

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Henley Royal Regatta Lion And Blandy Meadows Riverside Fields, Henley On Thames Application For New Premises Licence</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee on 22 July 2019
<b>WARD</b>	Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	Karen Court - Licensing Officer Julia O'Brien – Principal Officer Sean Murphy – Public Protection Manager

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide relevant information for the Sub Committee to consider and determine the application from Henley Royal Regatta for a new premises licence for Lion and Blandy Meadows, Riverside Fields, Henley on Thames RG9 2LY

## **OUTCOMES**

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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Background**

The application was received on 28 May 2019.

The application was checked and confirmed to be correctly made. The 28 day consultation period ran from 28 May to 25 June 2019. The responsible authorities, ward members and town council were advised by email on 30 May 2019.

Summary details of the application are as follows:

- Extracted from applicant's general description:

The proposed licensed premises is the existing licensed area under premises licence PR0242 used annually for the Henley Royal Regatta, namely Riverside Fields at Lion and Blandy Meadows as delineated in red on the plan served with the application, supplementary plans are provided to show the different bar areas within the proposed area, again identical to those relating to premises licence PR0242

This application is to apply for a one day premises licence, applicable every year for the Tuesday of Henley Royal Regatta week. If issued the premises licence would be in exactly the same terms and subject to the same conditions as PR0242 for the five days of Regatta week each year (Wednesday to Sunday). The one day licence would sit alongside and run consecutively to the existing licence PR0242

The rationale behind the proposed extension of the Henley Royal Regatta and the need for this additional "one day" licence is to enable the Regatta to hold new rowing events especially for women's crews but also to allow for a greater breather between existing races.

- live music (outdoors) Tuesday 1100 to 1930 hours
- supply of alcohol (on the premises) Tuesday 1000 to 2000 hours
- opening hours Tuesday 0830 to 2000 hours

The application has been advertised correctly, with site notices displayed at the premises and a notice placed in the Henley Standard on 31 May 2019.

During the statutory consultation period of 28 days, representations were received from numerous parties, both in support of and objecting to the application.

### **Responses Received from Responsible Authorities**

Thames Valley Police – "no objection" response

Fire Authority – "no representation" response

Planning "applicant advised to check if they require planning permission" response

Environmental Health – no response received

Health & Safety/Food Safety Team – no response received

Trading Standards – no response received

Children and Young People's Services – no response received

Public Health – no response received

**Representations Objecting to the Application Received from Remenham Parish Council, Remenham Farm Residents Association (RFRA) and local residents**

1. Mr John Merkel (as Remenham resident and Chairman of Remenham Parish Council)
2. Mr Paul Sermon for Remenham Parish Council
3. Mr Michael Dudley for Remenham Farm Residents Association (RFRA)
4. Mr Michael Dudley of Remenham (personal objection)
5. Mr Anthony West of Remenham
6. Mr John Halsall of Remenham
7. Mr Ron Emerson of Remenham
8. Mr Neil Brown of Remenham
9. Mr Nigel Gray of Remenham
10. Mr David Law of Remenham

**Representations Received in support of the application**

1. Grace Johnson of University of Nottingham Rowing Club
2. Juliette Stacey, Henley resident
3. Mr Davies, Headmaster of Shiplake College
4. David Gillard of Wargrave
5. Antony Narula of Wargrave
6. Richard Spratley of Bix, Henley on Thames
7. Guin Batten of Women's Head of the River Race
8. Henley Town Council
9. Jack Beaumont, international rower and Henley resident
10. Jane Lunnon, Head of Wimbledon High School
11. Suzie Longstaff, Head of Putney High School
12. Anne Buckingham, resident of Henley on Thames
13. David Goodhew, Head of Latymer Upper School
14. Phil Gray of University of London Boat Club
15. Thomas Garner, Headmaster of Pangbourne College
16. Peter Jacobs of Remenham
17. Henley Town Council town and community events committee
18. Henley Town Council Town and Community Manager
19. George Hammond, Chairman of National Schools' Regatta
20. Daniel Grist, Secretary and Chief Executive of Henley Royal Regatta (via Blandy and Blandy Solicitors)
21. Annemarie Phelps CBE, Vice Chair of British Olympic Association (via Blandy and Blandy Solicitors)

## **Other Relevant Information**

For clarification and as referred to by the applicant and objectors, the operating schedule conditions on the existing licence PR0242 are as follows. The applicant has included these conditions in their proposed operating schedule included with their application.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

a) General

1. The Regatta has operated its enclosures for nearly 100 years and has put in place appropriate measures to achieve all 4 licensing objectives.

b) Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. The Regatta employs qualified security staff (with appropriate SIA licence) and also engages the services of Thames Valley Police to prevent crime and disorder. The bars and restaurants are operated by an international catering company of repute which employs properly qualified staff who also are trained to prevent crime and disorder.

c) Public Safety

1. The Regatta liaises with Thames Valley Police and all other emergency services and the local authority to ensure public safety. Furthermore gate keepers, security staff and attendants have specific roles in this regard as well.

d) Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. The profiles of those attending our facilities lessen the likelihood of public nuisance and the precautions referred to in b) and c) above reinforce this view. The hours of operation are not conducive to those leaving the site causing public nuisance.

e) Protection of Children from Harm

1. Within 90% of the area seeking a licence, children are not admitted. Where they are, the trained security and bar staff ensures they are kept protected from harm.

Annex 3 – Responsible Authority Conditions

Health and Safety

1. A current certificate of electrical safety in a form prescribed in the Institute of Electrical Engineers Wiring Regulations, signed by a competent person, should be submitted for the electrical installation in connection with your licence prior to the start of each year's events.

2. Arrangements should be made for the first aid treatment of members of the public who are attending the event in connection with your licence.

Annex 4 - Conditions attached after a Hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable

Annex 5 – Plans

Plans of premises attached

### **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.

### **List of Attachments**

- Application for new premises licence
- Location/layout plans
- Responsible authority responses
- Representations objecting to the application
- Representations in support of application
- Current licence PR0242 for reference

### **Reasons for Decision**

In accordance with legislative requirements

### **Alternative Options considered, if any**

None

### **List of Background Papers**

Attachments List as Detailed above

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