

Agenda Item 3.

TITLE	Henley Swim – The Henley Classic & The Henley Swim Festival Temple Island Meadows Remenham Farm, Remenham RG9 3DB Application For New Premises Licence
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Sub Committee of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on 9 March 2022
WARD	Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe
LEAD OFFICER	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 Open Water Swimming Limited for a new premises licence for Henley Swim (The Henley Classic & The Henley Swim Festival) at Temple Island Meadows, Remenham Farm, Remenham RG9 3DB

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 13 January 2022.

The application was checked and confirmed to be correctly made. The 28 day consultation period ran from 13 January to 10 February 2022. The responsible authorities, ward members and parish council were advised by email on 13 January 2022.

Summary details of the application are as follows:

- Extracted from applicant's general description:

We are a limited company that delivers open water swimming events in the River Thames in and around Henley.

We wish to apply for a Premises Licence at the above address for 2 events:

The Henley Classic – held annually usually the weekend before Henley Royal Regatta. This event has been running since 2008, until now under PR0258 and a TEN to cover the provision of late night refreshment.

The Henley Swim Festival – held annually usually the weekend after HRR and running since 2013. Since May 2016 this has been held under Premises Licence PR0429. This expired in 2021.

Temple Island Meadows is the area of land to the North of Remenham, bordered by

Remenham Lane and the River Thames.

Both events would take place in the main area of Temple Island Meadows. There would be temporary marquee structures of varying sizes, along with other infrastructure including toilets, generators, fencing etc.

The licence is limited to two weekend events only per calendar year. In normal circumstances the weekends are in June and July, with contingency options for May, August or September should the event dates need to be changed for reasons beyond the control of OWSL. Each weekend event commencing at 1000 on the Saturday and finishing at 1700 on the Sunday, total four days per calendar year. Dates will be confirmed with the council each year at least 3 months in advance of the event (or when confirmed).

- Films (indoors & outdoors) Saturday 1200 to 2300, Sunday 1000 to 1700 hours
- Indoor sporting events Sunday 0800 to 1700 hours
- Live and recorded music (indoors & outdoors) Saturday 1000 to 2300, Sunday 0900 to 1700 hours
- Anything of similar description (indoors & outdoors) Saturday 1200 to 2000, Sunday 0800 to 1700 hours
- Late night refreshment (indoors & outdoors) Sunday 0200 to 0500 hours
- Supply of alcohol (for consumption on & off the premises) Saturday 1000 to 2300, Sunday 1000 to 1600 hours
- Opening hours Saturday 0700 to 0000, Sunday 0000 to 1700 hours

The application has been advertised correctly, with site notices displayed at the premises and a notice placed in the Henley Standard on 21 January 2022.

During the statutory consultation period of 28 days, representations were received from four parties 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 comments/objection” response

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:

1. Cllr John Halsall of Remenham
2. Mr Anthony West of Remenham
3. Mr Nigel Gray of Remenham
4. Mr Michael Dudley of Remenham

Other Relevant Information

For clarification (and as referred to by the applicant) previous events have been held under licences PR0258 and PR0429 (expired):

The Henley Classic – held annually usually the weekend before Henley Royal Regatta. This event has been running since 2008, until now under PR0258 and a TEN to cover the provision of late night refreshment.

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Copies of these two licences are attached for reference only, they do not form part of this application and are not for consideration by the panel.

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 plan
- Four representations objecting to the application
- Environmental Health & Thames Valley Police responses
- Licences PR0258 & PR0429 (for reference only)

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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