

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**REPORT TO:** Licensing Sub-Committee (2003 Act) 25 March 2008  
**AUTHOR/S:** Corporate Manager, Health and Environmental Services / Assistant Licensing Officer

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### APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE: COTTON HALL, GIRTON

#### The Application

1. The application (**APPENDIX A**) to grant a premises licence at Cotton Hall, Girton, Cambridgeshire was received by the Licensing Section in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
2. The premise currently operates as a village hall and there is no licence under the Licensing Act currently in place.

#### Background

3. The premise is in a village location with residential properties in the surrounding area as seen in (**APPENDIX B**). The premise is situated on a main road, which runs through the village. One side of the property adjoins a recreation ground and car park.
4. The application is for:

#### **Plays** indoors only

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

#### **Films** indoors only

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

#### **Live Music** indoors only

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

#### **Recorded Music**

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

#### **Performance of dance**

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

#### **Provision of facilities for making music**

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

### **Provision of facilities for dancing**

- Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 24.00

### **Hours open to the public**

- Monday to Sunday 07.00 – 24.00

5. This application does not contain a request for permissions to be granted in relation to the retail sale of alcohol.

### **Relevant Representations**

6. A relevant representation has been received from a person in the vicinity of the premises (**APPENDIX C**) relating to the prevention of public nuisance objective.

### **Officer's Views**

7. Members have the right under the Licensing Act 2003 to determine this application after considering any representations. Members may accept the application as submitted, reject the application or impose conditions that promote the relevant Licensing objectives. The representations made are based on the Public Nuisance objectives and therefore any decisions imposed must relate to this objective only. Guidance in the South Cambridgeshire District Council Licensing Policy in relation to such issues states that conditions maybe considered and examples are listed under the relevant section below.

### **Policy Considerations**

1. Conditions referred to within the South Cambridgeshire Licensing Policy relating to the prevention of Public Nuisance.

### **Conditions relating to the prevention of public nuisance**

#### **a) Consideration may be given to conditions that ensure that:**

- 1) Noise or vibration does not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties**
- 2) Prominent, clear and legible notices are displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.**
- 3) The use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks of a similar nature which could cause disturbance in the surrounding areas are restricted.**
- 4) The placing of refuse - such as bottles- into receptacles outside the premises takes place at times that will minimise the disturbance to nearby properties.**
- 5) Noxious smells from the licensed premises are not permitted (subject to existing legislation not providing adequate measures) so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties and the premises are properly vented.**
- 6) Flashing or particularly bright lights on or outside licensed premises (any such condition must be balanced against the benefits of providing lighting to promote the prevention of crime and disorder).**

#### **b) Hours**

**The hours during which the premises are permitted to be open to the public or to members and their guests can be restricted by the conditions of a premises licence or club premises certificate for the prevention of public nuisance:**

- 1) Conditions may be placed on premises restricting (other than where they are protected by the transitional provisions of the Act) the hours during which premises are permitted to be open to the public or to members and their guests.**
- 2) Restrictions may be necessary on the times when certain licensable activities take place even though the premises may be open to the public at such times**
- 3) Restrictions may be necessary on parts of a premise used for certain licensable activities at certain times.**

### **Legal Implications**

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

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