

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Licensing Committee 26 May 2005
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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB, 22-24 SAFFRON ROAD, HISTON

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

Purpose

1. To determine an application for the renewal of the Public Entertainment licence for the above premises. As objections have been made against this application it has been passed to the Licensing Committee for decision.

Background

2. The Royal British Legion has held a Public Entertainment Licence (**Appendix A**) in excess of 12 years for the premises at 22-24 Saffron Road, Histon, Cambridgeshire.
3. Public Entertainment Licences are renewed annually and as part of the renewal process the applicant has to display a notice at the premises notifying the public of the application. In addition the Licensing office consults with the Police, Fire Authorities, Environmental Health and the Parish Council.
4. As part of the 2004/05 renewal application, a request was made to extend the hours for public entertainment from 11.30pm to 12.00 Midnight. At this time no objections were received and therefore the request was granted.
5. On the 7th February 2005 the licensing section received a letter from Dr and Mrs CJ S explaining clearly that at no time were they aware that the application made in 2004 included a request to vary the hours and had they been aware of such a request would have made objections at that time. Subsequent to this a further letter from a Dr and Mrs R G also stated that had they known about the request for variation in 2004 they would have objected at the time.
6. Both Dr S and Dr G were informed of their right to raise objections to the renewal of the licence for the period 2005/06.
7. There have been six written objections received in regard to this application by residents of Saffron Road. (**Appendix B**)
8. There have been no objections from the Police, Fire, Environmental Health or Parish Council. However the district Environmental Health Officer has commented, see **Appendix C**.
9. All the objectors have been notified that they may attend this meeting in order to support their written representations.

Considerations

10. There have been previous complaints made to the out of hours Officer regarding noise from events held at the Club during the period of previous licences as well as during the last year.
11. The District Environmental Health officer has attended on several occasions and carried out noise monitoring, but has not found a noise nuisance in existence. A noise limiting device is currently fitted and set at a level agreed with the Environmental Health officer.
12. In addition to any noise emanating from the premises, the nature of the objections also relate to public nuisance issues due to the fact that the premises are located in a residential street with properties on all sides and is a cul-de-sac.
13. The licence is for Public Entertainment and therefore at these times the Club, which is normally a members only club may be open to the general public.

Options

14. The Committee may when determining this application,
 - a. Refuse the application
 - b. Grant the application
 - c. Make amendments to the licence conditions

Legal Implications

15. Any decision made by South Cambridgeshire District Council could be subject to appeal to a Magistrates Court by the applicant.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: NONE

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