

# South Cambridgeshire District Council Licensing (2003 Act)

## Sub-Committee

**Date of Hearing:** 08 September 2020  
**Applicant:** Hauxton Parish Council  
**Premises Address:** The Hauxton Centre, Church Road,  
Hauxton, Cambridge, CB22 5HS  
**Application:** Premises licence

### Those present at the hearing:

**Sub-Committee:** Councillor Anna Bradnam (Chair)  
Councillor Eileen Wilson  
Councillor Bill Handley

**SCDC Officers:** Jane Jackson, Licensing Officer  
Paul Weller, Legal Adviser  
Aaron Clarke, Democratic Services  
Officer  
Suzanne Christie, Environmental Health  
Officer

**Applicant:** Mrs Susan Cook  
Mr John Hammond

**Representees:** Mr Ray Hale

### The application

The application for a Premises Licence for The Hauxton Centre was received on 13 July 2020. The requirements for advertising and displaying relevant notices were carried out in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

The application is for the grant of a new Premises Licence for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. The requested days and times for Sale of Alcohol for consumption on the premises are as follows:

Monday	12:30 to 22:30
Tuesday	12:30 to 22:30
Wednesday	12:30 to 22:30
Thursday	12:30 to 22:30
Friday	12:30 to 22:30
Saturday	12:30 to 22:30
Sunday	12:30 to 22:30

New Year's Eve 12:30 to 24:00

## **Background**

The premises are currently under construction and can be found on the recreation ground, Church Road, Hauxton, Cambridge, CB22 5HS.

As required by the Licensing Act policy, the application was sent to all responsible authorities for consultation as part of the licensing application process.

Notification of the application was sent to 113 neighbouring properties.

The Blue Notice was correctly displayed, and a notice was placed in the Cambridge Evening News on the 22 July 2020.

As part of the application process the applicant has been made aware of the representations.

## **Relevant representations**

Representations have been received from the interested parties. A list was sent to the applicant.

A representation was received from Environmental Health and this was sent to the applicant.

### **Observations:**

The panel heard representations from the applicant who explained the nature of the business, how the premises are used, how daily operations work at the premises and how it is used for events at which alcohol is sold. The applicant explained the measures that were in place to prevent public nuisance, disorderly behaviour and consumption of alcohol by minors as there would be a designated premises supervisor at all events run by at the Hauxton Centre, regardless of the organiser of the event.

The applicant explained that the building would be mechanically ventilated and air conditioned, so no windows or doors would therefore be open when playing music. Although one small rear window faced onto residents from the ladies' toilet, it does not open. The applicant acknowledged that the multiple extractor fans at the back of the building could cause noise, but that pleached trees and shrubs would be planted between these to the nearest boundary to reduce any noise that may be emitted.

There were stringent planning conditions that existed regarding the opening times for any events run at the Hauxton Centre, as such no events would be running late into the evening. Although it was indicated that music would be played, the panel were informed that the number of people who could be accommodated in the building were fewer than the threshold for music to become a licensable activity.

### **Decision**

Taking all the above into account the Sub-Committee **agreed** to grant the Premises Licence subject to the incorporation of the conditions from the Environmental Health Officer and which the applicant had agreed.

### **Agreed times for sale of alcohol on the premises:**

Monday            12:30 to 22:00

Tuesday 12:30 to 22:00  
Wednesday 12:30 to 22:00  
Thursday 12:30 to 22:00  
Friday 12:30 to 22:00  
Saturday 12:30 to 22:00  
Sunday 12:30 to 22:00

New Year's Eve 12:30 to 24:00

### **Agreed times that the premises will be open to the public:**

Monday 07:00 to 22:30  
Tuesday 07:00 to 22:30  
Wednesday 07:00 to 22:30  
Thursday 07:00 to 22:30  
Friday 07:00 to 22:30  
Saturday 07:00 to 22:30  
Sunday 07:00 to 22:30

### **Reasons:**

- The application addresses, in a satisfactory manner, the four Licensing objectives.
- The Parish Council had put a lot of thought and effort into the design and development of the Hauxton Centre over many years.
- The Parish Council had accepted the recommendations of the Environmental Health Officer in full.
- A Designated Premises Supervisor would be present at all events run at the Hauxton Centre, not only those run by the Parish Council.
- A number of planning conditions had been applied to the Hauxton Centre which also went some way to meeting the Licensing objectives.

During the course of the discussion, the Environmental Health Officer suggested that it would be prudent to discuss the possibility of a Designated Smoking Area. The Parish Council indicated that they would give this active consideration.

The applicant has a right of appeal to the Cambridge Magistrates' Court against the decision to impose conditions on the licence within 21 days of receiving notification of this decision.

Any objector has a right of appeal against the decision to grant the licence, or the conditions applying, to the Cambridge Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receiving notification of this decision.

Signed:

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Councillor Anna Bradnam (Chair)

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Councillor Bill Handley

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Councillor Eileen Wilson

Dated: 08 September 2020