

HEARING PROCEDURE – APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

1. Sub-Committee to elect a Chairman for this Hearing only.
2. Chairman to welcome all Parties and introduce the Members of the Sub-Committee.
3. Chairman to ask Sub-Committee if they have any interests to declare.
4. Chairman of Sub-Committee to outline procedure and reaffirm that only information relevant to representations can be considered and that such information must be relevant to the Licensing Objectives. Chairman to confirm that all parties understand this. The four Licensing Objectives are:
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
 - Public Safety;
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance; and
 - The Protection of Children from Harm.
5. The Licensing Officer will introduce the Hearing report and update the Sub-Committee on any developments following publication of the report whenever required.
6. The Applicant to present application, including any witnesses. All parties will be given equal time to put their case.
7. Responsible Authorities that have made representations and any Interested Parties that have made representations may, with the permission of the Sub-Committee, question the Applicant and witnesses.
8. Each Responsible Authority that has made representations to present their representations including any witnesses. All parties will be given equal time to put their case.
9. The Applicant may ask questions of each Responsible Authority if permitted to do so by the Sub-Committee, but will, in any event, be given the opportunity to respond to comments made by other parties at the end of the Hearing.
10. Any Interested Parties that have made representations to present their representations including any witnesses. All parties will be given equal time to put their case.
11. The Applicant may ask questions of each Interested Party if permitted to do so by the Sub-Committee.
12. The Sub-Committee can question any Party at any stage.
13. In order to facilitate effective Hearings, Interested Parties making similar representations will be asked to nominate a spokesman to present their representations. At the conclusion of a spokesman's representation, the Chairman will ask the other Interested Parties if they have any other points to raise.
14. Questions by the Sub-Committee and, when permitted, by the Applicant, will be directed to the nominated spokesman in the first instance.
15. The Applicant will be given the opportunity to respond to comments made.
16. After hearing the application and all representations, the Sub-Committee will ask any further questions of any party that it may have.
17. The Chairman will ask all parties if they have any further relevant points that have not been covered in the Hearing and to give a brief summary of their evidence and information with the Applicant going last in order.
18. All parties other than the Sub-Committee and support staff from Wokingham Borough Council's Legal and Democratic Services team to leave the Hearing.
19. The Sub-Committee shall determine the application. The decision will be notified in writing to all parties after the Sub-Committee has reached its decision.

