

Agenda Item 3.

TITLE	Wokingham Festival Cantley Events Field, Cantley Park, Twyford Road, Wokingham RG40 5TU Application For New Premises License
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Sub Committee of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on Friday 16 June 2017 at 2pm
WARD	Norreys
LEAD OFFICER	Karen Court – Licensing Officer Julia O'Brien – Principal Licensing Officer Paul Anstey – Public Protection Manager

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

In accordance with S18 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Wokingham Borough Council Licensing Policy, this application is referred to the Licensing and Appeals Sub Committee for determination as representations have been received.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sub Committee to determine the application to grant or refuse the application, with conditions and/or amendments as appropriate.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

To provide relevant information for the Sub Committee to consider and determine the application by Wokingham Festival Limited for a new premises licence for the Wokingham Festival Event over August Bank Holiday weekend at Cantley Events Field, Cantley Park, Twyford Road, Wokingham RG40 5TU

Background

The application for a new premises licence was received by email on 20 April 2017 (the original was sent by post and received on 21 April 2017 as shown by the date stamp)

The following documentation is attached:

1. copy of the application with covering email (Appendix One)
2. location / layout plans (Appendix Two)
3. Event information (extract from Wokingham Festival website) (Appendix Three)
4. Additional information from Events Team (Appendix Four)
5. Residents representations with locations and analysis of issues (Appendix Five)
6. Applicant's submission supporting the application, including event management plan and response to issues raised in representations (Appendix Six)

The application was checked and confirmed to be correctly made. The 28 day consultation period ran from 20 April to 18 May 2017. The responsible authorities, ward members and town council were advised by email on 21 April 2017.

Details of the application are as follows:

Cantley Event field is an open grass event field owned by Wokingham Borough Council. The Field is adjacent to Cantley House Hotel, Wokingham Theatre and Twyford Road. Wokingham Festival 2017 dates are Friday 25th to Monday 28 August over the bank holiday weekend.

A licence is requested for this site for a maximum of four days each year for Wokingham Festival event, generally August bank holiday weekend but could change to a different weekend. (extract from applicant's overview)

Plays, films, live and recorded music (all indoors and outdoors)

- 1800 to 2300 hours Friday
- 1000 to 2300 hours Saturday and Sunday
- 1100 to 1800 Monday

Supply of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises):

- 1800 to 2245 hours Friday
- 1000 to 2245 hours Saturday and Sunday
- 1100 to 1745 hours Monday

Hours premises are open to the public:

- 1800 to 2315 hours Friday
- 1000 to 2315 hours Saturday and Sunday
- 1000 to 1900 hours Monday

The application has been advertised correctly, with site notices displayed at the premises both around the site and facing onto Twyford Road (these have been checked during the consultation period) and a notice placed in the Wokingham Paper on Thursday 27 April 2017.

During the statutory consultation period of 28 days, representations were received from local residents, Emmbrook Residents Association and Cllr Imogen Shepherd-DuBey.

Responses Received from Responsible Authorities

Thames Valley Police – “no objections” response

Fire Authority – “no representation” response

Health & Safety – no response received

Trading Standards – “no observations or objections” response

Planning – “no objections” response

Children and Young People's Services – “no comments” response

Public Health – no response received

Environmental Health response :

“Thank you for consulting EH. My only concern would relate to possible noise nuisance. However, as the applicant intends to carry out noise monitoring this indicates an awareness of the potential for disturbance and a willingness to address it. I note representations from nearby residents about the close proximity of the stage to their homes but I believe the intention is for the speakers to face away from nearest receptors and thus reduce noise impact.

Consequently, EH have no further comments to make.

In light of the number of representations received, we have subsequently invited Environmental Health to attend the hearing to answer any noise related questions.

As this is the first time the Wokingham Festival event has been held at Cantley Events Field and there is no previous history of complaints from the years when the event was held at Elms Field in Wokingham, they did not consider specific noise conditions were required.

The applicant indicates in the operating schedule that there will be “noise reduction measures to address the public nuisance objective” and “noise levels will be monitored” and their event management plan should cover these issues.

Environmental Health have confirmed that they will carry out noise monitoring during the event weekend and would be happy to propose suitable noise control conditions for the panel if requested to do so.

Representations from Other Parties

Representations were received, these are included as Appendix Five:

- Cllr Imogen Shepherd-DuBey
- Paul Gallagher on behalf of Emmbrook Residents Association.
- Llewellyn Austen of 17 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- Douglas Bain of 18 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- Cyril and Doreen Renham of 26 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- Jeff and Glenda Beard of 24 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- Robin Cole of 21 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- Chris and David Brasier of 33 Martins Drive, Wokingham
- David Nobbs of 25 Martins Drive, Wokingham

Some of the issues raised (such as provision of parking spaces) do not relate directly to one or more of the four licensing objectives but all representations contain valid issues and are these are summarised in the attached document.

Other Relevant Information

On 15 May 2017 the applicant provided more detail of the list of acts scheduled to perform over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. This is included within Appendix Three. The Monday event involves the Rock Choir, details are included. We have also included extracts from the Wokingham Festival website which gives more detail of the weekend event.

Through liaison with the Events Team (who are part of Cleaner and Greener Services) we have confirmed that the site has 124 parking spaces. The event management plan should cover parking and transport provision. The email from Peter Baveystock dated 17 May 2017 is included with Appendix Four.

Also included in Appendix Four is the SAG notification form submitted by Stan

Hetherington on 11 April 2017 which gives more details of the event.

Appendix Six contains the applicant's submission in support of his application, including his response to each of the nine representations, a draft letter for local residents, draft event plan and draft risk assessment.

Analysis of Issues

Promotion 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 operating schedule section of the application details how the applicant proposes to address these.

Requirement of Licensing Act 2003 to determine an application and achieve the four licensing objectives – prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

Wokingham Borough Council's licensing policy – operating hours – the council recognises that one important aspect of the Licensing Act 2003 is the abolition of national opening hours for premises selling alcohol and will only determine the opening hours of any licensable activity if there is the belief that by limiting the operating hours one or more of the licensing objectives will be met.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Not applicable		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not applicable		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not applicable		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

Not applicable

List of Background Papers

Application forms, location plans, representations

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