DECISION NOTICE

Eastern Area Licensing Sub Committee

Decision made on 19 March 2024

Application for a Premises Licence – **BISHOPS CANNINGS CRICKET CLUB, COATE, WILTSHIRE, SN10 3LB**

Councillors:

Cllr Peter Hutton (Chair), Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Andrew Davis

Decision:

Arising from consideration of the report, the evidence and submissions from all parties and having regard to the Statutory Guidance, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Licensing Act 2003, the application for a Premises Licence in respect of BISHOPS CANNINGS CRICKET CLUB, COATE, WILTSHIRE, SN10 3LB be GRANTED for the licensable activities shown below:

Licensable Activities	Days	Timings
Sale by retail of alcohol (ON sales)	Monday to Sunday	12:00 – 20:00
Hours open to the public (Not a licensable activity)	Monday to Sunday	12:00 – 20:30

With the following informative:

To notify attendees, including away teams and supporters, that no alcohol is to be brought onto site, with a notice to be displayed on site to this effect.

The Applicant

The applicant informed the Sub Committee that a Premises Licence was being applied for to provide increased hospitality to guests during cricket matches. The applicant was confident that granting the licence would not impact the four licensing objectives.

The premises was described as busy with many games per week including youth teams, with players and guests from both teams present from mid-morning to late in the evening.

It was clarified that the applicant had no intention of running a bar or hosting parties. The aim was not to make a profit but to cover costs and drinks would be decanted from prepackaged cans and wine bottles into plastic cups.

It was clarified that of a 25-year lease of the property, there was still 16 years left.

Responsible Authorities

There were no representations from any Responsible Authorities.

Representations

The two representations were made up of neighbours living nearby to the cricket club. Both emphasised their enjoyment of cricket but raised concerns over numerous potential problems, including increased noise through shouting and singing late into the evening and drunkenness to exacerbate these issues.

Significant emphasis was placed on the potential for guests to bring their own alcohol onto the site, which would raise the risk of noise and drunkenness.

It was stated that rather than selling their own alcohol, making use of the nearby pub would benefit neighbours through decreased disturbance and benefit the local community economy.

Reasons for Decision

In reaching its decision, the Sub Committee took account of and considered all the written evidence and the representations from all parties present at the hearing. The Sub Committee noted:

The Sub Committee heard no evidence that the Applicants would fail to promote the licensing objectives.

The Sub Committee considered that no representations were received from any Responsible Authorities.

The Sub Committee could only hear evidence concerning the licensing application and the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The Sub Committee also considered the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (in particular Sections 4 and 18); the four Licensing Objectives; the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Licensing Policy of Wiltshire Council.

Right to Appeal

The Premises Licence Holder, any Responsible Authority(ies) and Interested Parties who made representations were informed that they may appeal the decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee to the Magistrates Court. The appeal must be lodged with the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the written notification of the decision. In the event of an appeal being lodged, the decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee remains valid until any appeal is heard and any decision made by the Magistrates Court.

A Responsible Authority or an Interested Party may apply to the Licensing Authority for a Review of a Premises Licence. Whether or not a Review Hearing takes place is in the discretion of the Licensing Authority, but, if requested by an Interested Party will not normally be granted within the first 12 months except for the most compelling circumstances.