Glory case.
- 8.13 The District Judge held that there was ample evidence of public nuisance relating to the specific premises, and that section 4 of the Act gave the licensing authority a positive duty to deal with it proportionately. In this case, no less interventionist way of dealing with the nuisance had been suggested. He held that not only was the authority not wrong, but that it was in fact right to reduce the hours as it had. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

Evidence not to consider

- 8.14 A number of points made in the representations have been deemed not relevant by the licensing officer. The points have been redacted and cannot be seen. The following paragraphs 8.15 to 8.18 are a summary of the redacted points which, for clarity, should not be discussed during the hearing.
- 8.15 Reference has been made to either the lack of police resources or the need for additional policing. If this were a concern for the police, they could have made a representation as a responsible authority but chose not to. Additionally, unless either point resulted in a significant increase in crime and/or disorder, it would be unlikely to relate specifically to the licensing objectives.
- 8.16 Comparisons have been made to trading hours of other licensed premises within Baldock. This is not relevant as each application is considered on its own merits.
- 8.17 Parking is a concern for most ‘other persons’, more specifically the lack of parking resource at the premises and the impact on permitted parking in residential streets. Parking is primarily a matter for consideration at the planning stage, through consideration of the impact on local amenity, as it does not relate specifically to the licensing objectives. In simplistic terms, planning decides how a premises can be used,

whilst licensing decides how best to then manage that premises. Residential parking permits are controlled through other legislation and the Licensing Act 2003 cannot seek to duplicate other existing control measures than can otherwise be effectively managed.

Although the impact of car parking is not relevant under the Licensing Act 2003, the sub-committee can consider the impact of the noise nuisance associated with persons returning to their vehicles having used the premises as this falls within the remit of the prevention of public nuisance. The sub-committee should be cautious about how much weight they attach to this matter when the location of patrons parking is outside the control of the applicant. Conditions restricting parking locations would not be appropriate whereas the restriction of trading hours to limit potential noise nuisance to a reasonable hour would be appropriate.

- 8.18 Problems related to the previous operation of the premises have been mentioned however they are not relevant as each application is determined on its own merits. The sub-committee should focus their deliberations on the ability of the proposed management team to prevent issues arising from the use of the premises.

Deregulation of live and recorded music on alcohol licensed premises

- 8.19 Following deregulatory changes introduced by the Live Music Act 2012, The Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment (Amendment) Order 2013 and The Legislative Reform (Entertainment Licensing) Order 2014 no licence is needed for the following activities:

Live Music

- A performance of unamplified live music between 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs on any day on any premises
- A performance of amplified live music between 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises provided that the audience does not exceed 500

Recorded Music

- Any playing of recorded music between 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises provided that the audience does not exceed 500

- 8.20 The effect of this deregulation is that licensing committees cannot restrict live or recorded music where it would benefit from the deregulation detailed in paragraph 8.19
- 8.21 Additionally, during the hours of deregulation where no licence would be required, any licence conditions that relate directly to live and/or recorded music are suspended between the hours of 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs.

For example, the applicant has agreed to a condition requested by NHDC Environmental Protection that states:

A suitable environmental noise control device shall be installed in the premises, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer. The device must be set at an appropriate time in the presence of the aforementioned Officer. No amplified live or recorded music

constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in the function hall until this device has been installed and set in accordance with this condition.

This condition will only apply to live or recorded music that takes place after 23:00hrs where permitted by the premises licence.

8.21 The safety net for 'other persons' is that:

- (i) There is other statutory legislation that can be used to control nuisance; and
- (ii) At a licence review hearing, a licensing committee can remove the deregulation therefore making the activities licensable again and subject to licensing controls such as conditions and/or restrictions in permitted timings.

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 Appendix A Original application
- 9.2 Appendix B Conditions agreed with Hertfordshire Constabulary
- 9.3 Appendix C Conditions agreed with NHDC Environmental Protection
- 9.4 Appendix D Amended application (for determination)
- 9.5 Appendix E Relevant representations from 'other persons'.

10. CONTACT OFFICER

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**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.

We Massimo Cierzo, Tracey Cierzo and Rebecca Cierzo

(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

The Buffs football Club Bakers close, Clothall Road Baldock Herts			
Post town	Baldock	Postcode	SG7 6PE

Telephone number at premises (if any)	N/A
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ N/A

Part 2 - Applicant details

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

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) an individual or individuals * | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (A) |
| b) a person other than an individual * | | |
| i as a limited company/limited liability partnership | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| ii as a partnership (other than limited liability) | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iii as an unincorporated association or | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iv other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| c) a recognised club | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| d) a charity | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 in Wales ☐ please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England ☐ 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 (by ticking yes to one box below):

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		
Date of birth			I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes		
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
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		

Date of birth		I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes	
Nationality			
Current postal address if different from premises address			
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 Massimo Cierzo, Tracey Cierzo and Rebecca Cierzo
Address 10 Mansfield Road Baldock Herts SG7 6ED
Registered number (where applicable) N/A
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Partnership
Telephone number (if any) [REDACTED]
E-mail address (optional) [REDACTED]

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
2	9	05

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

DD	MM	YYYY
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

The Premises is going to be a community football club that has changing facilities as well as a bar that sells alcohol, beverages and food. The club will be used for functions along with other sports entertainment i.e pool, darts and viewing sports on TV.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

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

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

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)

Please tick all that apply

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input 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) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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



In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			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 (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			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 (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 4) Pool Table Darts Board Viewing sports on TV And other associated pub games
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	12.00	00.00	
Tue	12.00	00.00	<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 5) N/A
Wed	12.00	00.00	
Thur	12.00	00.00	
Fri	12.00	02.00	<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 6) N/A
Sat	12.00	02.00	
Sun	12.00	00.00	

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					
			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 6)		

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	
			Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) Amplified Live music	
Mon	12.00	00.00		
Tue	12.00	00.00		
Wed	12.00	00.00		
Thur	12.00	00.00	State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music N/A	
Fri	12.00	02.00		
Sat	12.00	02.00		
Sun	12.00	00.00		
			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 (please read guidance note 6) N/A	

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) Amplified recorded music		
Mon	12.00	00.00			
Tue	12.00	00.00			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) Beverages and food to be served in the clubhouse		
Mon	12.00	00.00			
Tue	12.00	00.00			
Wed	12.00	00.00			
			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 5) N/A		
Thur	12.00	00.00			
Fri	12.00	02.00			
Sat	12.00	02.00			
			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 (please read guidance note 6) N/A		
Sun	12.00	00.00			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 5) N/A		
Mon	12.00	00.00			
Tue	12.00	00.00			
Wed	12.00	00.00			
Thur	12.00	00.00			
Fri	12.00	02.00			
Sat	12.00	02.00			
Sun	12.00	00.00			

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	
Massimo Cierzo	
Date of birth	
[REDACTED]	
Address	
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Personal licence number (if known)	
NHPER/8543	
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	
North herts district council	

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K

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 9).
Football youth clubs will be using our facilities.

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 5) N/A
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	12.00	00.00	
Tue	12.00	00.00	
Wed	12.00	00.00	
Thur	12.00	00.00	
Fri	12.00	02.00	<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 6) N/A
Sat	12.00	02.00	
Sun	12.00	00.00	

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

We will follow all health and safety regulations put in place
We will follow all fire policies
Alcohol policy (think 25)
No Drug policy
Opening and close times adhered too
Sound monitoring

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV on premise
Door security
Think 25 alcohol policy
No policy
Sound level monitoring
Sufficient lighting in and outside premises
Alarm system

c) Public safety

Fire control measures in place
All health and safety guidelines adhered too.
Responsible alcohol control limits
Safe training records and health and safety up to date

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The sale of non-alcoholic beverages
CCTV
Alarm system
Door security
Think 25 alcohol policy

e) The protection of children from harm

All persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
We will create a safe environment for children to be in. h
Health and safety signage
Think 25 alcohol policy

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- 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 designated 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. ☒
- ☒
[Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 15). ☒

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.






Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). • The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)
Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	29.04.2019
Capacity	N/A

Contact name Massimo Cierzo, Tracey Cierzo and Rebecca Cierzo			
			
Post town		Postcode	
Telephone number (if any) 			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			
			

Notes for Guidance

1. 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.
2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.

- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.
- 3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
- 4. For example the 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.
- 5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
- 6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
- 7. Please give 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.
- 8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
- 9. Please give 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 or the presence of gaming machines.
- 10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- 11. The application form must be signed.
- 12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.
- 14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a

licensable activity. They do this by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the following documents (which do not need to be certified).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **full** birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's parents or adoptive parents, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 17(3) or 18A (2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

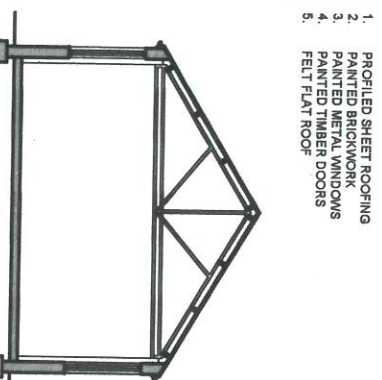
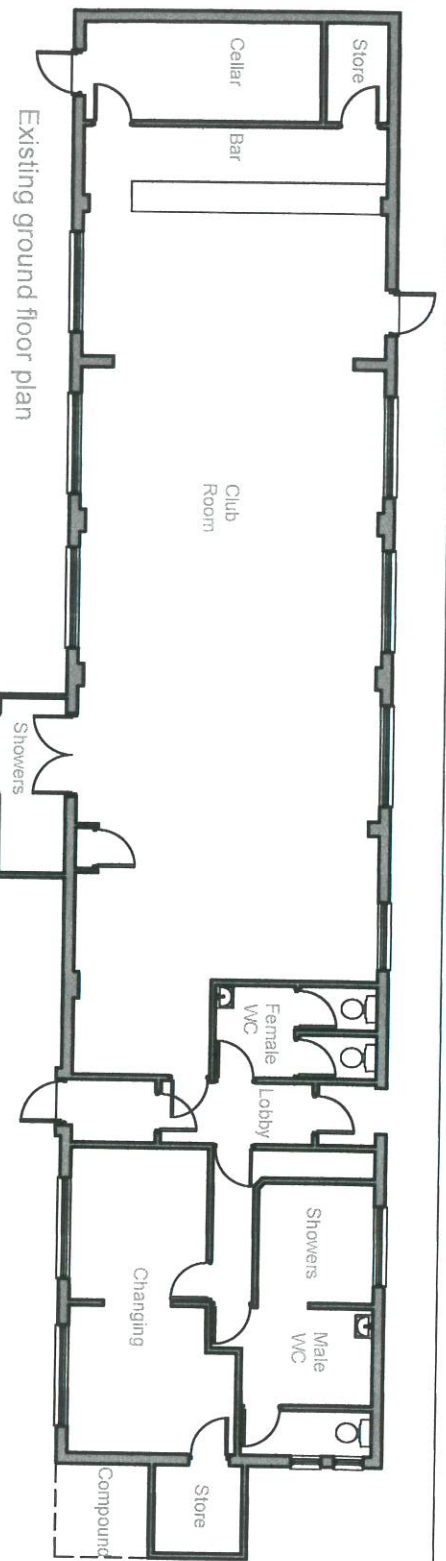
Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;

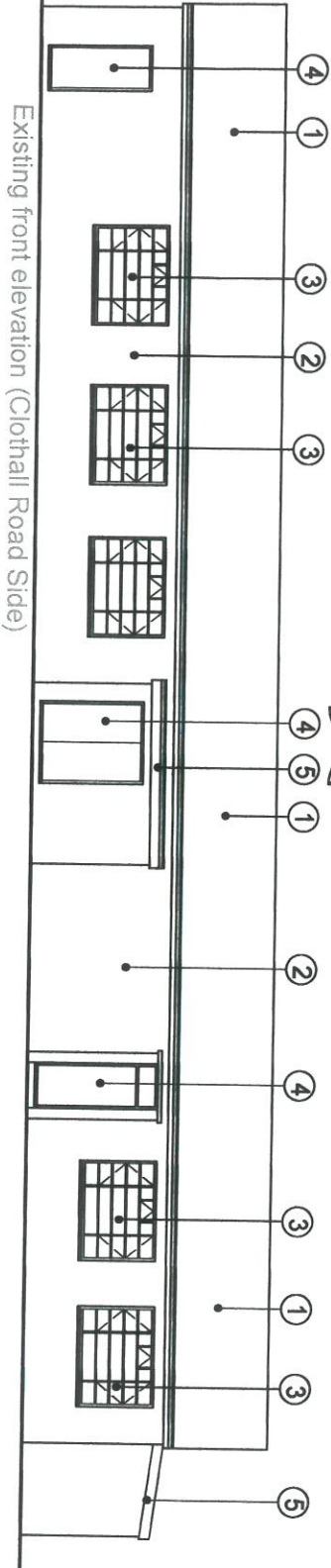
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

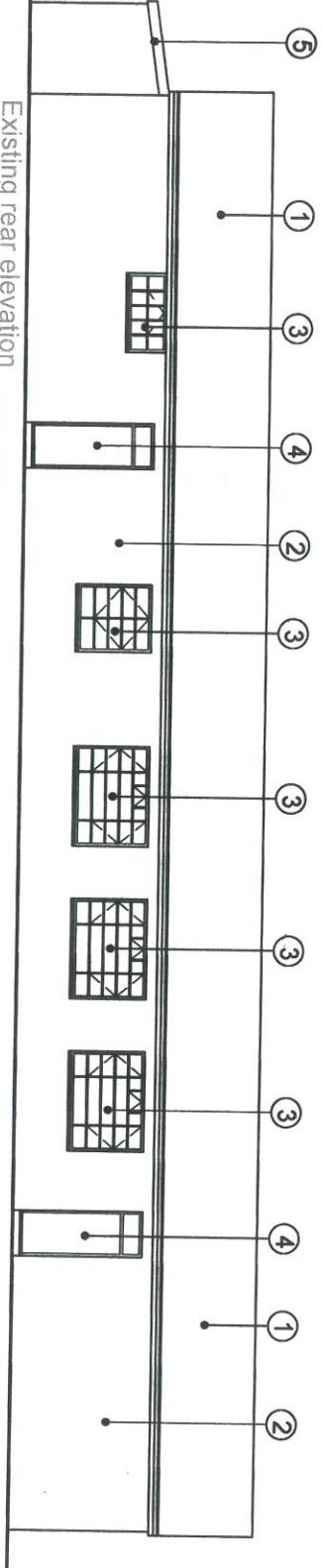
Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.



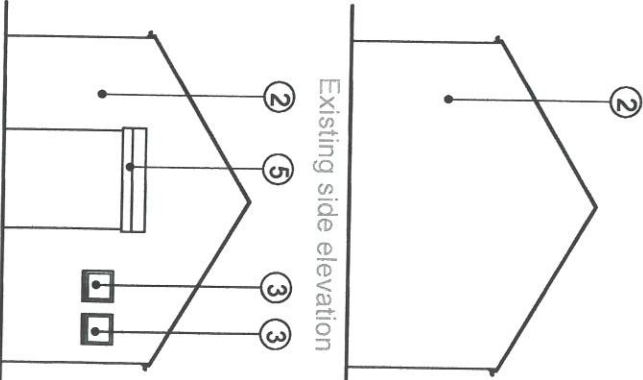
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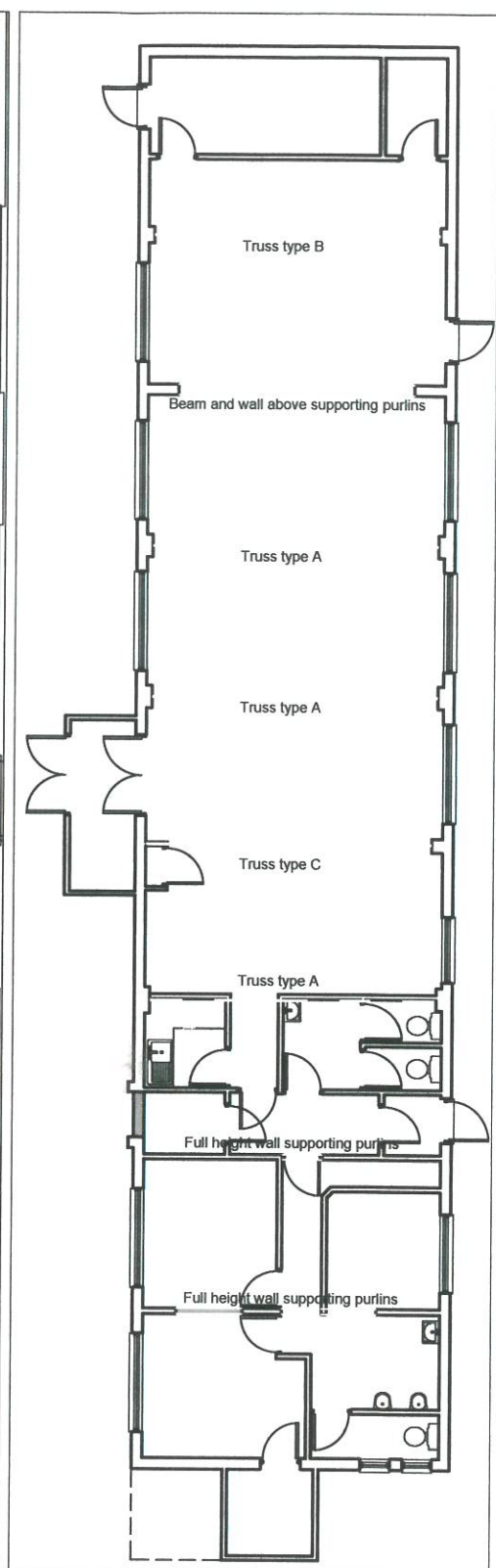
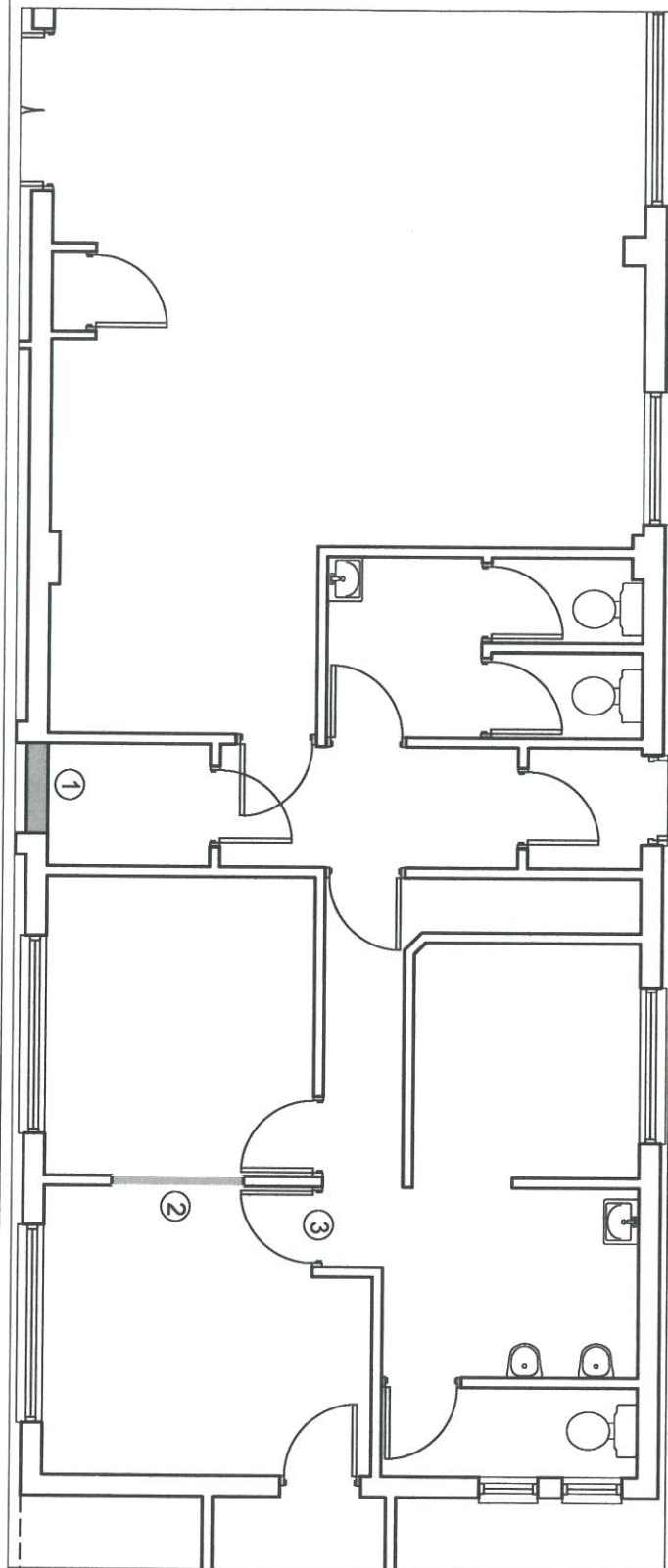
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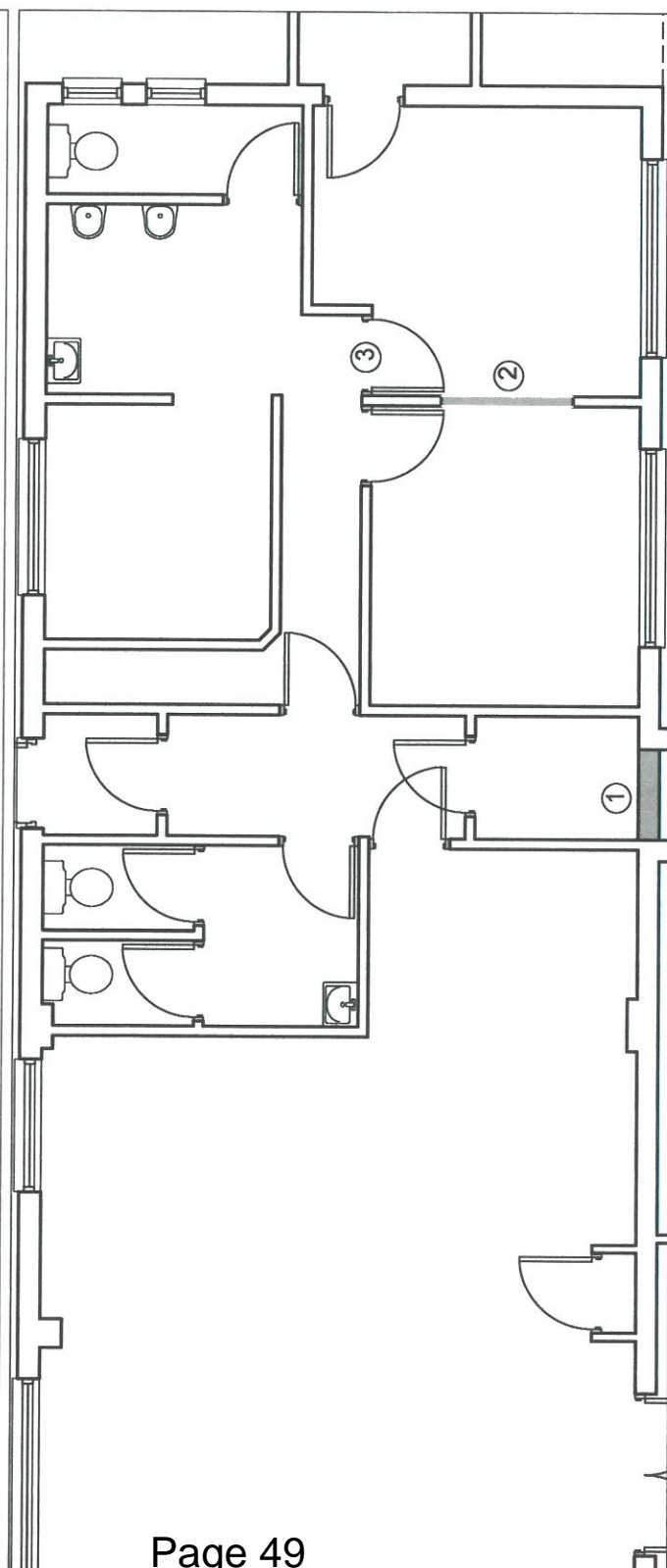
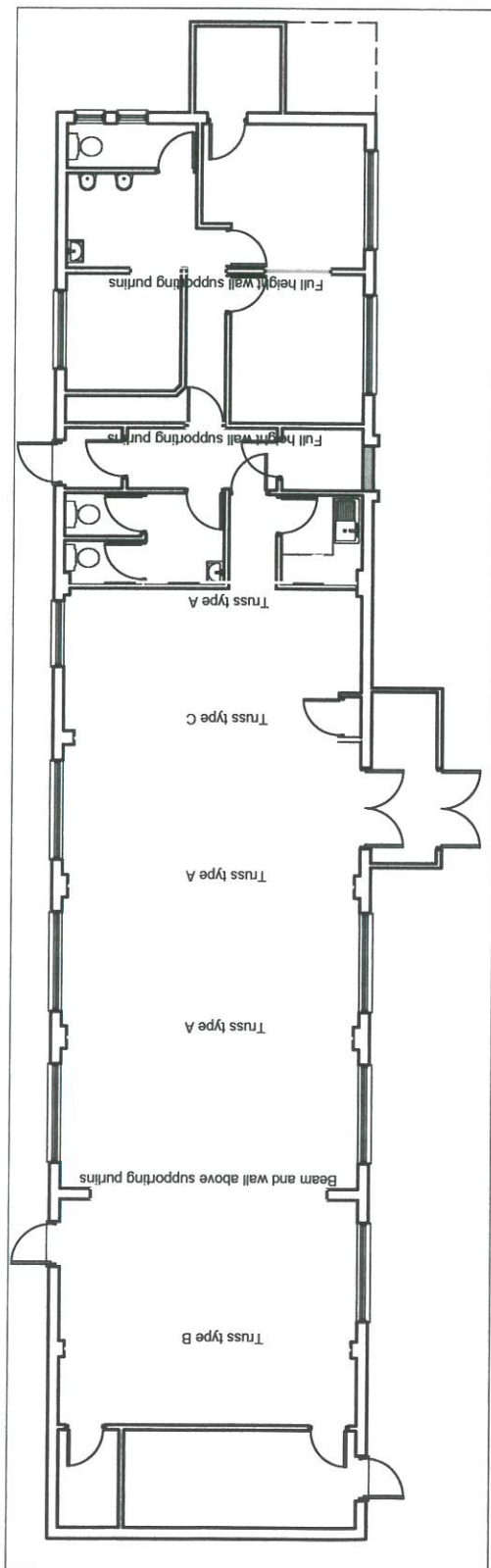
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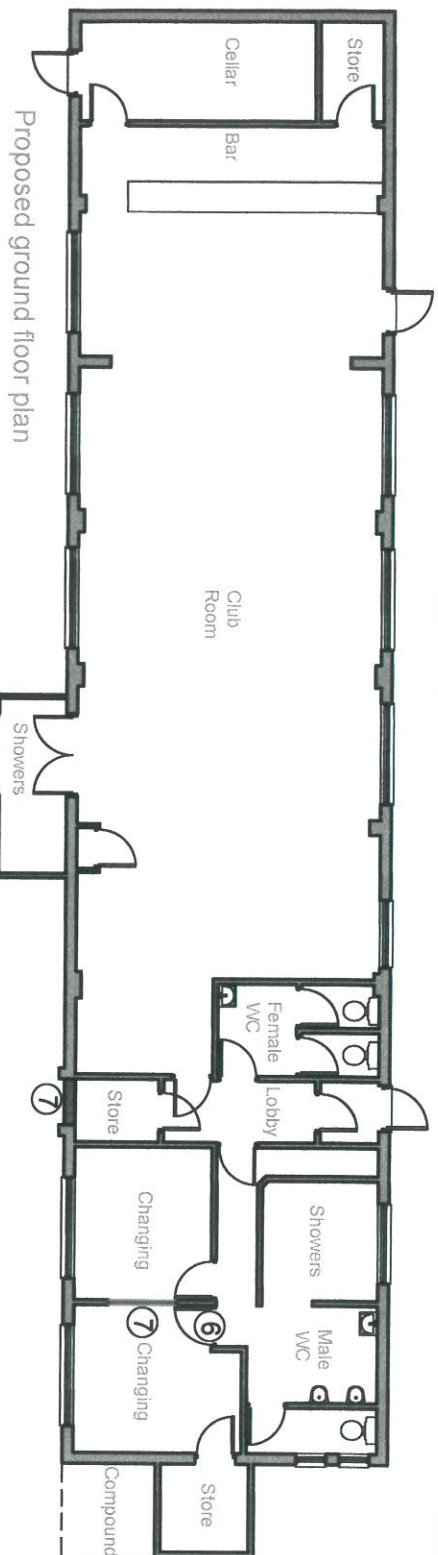
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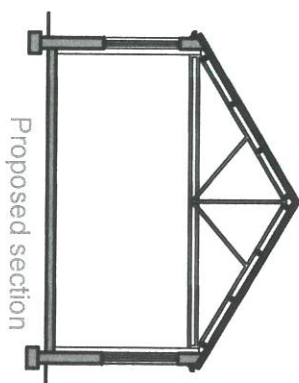
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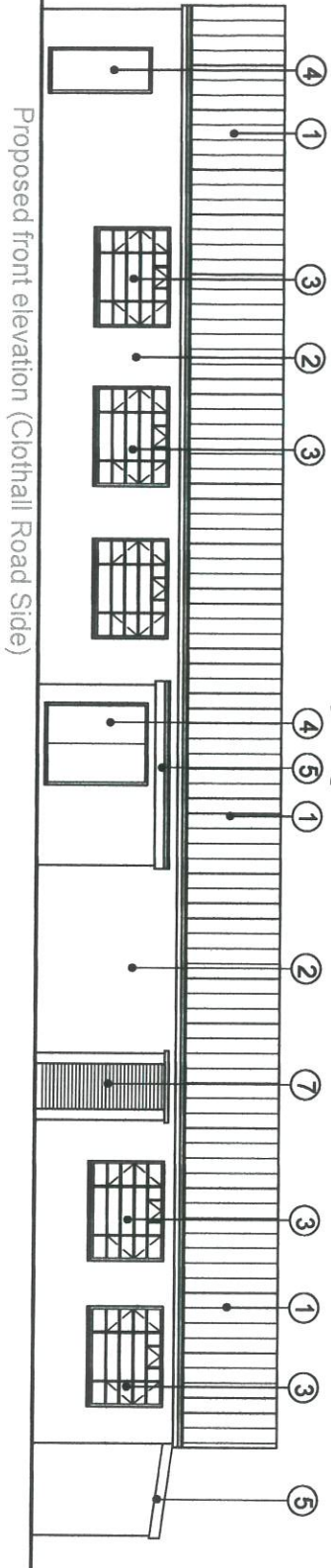




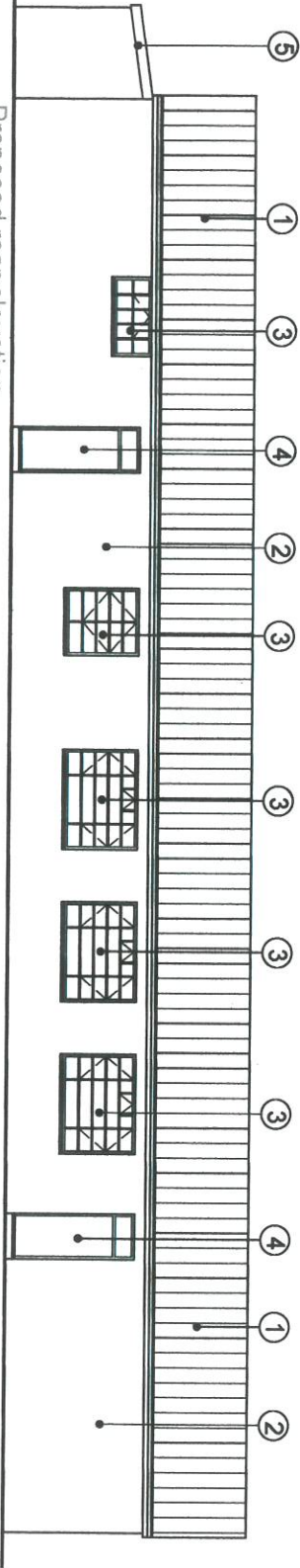
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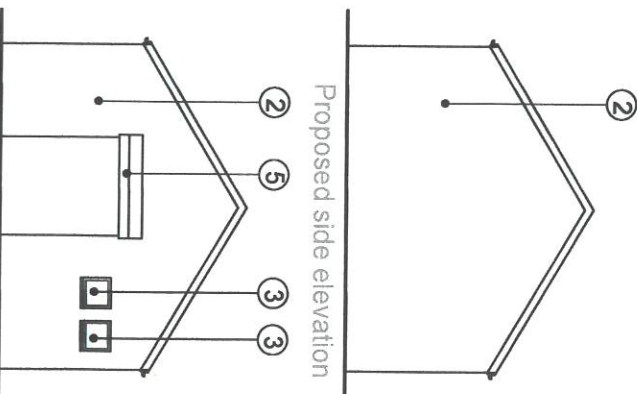
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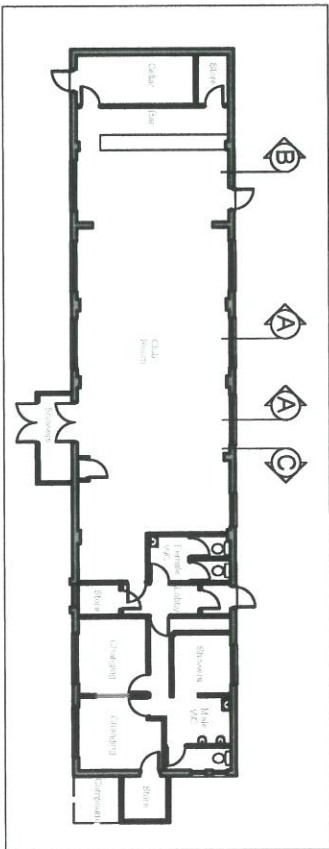
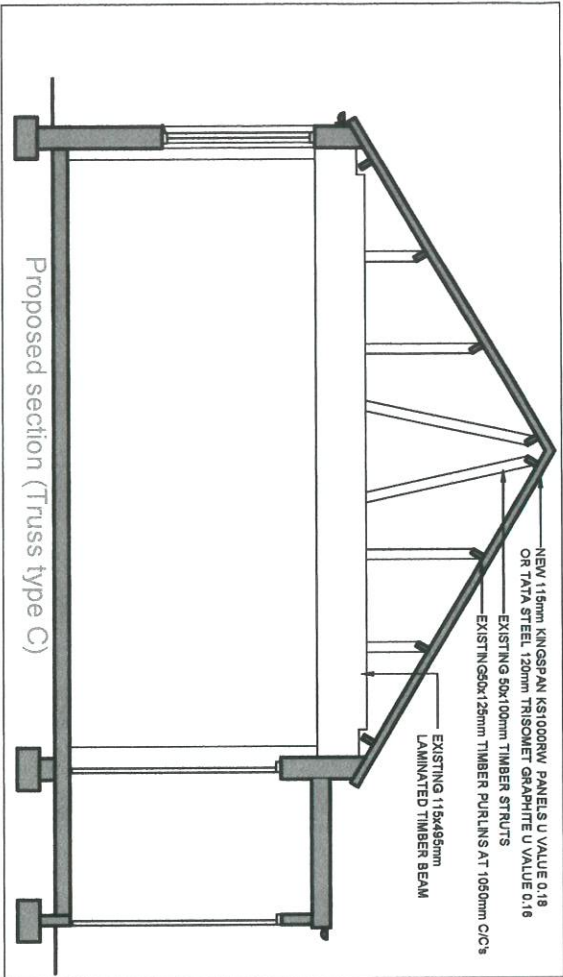
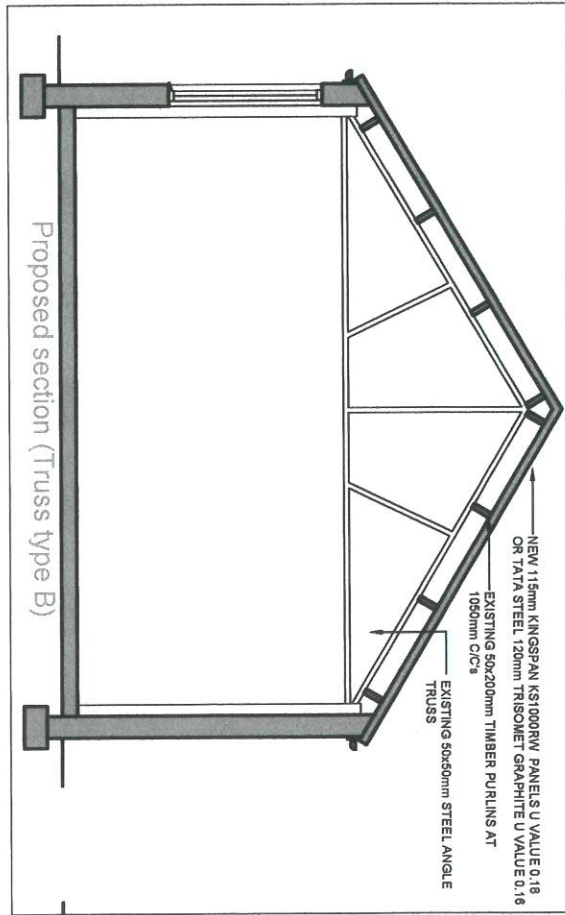
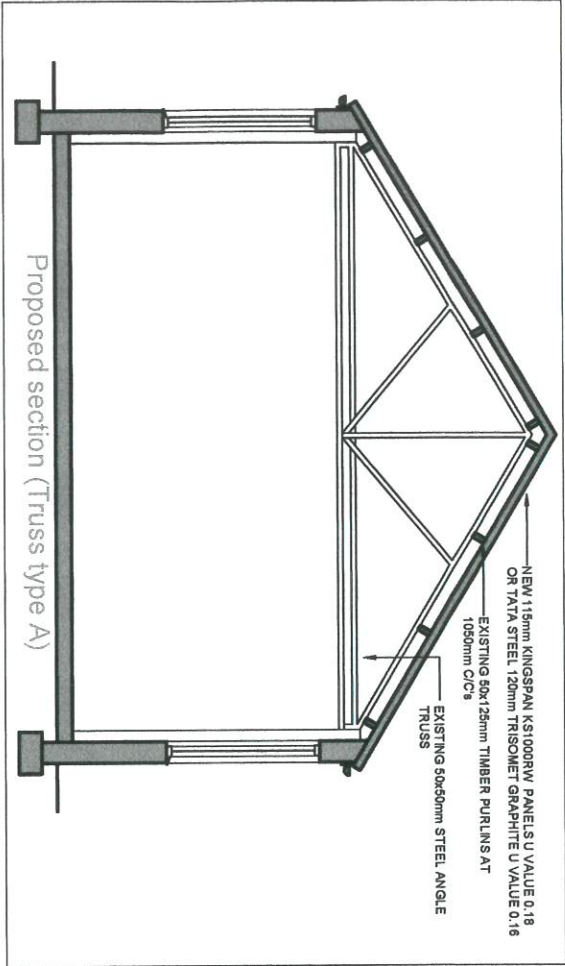


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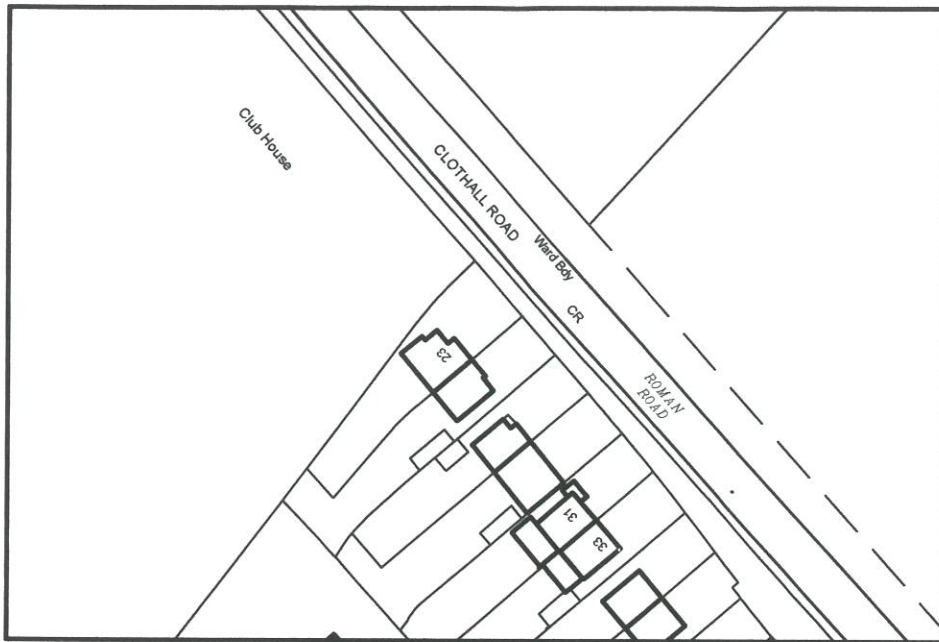


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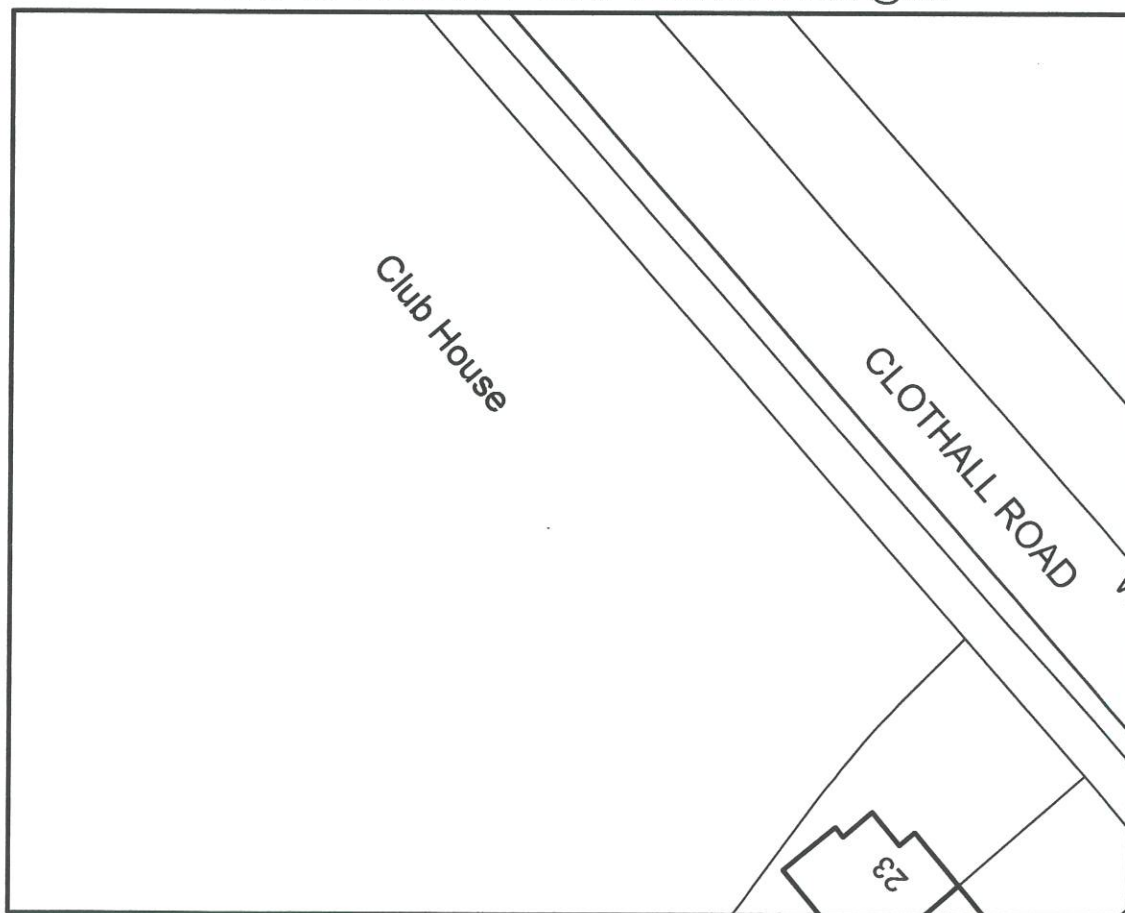
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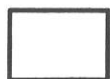
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LOCATION PLAN SCALE 1:1250 @ A4



BLOCK PLAN SCALE 1:500 @ A4



EXISTING BUILDINGS

SITE AREA



Good Morning Kuljit

My names Rebecca I'm one of the partners applying for the premises licence for The buffs football club Baldock. After having discussed the below conditions we are happy with all that you have proposed and will make sure that all the below measures are in place for when we open to the public.

Thank you for your help and your time, if you need to contact us at anytime please feel free to do so.

Kind regards

Rebecca

From: SANGHA, Kuljit 8250 [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:01:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: The Buffs Football Club, Bakers Close, Clothall Road, Baldock - New Premises Licence Application [OFFICIAL]

Dear Maz,

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to meet with me on Wednesday 15/05/19. Having discussed the application with you, please find below a number of proposed conditions relating to operating hours, cctv, etc. If you are happy to accept the conditions then please email NHDC licensing and cc me into the email confirming that you accept the conditions. For convenience I have included their email addresses as follows [REDACTED].

- Hours Premises Are Open to the Public will be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday: 12:00hrs – 00:30hrs. Friday and Saturday: 12:00hrs – 02:00hrs.
- Supply of Alcohol Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday: 12:00hrs – 00:00hrs. Friday and Saturday: 12:00hrs – 01:30hrs.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a CCTV system is installed, in working order and shall continually record whilst the premises is open to the public.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that CCTV cameras are installed and in working order.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that viewable and un-edited copies of recordings from the CCTV system will be provided to Police no later than 24 hours after request.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that all CCTV recordings will be kept for a minimum of 28 days.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that prior to opening the premises to the public in accordance with the premises licence operating hours, the CCTV system will be checked to ensure that it is working and recording for a minimum of 28 days.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that the CCTV cameras cover key and vulnerable parts of the premises, including the entry and exit points.

- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a minimum of two (2) persons, namely the owner/DPS and duty manager are fully trained to access and operate the CCTV system and download copies of any footage, upon request by Police Licensing Officer, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers. One of these persons will be at the premises at all times when the premises are open to the public.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a refusals book is maintained and kept at the premises at all times.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that the refusals book will be made available for inspection upon request by Police Licensing Officer, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that an incident book is maintained and kept at the premises at all times.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure that the incident book will be made available for inspection upon request by Police Licensing Officer, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers.
- DPS/Premises Licence Holder will ensure the Challenge 25 policy is implemented.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss further. If you could let me know by mid-week (Wednesday 22/05/19) next week, that would be great.

Regards

Kuljit

[Redacted Signature]

Mrs Kuljit Sangha

Police Licensing Officer for North Herts

Hitchin Police Station, College Road, Hitchin, SG5 1JX

Tel: [Redacted] (office) / [Redacted] (work mobile)

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[Hertfordshire Constabulary's Legal Notice](#)

**Environmental Protection licence conditions for The Buffs Football Club,
Bakers Close, Clothall Road, Baldock**

Amendment to draft conditions dated 17 May 2019

Proposed changes to hours applied

- Opening hours until 00:00 on Sunday to Thursday; 01:00 on Fridays and 01:30 on Saturdays.
- Supply of alcohol and late night refreshment until 23:30 on Sunday to Thursdays; 00:30 on Fridays and 01:00 Saturdays.
- Live and recorded music until 23:00 on Sunday to Thursday.
- Live music until 23:00 and recorded music until 00:30 Friday
- Live music until 23:00 and recorded music until 01:00 Saturday.

Proposed licence conditions

1. The Designated Premises Supervisor or some other responsible person shall manage, where necessary, any entry queue, external areas of the premises and the dispersal of patrons from the premises to ensure that noisy or rowdy behaviour is prevented and therefore noise disturbance to local residents is minimised.

2. Clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all entrance and exit points and external areas of the premises requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to keep the noise to a minimum.

3. No drinks shall be permitted in the external areas of the premises after 22:00 on any night of the week.

4. All windows and external doors to the premises shall be closed after 23:00 during regulated entertainment except for ingress, egress or in the case of an emergency.

5. A designated smoking area shall be located at the front of the property for use after 22:00. No drinks shall be permitted in this area at any time.

6. Deliveries and waste collections relating to premises shall only take place between 08:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday and 1000 and 20:00 on Sundays.

7. No glass bottles shall be emptied into waste bins at the premises between 22:00 and 08:00 on any day of the week.

8. (a) A suitable environmental noise control device shall be installed in the premises, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer. The device must be set at an appropriate time in the presence of the aforementioned Officer. No amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in the function hall until this device has been installed and set in accordance with this condition.

(b) Once the environmental noise control device has been installed, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer it must not be removed, adjusted or replaced:

- i) without twenty-eight (28) days prior notification to the Council's Noise Control Officer and;
- ii) without the written consent that the removal, adjustment or replacement of the device is permitted and that documentation stating this is received from the Council's Noise Control Officer.

(c) Following the receipt of the documentation stated above, all the requirements of the Council's Noise Control Officer must be carried out. Use of all noise equipment for amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment taking place in first floor function room is not permitted until such a time that the premises licence holder has received confirmation from the Council's Noise Control Officer that it is permitted.

(d) In the event of a malfunction of the environmental noise control device, the Council's Noise Control Officer shall be notified within two (2) working days of the problem and the remedial action proposed. No amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in first floor function room until the environmental noise control device is properly functioning and, if appropriate, has been reset, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer and/or the Council's Noise Control Office has received and approved the necessary documentation confirming this.

(e) The environmental noise control device shall be secured in a manner approved by the Council's Noise Control Officer so as to prevent unauthorised access to and tampering with the controls.

(f) All noise equipment used for amplified live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment in first floor function room must be routed through the environmental noise control device and this device must be operational during such licensable activities.

Sarah Scotchmer
Environmental Health Officer
20 May 2019

AMENDED APPLICATION

Indoor sporting events

Sunday to Thursday	12:00hrs to 23:30hrs
Friday	12:00hrs to 00:30hrs the following morning
Saturday	12:00hrs to 01:00hrs the following morning

Live music (indoors)

Sunday to Saturday	12:00hrs to 23:00hrs
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Recorded music (indoors)

Sunday to Thursday	12:00hrs to 23:00hrs
Friday	12:00hrs to 00:30hrs the following morning
Saturday	12:00hrs to 01:00hrs the following morning

Supply of alcohol (for consumption on the premises only)

Sunday to Thursday	12:00hrs to 23:30hrs
Friday	12:00hrs to 00:30hrs the following morning
Saturday	12:00hrs to 01:00hrs the following morning

Late night refreshment (indoors)

Sunday to Thursday	23:00hrs to 23:30hrs
Friday	23:00hrs to 00:30hrs the following morning
Saturday	23:00hrs to 01:00hrs the following morning

Hours premises are open to the public

Sunday to Thursday	12:00hrs to midnight
Friday	12:00hrs to 01:00hrs the following morning
Saturday	12:00hrs to 01:30hrs the following morning

Operating schedule conditions

1. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that a closed circuit television (CCTV) system is installed at the premises, is maintained in good working order and continually records at all times whilst the premises is open to the public.
2. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that viewable and un-edited copies of recordings from the closed circuit television (CCTV) system will be provided to Police no later than twenty-four (24) hours after request.
3. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that all closed circuit television (CCTV) recordings will be kept for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days.
4. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that prior to opening the premises to the public in accordance with the premises licence operating hours, the closed circuit television (CCTV) system will be checked to ensure that it is working and recording for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days.

5. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that the closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras cover key and vulnerable parts of the premises, including the entry and exit points.
6. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that a minimum of two (2) persons, namely the owner/DPS and duty manager, are fully trained to access and operate the closed circuit television (CCTV) system and download copies of any footage, upon request by Police Licensing Officers, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers. One of these persons will be at the premises at all times when the premises are open to the public.
7. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that a refusals book is maintained and kept at the premises at all times.
8. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that the refusals book will be made available for inspection upon request by Police Licensing Officers, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers.
9. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that an incident book is maintained and kept at the premises at all times.
10. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that the incident book will be made available for inspection upon request by Police Licensing Officers, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Authority Licensing Officers.
11. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor (DPS) will ensure that a Challenge 25 policy is implemented at the premises.
12. The designated premises supervisor (DPS) or some other responsible person shall manage, where necessary, any entry queue, external areas of the premises and the dispersal of patrons from the premises to ensure that noisy or rowdy behaviour is prevented and therefore noise disturbance to local residents is minimised.
13. The premises licence holder will ensure that clear and legible notices are displayed at all entrance and exit points and external areas of the premises requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to keep the noise to a minimum.
14. The premises licence holder will ensure that no drinks are permitted in the external areas of the premises after 22:00hrs on any night of the week.
15. The premises licence holder will ensure that all windows and external doors to the premises are closed after 23:00hrs during regulated entertainment except for ingress, egress or in the case of an emergency.
16. The premises licence holder will ensure that a designated smoking area is located at the front of the property for use after 22:00hrs. No drinks shall be permitted in this area at any time.
17. The premises licence holder will ensure that deliveries and waste collections relating to the premises shall only take place between 08:00hrs -22:00hrs Monday to Saturday, and 10:00hrs - 20:00hrs on Sundays.

18. The premises licence holder will ensure that no glass bottles are emptied into external waste bins at the premises between 22:00hrs and 08:00hrs on any day of the week.
19. (a) A suitable environmental noise control device shall be installed in the premises, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer. The device must be set at an appropriate time in the presence of the aforementioned Officer. No amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in the function hall until this device has been installed and set in accordance with this condition.
- (b) Once the environmental noise control device has been installed, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer it must not be removed, adjusted or replaced:
- (i) Without twenty-eight (28) days prior notification to the Council's Noise Control Officer and;
 - (ii) Without the written consent that the removal, adjustment or replacement of the device is permitted and that documentation stating this is received from the Council's Noise Control Officer.
- (c) Following the receipt of the documentation stated above, all the requirements of the Council's Noise Control Officer must be carried out. Use of all noise equipment for amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment taking place in first floor function room is not permitted until such a time that the premises licence holder has received confirmation from the Council's Noise Control Officer that it is permitted.
- (d) In the event of a malfunction of the environmental noise control device, the Council's Noise Control Officer shall be notified within two (2) working days of the problem and the remedial action proposed. No amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in first floor function room until the environmental noise control device is properly functioning and, if appropriate, has been reset, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer and/or the Council's Noise Control Office has received and approved the necessary documentation confirming this.
- (e) The environmental noise control device shall be secured in a manner approved by the Council's Noise Control Officer so as to prevent unauthorised access to and tampering with the controls.
- (f) All noise equipment used for amplified live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment in first floor function room must be routed through the environmental noise control device and this device must be operational during such licensable activities.
20. The premises licence holder will ensure that adequate external lighting is provided at the premises in the absence of natural daylight.
21. The premises licence holder will ensure that all children under the age of sixteen (16) years are accompanied by an adult whilst on the premises.

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Mr D. Tilley
29 The Twitchell
Baldock
Herts
SG7 6DW

N.H.D.C.

21 MAY 2019

Date:- 18th May 2019

Dear Sir

With reference to the Notice of Application under licensing act 2003, relating to The Buffs Football Club, Bakers Close, Clothall Road, Baldock, Herts SG7 6PE.

I am writing to inform you I strongly object to the licensing hours in the application proposed on the following grounds.

1). The closing times are far too late e.g. Sunday to Thursday 12:00 to 00:00 and Friday to Saturday 12:00 to 02:00. These are excessively late for a residential area. As potentially there will be excessive anti-social behaviour, late night noise disturbance and littering for 7 nights a week when leaving the premises in all directions.

2). There are young families and older citizens living in the vicinity of the clubs location, with potential noise disturbance from all access areas e.g. footpaths, along Clothall Road and the unfit playing field with no CCTV to monitor the patrons leaving the premises. Also after 00:00 hours the street lights are turned off, so making it dangerous for patrons leaving the premises.

3). There is inadequate parking in the vicinity of The Buffs club to accommodate the activities proposed. Vehicles will likely appear every evening & weekend in Thurnall Close, Simpson Drive, The Twitchell, Clothall Road, The Tene causing noise nuisance [REDACTED] which is unacceptable.

4). [REDACTED]

5). [REDACTED]

I do hope you review and reject the current licensing application on the above grounds.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

D.Tilley

N.H.D.C.

Licensing and Enforcement

P.O. Box 10613

Nottingham. NG6 6DW.

9 Thurnall Close

Baldock

Hertfordshire

SG7 6DP.

21st May 2019.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the application of late licensing hours for,

The Butts Football Club

Bakers Close

Baldock

Hertfordshire

SG7 6PE



I feel that an opening to 00.00 on,

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday and 0200 on

Friday

Saturday is unreasonable and will cause

disruption, excessive noise

in the surrounding area.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: Chris Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 May 2019 18:56
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: The Buffs Football Club, Baldock

Hello, I have sent a letter to the address given in the local paper, but would like to repeat in an email in case the letter doesn't arrive in time.

I would like to express my concern at the proposed opening hours of the above premises, in particular the closing times. There is no mention of the amount of customer capacity, which can cause an impact on surrounding residents.

The premises is in a residential area with homes very close by. [REDACTED] patrons will need to park in the residential roads nearby. There will be possible noise issues when patrons return to their vehicles after any events. This will have an impact on all residents, whether families with young children, elderly persons in The Tene or people who are working the following day.

[REDACTED]

In the summer nights I can already hear groups of youths who congregate in the field during the evening/night. What will the restrictions be regarding music and patrons drinking outside during warm summer nights? I cannot see how that can be managed, and may then lead to residents calling the police [REDACTED] and if it is solely a noise issue, they will be directed to the local council. As we know, neither will lead to a speedy conclusion, resulting in possible weeks of disruption.

It is good that the clubhouse has been renovated, and I would have no objections to daytime through to early evening opening but the proposed opening hours are simply unfair to local residents.

Chris Connell

Mrs Chris Connell
14 Thurnall Close
Baldock
Herts
SG7 6DP

[REDACTED]

N.H.D.C.

23 MAY 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my concern at the proposed opening hours of the The Buffs, Clothall Road, Baldock premises, in particular the closing times. There is no mention of the amount of customer capacity, which can cause an impact on surrounding residents.

The premises is in a residential area with homes very close by. [REDACTED] patrons will need to park in the residential roads nearby. There will be possible noise issues when patrons return to their vehicles after any events. This will have an impact on all residents, whether families with young children, elderly persons in The Tene or people who are working the following day.

[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Mrs Chris Connell
14 Thurnall Close
Baldock
Herts
SG7 6DP

North Hertfordshire District Council
Licensing and Enforcement
PO Box 10613
Nottingham
NG6 6DW

N.H.D.C.
24 MAY 2019

28 Thurnall Close
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6DR

20 May 2019

Dear Sirs

Notice of Application under the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Notice")

in respect of:

The Buffs Football Club, Bakers Close, Clothall Road, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6PE

The Notice appeared in The Comet on Thursday 9 May 2019 and requires any representations/objections in respect of the application for premises licence made by Massimo Clerzo, Tracey Clerzo and Rebecca Clerzo to be made by 28th May 2019.

I am therefore writing to make the following representations:

1. On weekdays The Buffs would be open til midnight and at weekends til 2am. Many local residents are either families or older citizens. I therefore consider the proposed opening hours to be excessive and inappropriate.
2. The Baker's Close field is currently both unlit and unmonitored and this would therefore mean that patrons of the Buffs would be leaving in the dark, potentially at risk of their personal safety but also risking security of local properties.
3. Daily late-night opening could mean that unacceptable levels of noise, antisocial behaviours and littering could well increase to the detriment of the neighbourhood, especially given the number of ways The Buffs can be entered/exited.
4. [REDACTED] there is a strong possibility that local roads would be used to park on a nightly basis. This in turn would likely lead to noise, nuisance [REDACTED] for those roads affected. These could be: Clothall Road, The Tene, Thurnall Close, Simpson Drive and The Twitchell.
5. [REDACTED]

For the reasons noted above, I would like to object to the grant of this licence on the terms of the current application as stated in the Notice.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Enid Jarvis (Mrs)

NHDC Licensing + Enforcement

P.O. Box 10613

NOTTINGHAM

NG6 6DW

N.H.D.C.

28 MAY 2019

Lindsey Phipson

24 Thurnall Close

BALDOCK

Herts

SG7 6DR

Thursday 23 May 2019

F.A.O. NHDC Licensing + Enforcement Officer / Committee

Further to the published Notice of Application on Thursday 9 May 2019 (The Comet newspaper), for a premises licence by the Cierzo family for the Buft's football Club, Bakers Close, Clothall Road, Baldock, SG7 6PE, I write to object to the proposed scope of the licence on the following grounds:

- The bar is situated at the heart of a residential area and is the only such premises in the vicinity: it is not situated in a town centre hub. Thus:
 - Parking facilities in the vicinity are inadequate to serve potential numbers of clientele during proposed licensing hours without disturbance [REDACTED] to neighbouring residential roads namely Clothall Road, The Tene, Pinnocks Lane, Thurnall Close, The Twitchell, Phipson Drive [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



- The proposed licensing hours are excessively long and late both on weekdays and at weekends. Residents will potentially suffer disturbance and intrusion beyond midnight six days a week and beyond 2-00am regularly at weekends with noise from the club and patrons leaving the club. The venue is surrounded by young families and senior citizens living close by in all directions. This will disturb their sleep and cause anxiety regarding what is going on outside when patrons leave the premises because:
- A vast area behind the venue on Baker's Close is unlit at night and has no security cameras to monitor activity on the field after dark. Drunkenness, antisocial behaviour, littering, fighting, public urination, firelighting and unpermitted vehicles on the field have all been problematic in the past, and more recently at their lowest ebb since Buffs Club has been closed; fewer people have been attracted to hang out there.
- I am truly concerned about the length and lateness of drinking sessions, the lack of clarity on

"drinking up" times and that all the problems I list above will return and worsen - based on past experience.

it will become incumbent on local residents keeping noise/ASB diaries to effect any solution once a pattern of late excessive drinking is established in this outskirt area of Baldock - unless licencing hours are curbed to a time more acceptable to residents during the application process from the outset.

- The proposed hours are the latest among Baldock's Public Houses; customers will likely make their way to Buffs when all else has closed if regular exceptionally late hours are permitted and known. The area is unsuited to such an influx for the reasons stated above.
- Patrons making their way back to vehicles parked on High Street late at night will cause noise/waking nuisance to all residences en route. Similarly the arrival of taxis ordered.
- It has not been clarified where the outer perimeter of the proposed licence area lies. If patrons are permitted to drink and socialise outside the Buffs building, all noise is carried a wide distance across the otherwise quiet field

and surrounding area. Residents will need assurance that all evening drinking and socialising is contained strictly inside the Buffs Club building to avoid night-time / waking noise nuisance and disturbance, and littering.

- The fact that the licensees cannot possibly contain or control their patrons' behaviour once they leave the bar is of great concern to residents of a currently peaceful quiet neighbourhood who value and are proud of its clean, cared-for, community spirited environment and wish it to remain so. The activities proposed under the licence application are of potential threat to this and out of keeping for the area.

I would like the Enforcement Officer/Committee to note and address my concerns and objections satisfactorily at the hearing before any licence for the Buffs Club is agreed.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Hindley C Simpson

North Hertfordshire District Council,
Licensing and Enforcement
P.O.Box 10613,
Nottingham,
NG6 6DW

N.H.D.C.

28 MAY 2019

39, The Twitchell
Baldock,
SG7 6DW
21st May 2019

Sirs,

Re: Objections to the Licence in reference to
The Buff's Football Club, Baker's Close, Baldock, Herts SG7 6PE

We wish to protest against the licence on the following grounds:

- The hours mentioned in the application are excessive: they exceed those operated by the pubs in the area, consequently the fear is that drinkers will leave any of the pubs in the town and continue their night out at this club.
- Noise from music: live music at excessive volumes is not acceptable in a residential area so late at night.
- Noise from patrons: people leaving the venue are likely to walk across the Baker's Close field with the likelihood of anti-social behaviour.
- Security: there are no CCTV cameras covering the area making security, and the potential for vandalism, a concern.
- Litter: Is there likely to be an increase in litter and/or broken glass? In an area that is used for walks, particularly dogs, this is both an aesthetic and a safety issue.
- Use of outside space – If there are people outside the venue, for example on a hot summer's night, this could lead to excessive noise, especially if tables and chairs are provided.
- One of our family has Multiple Sclerosis, one of the major symptoms being fatigue. When their sleep pattern is disturbed, it takes days to recover and affects their quality of life. If this club is given the licence requested, they are likely to experience more ill health.

A number of years ago, a members' club operated from the same building. Noise from the club, particularly on "party nights" was unacceptable and we experienced all of the issues that we have mentioned above. We need reassurances, from the council and the owners, that these problems will not manifest themselves again.

The area around Baker's Close is a quiet residential area and we want it to stay like that.

Yours faithfully,



Mr L, Mrs J and Mr P Seymour

N.H.D.C.

28 MAY 2019

31 The Twitchell
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6DW.
18-5-19.

Dear North Hertfordshire District Council,

I am writing to inform you we object to the details of the premises licence in respect of 'The Buffs Football Club' Bakers Close, Clophall Road Baldock, Herts. SG7 6PE. we live close by to 'The Buffs'.

We as a family feel the lateness of hours Sun - Thurs until midnight and Friday and Saturday until 2 A.M. to be very unreasonable and excessively late. It would likely cause noise at an unreasonable time of night for us. I feel litter will get ever worse in Bakers Field alleyway and this alleyway never gets cleared up of litter anyway. It would worsen this area further. Bakers alley is not well maintained by the council at all and there is already broken glass on the ground at times due to dumped glass bottles. Broken glass rarely gets cleared up here.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Parked cars increasing will cause nuisance and will create more noise when patrons leave at midnight / 2am.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The field is very dark at night with no cameras to monitor patrons leaving. I feel it will make the local area where I live less safer to live and unpleasant.

[REDACTED]

I would prefer shorter opening hours so it has to close at 11pm rather than midnight and 2am closing times. I don't feel that a sports club needs to be open until midnight or 2am. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I thought it was going to be a daily daytime sport club when I first heard about this club being created and to be honest I am shocked it's has late opening hours. We as a family are very unhappy about this licence especially if it is allowed to go ahead.

I hope you will consider our objections to the opening hours 'The Buff' are hoping to achieve.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

and on behalf of my family.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: John Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2019 17:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Buffs Football Club Licensing Application, Number 9202

24th May 2019

North Hertfordshire District Council,
Licensing and Enforcement,
PO Box 10613,
Nottingham,
NG6 6DW

Regarding a Licensing Application for the Buffs Football Club, Bakers Close, Baldock SG7 6PE.

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to raise an objection to the above Licensing Application. This centres around proposals for the club to remain open from midday till 2pm on Friday and Saturday nights, and from midday to 12pm on Sunday and week nights. We feel that these long and late opening hours will lead to disturbances for the local residents both during afternoon football games, and late at night. [REDACTED]

Bakers Close is a grassed open space in the centre of Baldock, bordered by Clothall Road on one side and residential housing on the remaining three sides. Several pathways from the surrounding area lead onto the field. The space is well used, and popular with both adults and children from the neighbourhood, and also acts as a thoroughfare for school children who attend local schools. At present, occasional football matches are held on Sundays during the season.

The field, approx. 180 metres by 95 metres, is surrounded by two blocks of flats, ten houses, and several units of a sheltered housing complex for the elderly and infirm. All of these properties border the field, many within a few metres of the boundary fence.

The 1:500 site plan submitted with the Licensing Application, fails to show both the extent of the housing surrounding Bakers Close, and the exact position of the clubhouse on it. A larger map showing the both the housing and exact position of the clubhouse should have been submitted, especially for those members of the committee not familiar with the site.

Given the proximity of the housing and daily use of the field by local residents, we feel the proposed licensing hours are not suitable in a residential area consisting of mainly families and the elderly.

Yours faithfully,

Gail and John Taylor

20 Thurnall Close,
Baldock,
SG7 6DR,
Hertfordshire.
[REDACTED]

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