



South Cambridgeshire District Council

Report to: Licensing Sub-Committee (2003 Act)
Author/s: Licensing Officer
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Lead Officer: Jane Jackson

The application

1. On the 29 October 2020, an application was made by John Howard on behalf of Horseheath Parish Council under S.51 of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended) for a Review of the Premises Licence for TL 6137 4711 Wild Wood Events Ltd. Licence number SCDCPL0515.

[Appendix A](#)

The location

2. The premises location is TL 6137 4711, Woodland and Surrounding Area, Linton, CB21 4QP. The premises are situated near to Horseheath Racecourse and close to Horseheath and Cardinals Green.

[Appendix B](#)

The review process

3. The proceedings set out in the 2003 Act (as amended) for reviewing premises licences and club premises certificates represent a key protection for the community where problems associated with the licensing objectives occur after the grant or variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate.
4. At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate, a responsible authority, or any other person, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence or certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives:
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety

- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

The current Premises Licence

5. The premises licence holder is Wild Woods Events Ltd and it has been held since 21 May 2019.
6. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Victoria Fenton.
7. The licensable activities permitted by the licence are:

Performance of a play (Indoors & Outdoors)

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Exhibition of films (Indoors & Outdoors)

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Performance of live music (Indoors & Outdoors)

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Playing of recorded Music (Indoors & Outdoors)

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Performance of dance (Indoors & Outdoors)

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Late Night Refreshment on and off the premises

Thursday	23:00 – 05:00
Friday	23:00 – 05:00
Saturday	23:00 – 05:00

The Sale by Retail of Alcohol for consumption on the premises only

Thursday	10:00 – 23:40
Friday	12:00 – 01:40
Saturday	10:00 – 01:40
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that live music, recorded music or performance of dance

Thursday	10:00 – 00:00
Friday	10:00 – 02:00
Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

Premises opening hours

Thursday	10:00 – 03:00
Friday	10:00 – 03:00
Saturday	10:00 – 03:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

8. A copy of the current licence and conditions is attached.
Appendix C

9. A copy of the current premises plan is attached
Appendix D

10. The application was sent to all responsible authorities for consultation as part of the licensing review process.

11. Notification of the review was sent to 167 neighbouring properties.

12. In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 a notification of the review was displayed by this Local Authority at:
 - on, or near the site of the premises
 - the main office of South Cambridgeshire District Council
 - the Licensing Public Notice page of this Licensing Authorities website

The licence holder's response

23 October 2020

In response to the application to review the premises licence, the licence holder submitted the following documents:

Report responding to the application of Review for Wild Wood Events Ltd Premises Licence

Appendix E

Parish Council actions from licence holder

Appendix F

Event Management Plan

Appendix G

HK Security Report

Appendix H

Spaced out weekend production schedule sheet 1

Appendix I

Sunset socials production schedule – sheet 1

Appendix J

Wild Wood Events Ltd – General Risk Assessment 2020

Appendix K

Wild Wood Events Ltd COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Appendix L

Wild Wood Events Ltd COVID-19 – Guests to Read

Appendix M

Wild Woods Events Ltd Working Safely with covid-19

Appendix N

Woodville Project – Boutique Camping COVID-19

Appendix O

Representations (objections & support)

13. As part of the process the Licence holder has been made aware of the representations of objection and support.

Appendix P

14. A representation was received from Environmental Health. This was also sent to the Licence Holder.

Appendix Q

Screen shots from 'My Little Festival' Facebook page referred to in section 3 of the representation from Environmental Health.

Appendix R

After viewing the above screen shots, the Licence Holder stated the following:
'These aren't photos taken at this years event, just trying to show representations of our sundown stage and woodland path, to give people an idea of what to expect'

15. On the 3 November 2020, the Licence Holder responded to the representations. This response was sent to all the representees, the applicant and Environmental Health.

Appendix S

Responses to the Licence Holder's response to representations – (to date)

16. Representation no. 17 was withdrawn

Representation no. 2 did not wish to withdraw their representation

Representation no. 3 stated:

Our response to that is simple - the noise cut off time was certainly not adhered to , or in the previous years events either. For a company that claims such ethical values, We find the very thinly veiled threat to take action against John Howard absolutely appalling and unwarranted in any way. Trying to bully your route to a permission has alienated all the residents even more . We very much doubt they will find any support whatsoever after making this statement.

Representation no. 11 stated:

Having read the submission from the event organiser we note that our serious concerns have not been addressed. These include the very high noise levels imposed on residents of Horseheath, and the welfare of birds and mammals living in the wood.

Frankly we are shocked at the hostile and lecturing tone taken, the unsubstantiated accusations made against our Parish Council Chairman and the reference to the possibility of legal action.

This was really not the correct or professional way to make their case, and therefore we will not be withdrawing our submission,

Officer's Views

17. Members when considering the application should be aware that they may only take into consideration the parts of the application that represent the licensing objectives.
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children from Harm
18. To achieve these objectives the Council will use its full range of powers and will engage all relevant responsibilities including planning controls, transport controls, crime reduction controls and relevant policies or strategies that will promote the licensing objectives. The Council will work closely with the Police, Fire Service, businesses, community representatives and local people in meeting these objectives.
19. Members have the right under the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended) to determine this application after considering any relevant representations.

In making the final determination Members may

- modify the conditions of the premises licence
- exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- remove the designated premises supervisor from the licence
- suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months
- revoke revocation of the licence

Modification of the conditions of the premises licence can include the alteration or modification of existing conditions or addition of any new conditions, including those that restrict the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.

Policy Considerations

20. Members must also have regard to The South Cambridgeshire Licensing Policy relating to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, The Prevention of Public Nuisance and The Protection of Children from Harm.

Legal Implications

21. All parties will maintain a right of appeal to a Magistrate's Court after the determination of this committee.

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