

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Venue: Rotherham Town Hall,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham. S60 2 TH

Date: Thursday 27 July 2023

Time: 10.00 a.m.

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A G E N D A

1. To determine whether the following items should be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item(s) which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Application (made in accordance with s.17 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the grant of a Premises Licence to Pocket Sports Club Limited, in respect of the premises, which is an open space, known as Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR (Pages 3 - 73)

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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Licensing Sub-Committee – 27th July 2023 at 10:00 hours (10.00am)

Report Title

Consideration of an application (made in accordance with s.17 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the grant of a Premises Licence to Pocket Sports Club Limited, in respect of the premises, which is an open space, known as Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.

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Report Summary

On the 5th June 2023 an application was made, by Pocket Sports Club Limited, for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the open space known as Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.

Representations to the application have been received from local residents, a ward councillor and three of the Responsible Authorities, namely the Council's Environmental Health Service, the Licensing Authority and South Yorkshire Police.

Further details on the application, and the representations to it, can be found within the body of this report.

Recommendations

1. That the Licensing Sub-Committee considers the information contained within this report (and associated appendices) along with any additional information presented at the hearing and subsequently determines the application that has been made.
2. The Licensing Sub-Committee should inform the Principal Licensing Officer of the decision in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and Regulations made thereunder.

List of Appendices Included

- Appendix 1 Location details
- Appendix 2 Application under consideration
- Appendix 3 Representations - Responsible Authorities
- Appendix 4 Representations – Interested Parties

Background Papers

Rotherham MBC Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 -2025
(available at www.rotherham.gov.uk/licensing)

Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Dec 2022)
(available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003)

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The open space known as Pitches and situated at Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR has not previously had the benefit issued under the Licensing Act 2003. This is the first application made in respect of these premises.

2. Key Issues

Location of the Premises

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 to the report are plans showing the location, and access and egress to and from, the open space known as Pitches.

The application

- 2.2 On 5th June 2023 an application was made, by Pocket Sports Club Limited, for the grant of a Premises Licence for the open space known as Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR. A copy of the application form and plan, which marks in red the boundary of the open space, is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Within the boundary identified in the application as the open space is a building known as Pitches Sports Club. This building does not form part of the application currently under consideration. Further details on Pitches Sports Club can be found at paragraph 2.18 of the report.
- 2.4 The application seeks authorisation to allow the following licensable activities, all of which will be provided outdoors, for up to a maximum of 9,999 people:
- a. Performance of plays
 - b. Exhibition of films
 - c. Live music
 - d. Recorded Music
 - e. Performance of Dance
 - f. Anything of a similar description to c, d, and e above
 - g. The sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, that is within the open space.
- 2.5 The application limits the number of occasions that licensable activities will be provided, as follows:
- a. From first issue to 31 December 2023 no more than two events;
 - b. From 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 no more than three events; and
 - c. From 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, and each calendar year thereafter, no more than six events.

- 2.6 In addition, the application clarifies that for *“an event comprising of more than one day, each day of the event will count as one event day”*.
- 2.7 The hours sought in the application, in respect of the provision of all licensable activities, are between 12:00 hours and 22:00 hours (12 noon and 10.00pm) on every day of the week, with the premise, that is the open space, closing at 23:00 hours (11.00pm).

Consultation

- 2.8 Consultation on the application has been carried out in accordance with all statutory requirements and the Council’s procedure. There is a prescribed period of 28 days following the submission of an application during which time representations in relation to the application may be submitted.

Representations

- 2.9 There are twenty representations lodged against this application, three from Responsible Authorities and seventeen from “other persons”. The detail of all representations has been provided to the applicant.
- 2.10 The representations received from the Responsible Authorities, namely the Council’s Environmental Health Service, the Licensing Authority and South Yorkshire Police are attached at Appendix 3. Also at Appendix 3 is an email sent by South Yorkshire Police in response to the applicant’s request for clarification regarding their representations.
- 2.11 The representations received from “other persons” are attached at Appendix 4. One of the representation has been made a ward councillor, with the remaining sixteen by local residents.
- 2.12 All the representations are continuing.
- 2.13 The Responsible Authorities and “other persons” have been invited to the hearing today and, if attending, will be given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee in relation to the matters raised in their representations.
- 2.14 Members of the Sub-Committee should give full consideration of the issues raised in the representations when determining the application.

Point of Clarification

- 2.15 Section M of the application, which sets out the steps the applicant proposes to take to promote licensing objectives, includes an offered condition that *“Where the outside premises licence is being used the Pitches Sports Club (licence*

number P0425) will not trade past the terminal hour of the licensable activity on the outside licence”.

- 2.16 The Sub Committee should disregard this offered condition, as the conditions on any Licence that may be granted, can only be relate to the applicant premises, that is the outdoor space.
- 2.17 The applicant has been made aware that the offered condition is unlawful and, in response, has given an undertaking to vary the Premises Licence issued in respect of Pitches Sports Club, if the application currently under consideration is granted.
- 2.18 The applicant is the holder of Premises Licence issued in respect of Pitches Sports Club, and therefore has the authority to make an application to vary this Licence. In summary, this Licence allows the provision of live and recorded music and the performance of dance (all indoors) and the sale of alcohol (on the premises) on each of the days Monday to Thursday between 10:00 hours and 23:30 hours, on Friday & Saturday between 10:00 hours and 00:00 hours (12 midnight) and on Sunday between 10:00 hours and 23:00 hours.

Additional Information

- 2.19 At the time of writing, no information, beyond that included in the report, has been submitted. If additional relevant documentation is received prior to the date of the hearing, it will be circulated at the hearing. Documentation received on the day of the hearing may only be considered by the Licensing Sub Committee with the consent of all relevant parties.

Important considerations in relation to Regulated Entertainment

- 2.20 The following information is brought to the attention of the Licensing Sub Committee with regard to the provision of live and/or recorded music may be provided at the premises.
- 2.21 There are a number of exemptions that mean that a licence (or other authorisation) under the 2003 Act is not required. The following activities are examples of entertainment which are not licensable:
- Incidental music – the performance of live music or the playing of recorded music if it is incidental to some other activity (see below).
 - A spontaneous performance of music, singing or dancing.
 - Stand-up comedy.
- 2.22 Whether or not music is “incidental” to another activity will depend on the facts of each case. In considering whether or not live or recorded music is incidental, one relevant factor could be whether, against a background of the other activities already taking place, the addition of music will create the potential to undermine

the promotion of one or more of the four licensing objectives of the 2003 Act. Other factors might include some or all of the following:

- Is the music the main, or one of the main, reasons for people attending the premises and being charged?
- Is the music advertised as the main attraction?
- Does the volume of the music disrupt or predominate over other activities, or could it be described as 'background' music?

2.23 In addition to the above, as a result of deregulatory changes that have amended the 2003 Act, no licence is required for the following activities:

- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that does not have a licence, provided that the audience does not exceed 500 (a workplace could include an external area to a licensed premises – for example a beer garden or other outdoor space provided for patrons to consume alcohol).
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

2.24 The deregulatory changes mean that, for example, a performance of live music taking place between 07.00 and 23.30 on a particular day is licensable in respect of activities taking place between 07.00-08.00 and 23.00-23.30. Similarly, where the audience for a performance of recorded music, those activities are licensable if, and for so long as, the number of people in the audience exceeds 500.

2.25 Anyone involved in the organisation or provision of entertainment activities – whether or not any such activity is licensable under the 2003 Act – must comply with any applicable duties that may be imposed by other legislation relevant to the event (e.g. in areas such as crime and disorder, fire, health and safety, noise, nuisance and planning). Any such person should take steps to be aware of relevant best practice and may find responsible authorities a useful source of expert support and advice.

2.26 If the Licensing Sub Committee grant the licence, and the licence includes permission for the retail sale of alcohol, then any live or recorded music taking

place at the premises (subject to the above requirements) will not be licensable between the hours of 0800hrs and 2300hrs. In addition, any conditions that are applied to live or recorded music will not be effective during these hours (subject to certain conditions being met). Further detail in relation to conditions is contained within section 3 of this report.

3. Options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee

3.1 A licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Licensing Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

3.2 In considering this matter, the Licensing Sub Committee should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be. In reaching the decision, regard must also be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement. In relation to this application, the options available to the Committee are:

- To grant the application subject to the terms and conditions and set out in the application, or
- To reject the whole, or part of the application, which may include imposing additional conditions and/or a reducing the hours sought in the application.

3.3 The statutory guidance makes it clear that Licensing Authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

3.4 The Authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

3.5 Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be

suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the Authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. The Licensing Authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business (if appropriate).

- 3.6 The Licensing Authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination. Conditions may be placed on the licence – further information in relation to conditions is provided later in this report.
- 3.7 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application. The Authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.
- 3.8 It is important that a Licensing Authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.

Conditions

- 3.9 Conditions include any limitations or restrictions attached to a licence or certificate and essentially are the steps or actions that the holder of the premises licence or the club premises certificate will be required to take or refrain from taking in relation to the carrying on of licensable activities at the premises in question. Failure to comply with any condition attached to a licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which on conviction is punishable by an unlimited fine or up to six months' imprisonment. The courts have made clear that it is particularly important that conditions which are imprecise or difficult for a licence holder to observe should be avoided.
- 3.10 There are three types of condition that may be attached to a licence or certificate: proposed, imposed and mandatory. Each of these categories is described in more detail below.

Proposed conditions

- 3.11 The conditions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives should emerge initially from the risk assessment carried out by a prospective licence or certificate holder, which they should carry out before making their application for a premises licence or club premises certificate. This would be translated into the steps recorded in the operating schedule or club operating schedule, which must also set out the proposed hours during which licensable activities will be conducted and any other hours during which the premises will be open to the public.
- 3.12 It is not acceptable for Licensing Authorities to simply replicate the wording from an applicant's operating schedule. A condition should be interpreted in accordance with the applicant's intention.

Consistency with steps described in operating schedule

- 3.13 The 2003 Act provides that where an operating schedule or club operating schedule has been submitted with an application and there have been no relevant representations made by responsible authorities or any other person, the licence or certificate must be granted subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the schedule accompanying the application and any mandatory conditions required under the 2003 Act.
- 3.14 Consistency means that the effect of the condition should be substantially the same as that intended by the terms of the operating schedule. If conditions are broken, this may lead to a criminal prosecution or an application for a review and it is extremely important therefore that they should be expressed on the licence or certificate in unequivocal and unambiguous terms. The duty imposed by conditions on the licence holder or club must be clear to the licence holder, club, enforcement officers and the courts.

Imposed conditions

- 3.15 The Licensing Authority may not impose any conditions unless its discretion has been exercised following receipt of relevant representations and it is satisfied as a result of a hearing (unless all parties agree a hearing is not necessary) that it is appropriate to impose conditions to promote one or more of the four licensing objectives. In order to promote the crime prevention licensing objective conditions may be included that are aimed at preventing illegal working in licensed premises.
- 3.16 It is possible that in some cases no additional conditions will be appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

Proportionality

3.17 The 2003 Act requires that licensing conditions should be tailored to the size, type, location and characteristics and activities taking place at the premises concerned. Conditions should be determined on a case-by-case basis and standardised conditions which ignore these individual aspects should be avoided. For example, conditions should not be used to implement a general policy in a given area such as the use of CCTV, polycarbonate drinking vessels or identity scanners where they would not be appropriate to the specific premises. Conditions that are considered appropriate for the prevention of illegal working in premises licensed to sell alcohol or late night refreshment might include requiring a premises licence holder to undertake right to work checks on all staff employed at the licensed premises or requiring that a copy of any document checked as part of a right to work check is retained at the licensed premises. Licensing authorities and other responsible authorities should be alive to the indirect costs that can arise because of conditions. These could be a deterrent to holding events that are valuable to the community or for the funding of good and important causes. Licensing authorities should therefore ensure that any conditions they impose are only those which are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

4.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee does not have effect until:

- the end of the period given for appealing against the decision; or
- if the decision is appealed, until the appeal is disposed of.

4.2 An appeal may be lodged by either the applicant or a party to the hearing that has made a relevant representation.

4.3 Parties to the hearing must be informed of the decision within 5 working days of the hearing (or within 5 working days from the last day of the hearing if it takes place over multiple days).

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application.

5.2 However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all of the costs incurred. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will therefore need to be met from within existing revenue budgets.

6. Legal Advice and Implications

- 6.1 A Council Solicitor will be in attendance at the hearing to provide appropriate legal advice to the Licensing Sub Committee in relation to specific aspects of the application / hearing, however the advice below is generally applicable to all applications.
- 6.2 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (as amended).
- 6.3 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.
- 6.4 The Licensing Sub Committee may accept hearsay evidence and it will be a matter for the Licensing Sub Committee to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard but has heard or read about.
- 6.5 The Secretary of State's guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.
- 6.6 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.
- 6.7 In addition to the above, the members of the Licensing Sub Committee are reminded that all decisions must be taken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (adopted 3rd June 2020).
- 6.8 Departure from the guidance and / or Statement of Licensing Policy could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key

consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

7. Risks and Mitigation

- 7.1 The statutory requirements in relation to the consideration of this application are detailed in this report. It is essential that the Sub Committee act in accordance with these statutory provisions and take account of statutory guidance.
- 7.2 Failure to do this exposes the Council to significant risk of legal challenge, the consequences of which could result in financial and / or reputational damage to the Council.
- 7.3 Members of the Licensing Sub Committee are therefore urged to fully consider the information in this report when making a decision regarding this application, and to ensure that any decision made is justifiable, proportionate and based on the promotion of one or more of the Licensing Objectives.
- 7.4 Council officers are present at the meeting today and can provide additional advice to members of the Licensing Sub Committee should this be required. In addition, a copy of the statutory guidance and Statement of Licensing Policy is available for members to review should they wish to do so.

8. Accountable Officer(s)

Diane Kraus, Principal Licensing Officer (Policy & Administration), Community Safety and Street Scene

Hearing Procedure

1. The Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee will introduce the Committee and ask officers to introduce themselves.
2. The Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee will ask the applicant(s) and persons listed as having made representations to the application to formally introduce themselves, together with any person representing them and any witnesses they wish to call.
3. The Licensing Officer will introduce the report and provide any updates to the report and application.
 - i. Questions concerning the report can be asked by Members, persons making representations and the applicant.
4. The Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite persons who are listed as having made a representation to the application if they wish to highlight any points made in their written representation, and/or call witnesses, for the same purpose.
 - i. Members may ask questions of all person's listed as having made representations and any person who have given evidence on their behalf as a witness
 - ii. With the leave of the Chair, the applicant, or their representative, may ask questions all persons who are listed as having made representation and any person who has given evidence on their as a witness.
5. The Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite the applicant (or their representative) to present the application and respond to the representations made.
 - i. Members may ask questions of the applicant and any person who has given evidence on their behalf as a witness.
 - ii. With the leave of the Chair, all persons who are listed as having made representations may ask questions of the applicant and any person who has given evidence on their behalf.
6. The applicant will then be given the opportunity to sum up the application.
7. The public hearing will then be concluded, and the Sub Committee will go into closed session, together with the Councils Solicitor and the Clerk to the meeting.
8. The decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made there under.

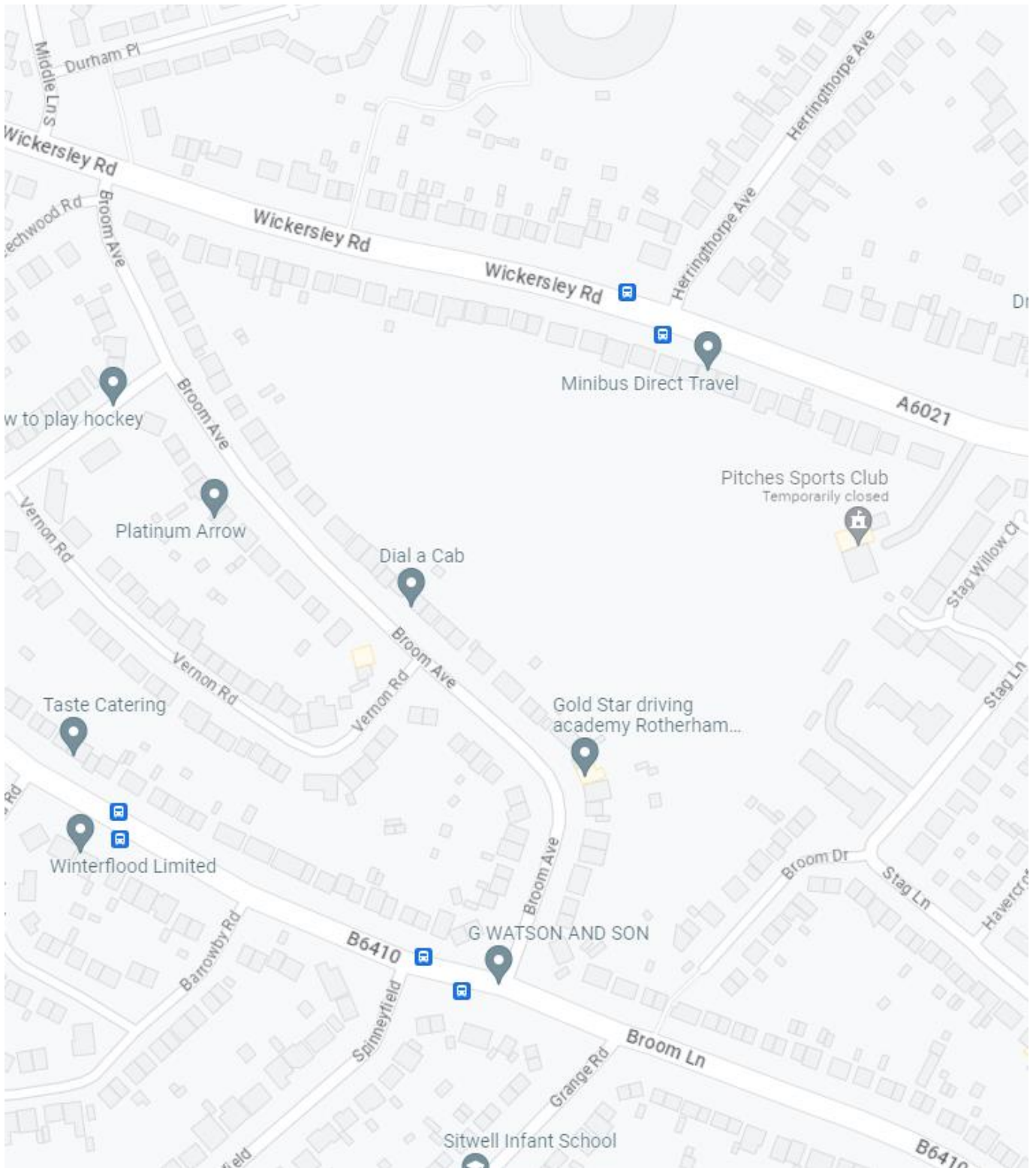
Note:

- At any time throughout the hearing Members of the Licensing Sub Committee may request legal advice from the Council's Solicitor. Any advice sought during closed session will be included in the notice setting out the decision.
- The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with relevant Regulations the Licensing Sub Committee determine that the public should be excluded.

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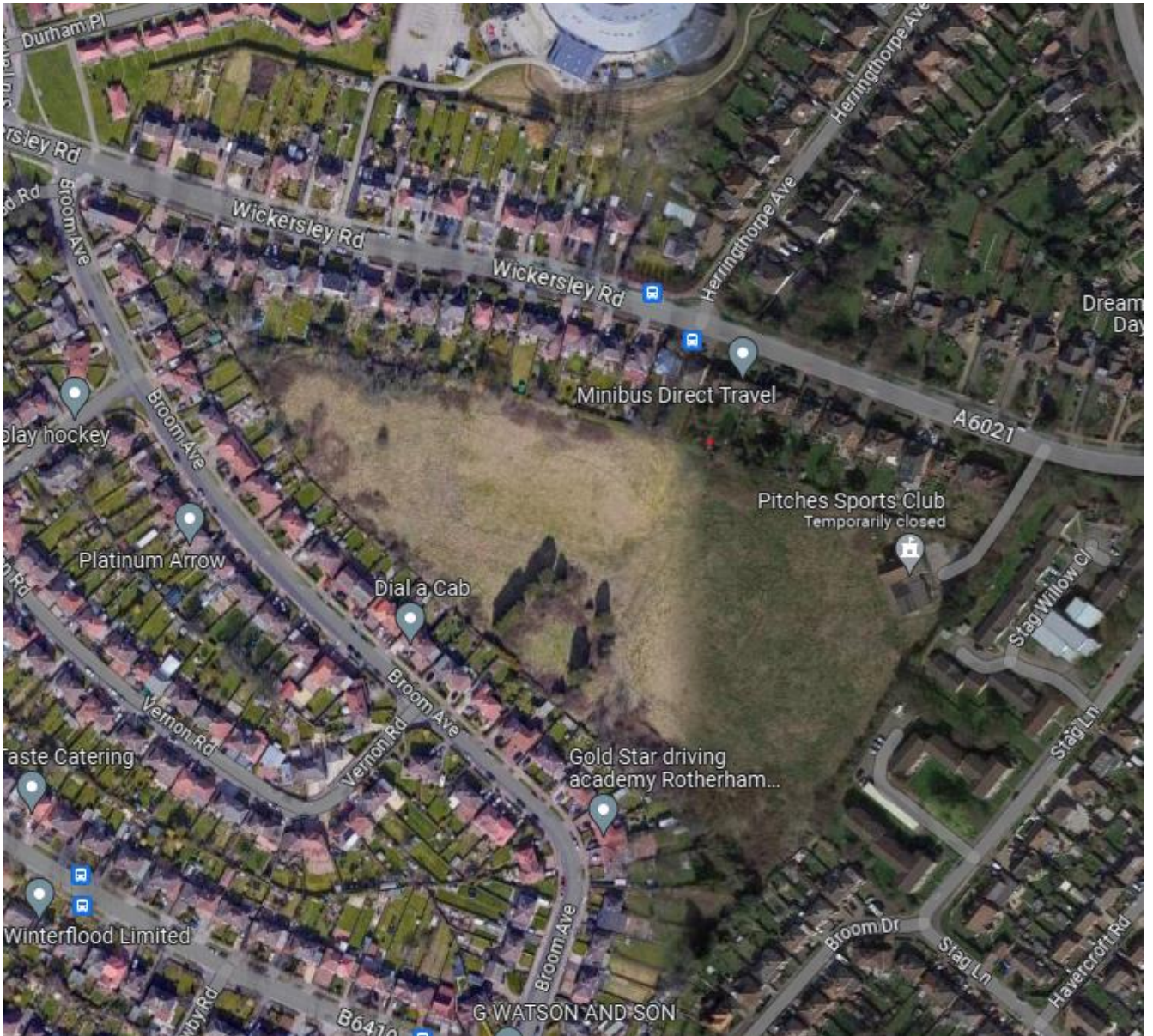
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Location Plan – Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.



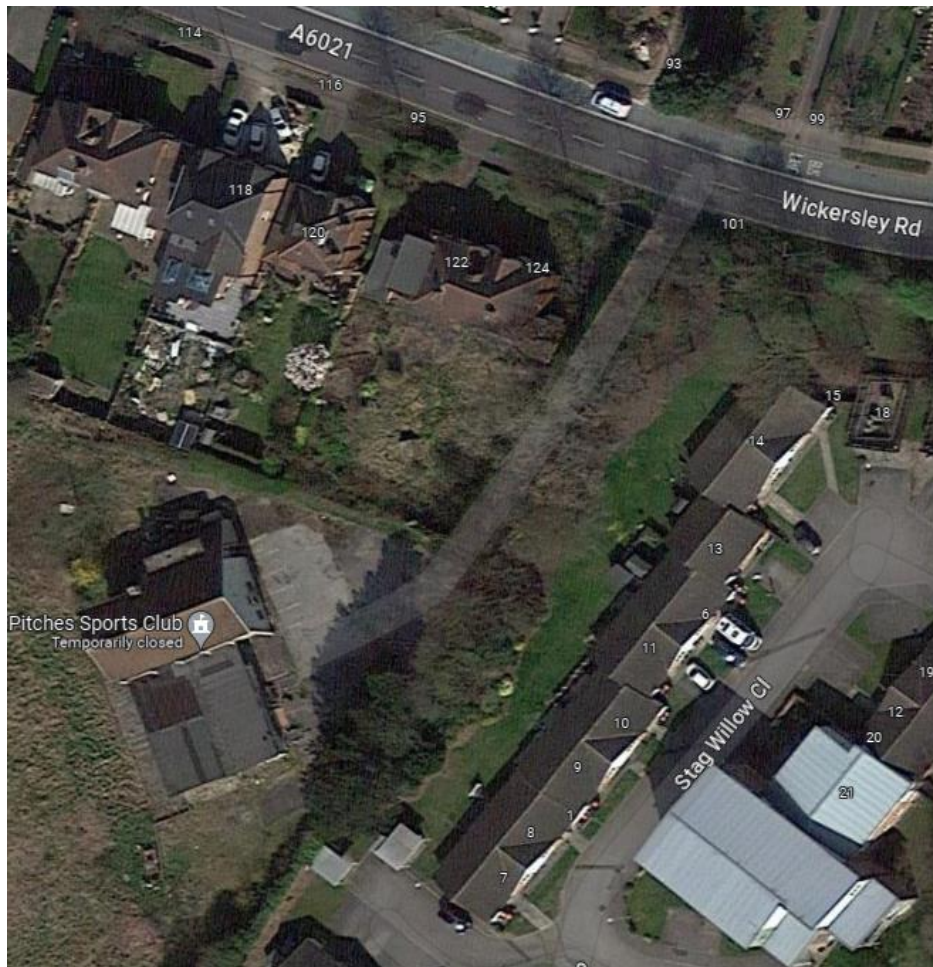
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Overhead View – Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.



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Access Road – Pitches, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.



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Appendix 2

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Please read the following instructions first

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We POCKET SPORTS BAR LTD

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description Wickersley Road, Wickersley			
Post town	Rotherham	Postcode	S60 3PR

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£16000

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as **appropriate** **Please tick as**

a)	an individual or individuals *		please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *		
	i	as a limited company/limited liability partnership	x please complete section (B)
	ii	as a partnership (other than limited liability)	please complete section (B)
	iii	as an unincorporated association or	please complete section (B)
	iv	other (for example a statutory corporation)	please complete section (B)

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c)	a recognised club		please complete section (B)
d)	a charity		please complete section (B)
e)	the proprietor of an educational establishment		please complete section (B)
f)	a health service body		please complete section (B)
g)	a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales		please complete section (B)
ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England		please complete section (B)
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales		please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a
- statutory function or
- a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) individual applicants (fill in as applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth		I am 18 years old or over		Please tick yes	
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)					

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Second individual applicant (if applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth or over		I am 18 years old		Please tick yes	
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					

(B) Other applicants

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name Pocket Sports Bar LTD
Address Pitches Sports Club Wickersley Road Rotherham S60 3PR

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Registered number (where applicable) 02048638
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Private Limited company
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) abs@r-rm.co.uk

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
0	1	0 8 2 0 2 3

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

Large open space

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

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What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)	Please tick all that apply
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	x
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	x
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	n/a
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	n/a

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e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	x
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	x
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	x
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	x

<u>Provision of late night refreshment</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	n/a
<u>Supply of alcohol</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	x

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

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Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	x	
				Both		
Mon	1200		Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.			
		2200				
Tue	1200					
		2200				
Wed	1200			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 5) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.		
		2200				
Thur	1200					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)			
		2200				
Sat	1200					
		2200				
Sun	1200					
		2200				

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B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	x
				Both	
Mon	1200	2200	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.		
Tue	1200	2200			
Wed	1200	2200	State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 5) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.		
Thur	1200	2200			
Fri	1200	2200	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	1200	2200			
Sun	1200	2200			

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C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 4) not applied for
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	n/a		
Tue	n/a		<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Wed	n/a		
Thur	n/a		<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)
Fri	n/a		
Sat	n/a		
Sun	n/a		

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Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3) NOT APPLIED FOR	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>			
Wed	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>			
Fri	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>			
Sun	n/a	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>			

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E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	x
				Both	
Mon	1200		<p>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.</p> <p>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 5)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.</p> <p>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)</p>		
		2200			
Tue	1200				
		2200			
Wed	1200				
		2200			
Thur	1200				
		2200			
Fri	1200				
		2200			
Sat	1200				
		2200			
Sun	1200				
		2200			

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F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finis h		Outdoors	x
				Both	
Mon	1200		<p>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events.</p>		
		2200			
Tue	1200		<p>Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.</p>		
		2200			
Wed	1200		<p>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 5)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events.</p>		
		2200			
Thur	1200		<p>Each day of the event to count as one event day.</p>		
		2200			
Fri	1200		<p>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)</p>		
		2200			
Sat	1200				
		2200			
Sun	1200				
		2200			

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Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	x
				Both	
Mon	1200	2200	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.		
Tue	1200	2200			
Wed	1200	2200	State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 5) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.		
Thur	1200	2200			
Fri	1200	2200	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	1200	2200			
Sun	1200	2200			

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Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Mon	1200			Outdoors	x
		2200		Both	
Tue	1200		<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 26 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.		
		2200			
Wed	1200				
		2200			
Thur	1200		<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 5) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.		
		2200			
Fri	1200				
		2200			
Sat	1200		<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
		2200			
Sun	1200				
		2200			

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Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3) NOT APPLIED FOR	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon	n/a			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
Tue	n/a				
Wed	n/a		<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	n/a				
Fri	n/a		<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	n/a				
Sun	n/a				

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Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for <u>consumption – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	x	
				Off the premises		
Day	Start	Finish		Both		
Mon	1200	2200	<p><u>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</u> (please read guidance note 5)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events.</p> <p>Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.</p>			
Tue	1200	2200				
Wed	1200	2200				
Thur	1200	2200		<p><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)</p> <p>licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events.</p> <p>Each day of the event to count as one event day.</p>		
Fri	1200	2200				
Sat	1200	2200				
Sun	1200	2200				

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	GAIL EYRE
Date of birth	10/01/1963
Address	White Myers, York Lane, Morthen Rotherham
Postcode	S66 9JH
Personal licence number (if known)	RM 1947
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	Rotherham

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).

It is not envisaged that any activity in an event would constitute adult entertainment or ancillary that may cause concern to children. Full details of the event would be documented in the ESMP, and subject to the SAG process as deemed necessary.

If any activity was to be classed as such it would be documented within the ESMP

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Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day. All week applied for only on the basis that an event may not be on a weekend day.
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	1200		<p>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6) licence will be for a limited number of events a year, year end 23 max 2 events, year end 24 max 3 events, year end 25 and onwards max 6 events. Each day of the event to count as one event day.</p>
Tue	1200		
Wed	1200		
Thur	1200		
Fri	1200		
Sat	1200		
Sun	1200		

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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

The premise licence holder will call a Multi Agency Group (MAG) – (or another name as to be discussed), set against the below criteria

- o Each event to be notified to all responsible authorities at least 3 months in advance (less notice may be given if agreed with Police and licensing authority)

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The premise licence holder will invite representatives from all the responsible authorities (as defined by the licensing act 2003) to attend the meeting.

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Any other interested parties as identified by either the premise licence holder or any responsible authority will be invited to the meeting.

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At least 14 days prior to the MAG (or any other approved name), the premise licence holder will send the 1st iteration of the event manual EMSP (or other terminology) to all responsible authorities and any interested party.

The ESMP will follow guidance from relevant documents, such as Purple Guide, HSE, GOV.uk

- The EMSP (or other terminology) must detail control measures for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and as a **minimum** contain -
- Site plans (including temporary structures such as bars and stages)
- Hierarchy/control
- Definitions of roles and responsibilities
- Build and De-rig schedules
- Command and control plan
- Alcohol management plan
- Ingress and Egress plan
- Security and stewarding plan
- Incident management plan
- Evacuation plan
- Medical and vulnerability plan
- Noise management plan
- Site capacity plans (and individual units if plan indicates more than one structure)
- Major incident plan
- Search plan
- Waste management plan
- Transport plan
- Trader information and food hygiene, risk assessments and associated documents
- Fire detection and prevention plan
- Counter terrorism plan (restricted)
- resident engagement
- transport plan

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- welfare and vulnerability policy
 - structures
 - contractors risk assessments and other associated documents
- The number and frequency of any meeting or the requirement for updated EMSP, will be determined through the MAG (or any other approved name)
- At least 28 days before the event the final iteration of the EMSP (or other terminology) will be sent to the responsible authorities and other parties involved in the MAG process.
- Any changes to the EMSP after the 28 day deadline, must be notified in writing to all MAG members. If any of the MAG members believe the change to the ESMp would undermine the licensing objectives a MAG will be called.
- If the amendments are agreed (written proof required from the MAG members) then the EMSP can be amended accordingly and this to become the new operating schedule for the purposes of the premise licence.

The signed off EMSP will become the operating condition for that event and be a condition of the premise licence during its operation.

Where the outside premises licence is being used the Pitches Sports club (licence number P0425) will not trade past the terminal hour of the licensable activity on the outside licence.

No alcohol will be allowed to be taken away from site, on or after the event.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

see above

c) Public safety

see above

d) The prevention of public nuisance

see above

e) The protection of children from harm

see above

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Checklist:
Please tick to indicate agreement

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	x
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	x
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	x
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	x
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	x
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	x
•	[Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please read note 15).	

It is an offence, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of any amount.

It is an offence under Section 24b of the Immigration Act 1971 for a person to work when they know, or have reasonable cause to believe, that they are disqualified from doing so by reason of their immigration status. Those who employ an adult without leave or who is subject to conditions as to employment will be liable to a civil penalty under section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and pursuant to Section 21 of the same act, will be committing an offence where they do so in the knowledge, or with reasonable cause to believe, that the employee is disqualified.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)
Signature	A.Rohomon BEM
Date	5 th June 2023
Capacity	Authorised agent

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For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14) Abs Rohomon BEM 4 Clews Road			
Post town	Redditch	Postcode	B98 7ST
Telephone number (if any)	07743 034616		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) abs@r-rm.co.uk			



Appendix 3

Representations received from the Council's Environmental Health Service

From: Catherine Lunn <Catherine.Lunn@rotherham.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 June 2023 16:16

To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches - formal representation

Following a review of the above application I am unable to agree to the granting of this licence due to concerns regarding noise affecting the surrounding residential area. The premise is surrounded on all sides by residential properties and the area is densely populated. Allowing the licence is likely to breach licensing objective in relation prevention of public nuisance.

Kind regards

Catherine Lunn

Catherine Lunn
Community Protection & Environmental Health Manager – Central East
Community Protection and Environmental Health
Regeneration & Environment Services
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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Internal: 22237

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Visit our website: <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk>

Appendix 3

Representations received from the Licensing Authority

Dear Mrs Kraus

3rd July 2023

**RE: Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence –
Open Space (known as The Pitches), Wickersley Road, Rotherham, S60 3PR**

Recommendation

With reference the application, made by Pocket Sports Bar Ltd, for the grant of a Premises Licence to hold outdoor events, for up to 9,999 people at the above mentioned premises.

The Licensing Authority is not satisfied that the information provided in the applications adequately demonstrates how the applicant will promote the four licensing objectives of:

- The Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm.

Given this, it is recommended that the application is refused.

Grounds for recommendation

The application relies on, an as yet unseen, event management plan to provide effective control. It fails to provide site specific information.

There is no option for the Responsible Authorities to reject any event management plan submitted. This means that an event could proceed regardless of any concerns any of the Responsible Authorities may have.

Key matters have not been translated into licence conditions, which are necessary to be enforceable in law.

As a minimum the Licensing Authority would require any licence that may be granted to be subject to a condition stating:

“No event shall not take place until such time that Licence holder has received written confirmation from the Licensing Authority that that the event management plan is agreed as satisfactory. Once agreed no changes shall be made to EMP without the consent of the Licensing Authority”.

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The following provides an example, but not necessarily a comprehensive list, of matters the Licensing Authority needs specific detail about to be satisfied that any licence granted would not undermine the licensing objectives:

- Controlling noise and other nuisance
- Traffic management, including vehicular entrance and egress to the site and parking
- Maintaining blue routes for emergency vehicles
- Incident Reporting
- Drugs Policy
- Entry policy, for example admission of children, restricted of alcohol.
- SIA Registered Staff, stewarding, crowd control and boundary security
- The responsible retail of alcohol e.g. Challenge 25 and preventing proxy sales
- Use of polycarbonate glass and bottles
- Intention regarding the provision of adult entertainment
- Reporting mechanism for staff to raise concerns about the safety of a child
- Staff training

The Licensing Authority has received feedback on the application from colleagues in the Council's Highway's and Green Spaces Teams and the Yorkshire Ambulance Trust, all of whom share the Licensing Authorities concerns regarding the lack of detail provided in the application and the impact any licence granted may have on the local community.

Conclusion

The applicant has employed a professional event management company to make the application on their behalf. It is accepted that the event management plans they have produced for alternative venues are comprehensive. However, should an application be granted, there would be no obligation on the part of the applicant to employ the services of a professional event management company. It is therefore critical that the detail of the intended operation of an event is clearly set out in the application.

The Licensing Authority would reiterate the recommendation that the application is refused as it fails to demonstrate how the licencing objectives would be promoted should a licence be granted.

Lisa Underwood-Parkin
Licensing Enforcement Officer

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Representations received from South Yorkshire Police

From: Rotherham_Licensing <rotherham_licensing@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>

Sent: 22 June 2023 09:46

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to the application for a new premise licence for Pocket Sports Bar, Wickersley Road, Wickersley, Rotherham

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council,
Riverside House,
Main Street,
Rotherham,
S60 1AE

Date: 22nd June 2023

Licensing Act 2003

Objection to the application for a new premise licence for Pocket Sports Bar, Wickersley Road, Wickersley, Rotherham

On behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police, an objection is being made in relation to the above application.

The grounds of objection are based on the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing Objectives - **Crime and Disorder & Public Nuisance & Public Safety**

The applicant has not provided enough evidence as to how the premise will operate and what measures will be put in place to enable to premise to operate within the guidelines set out in the Licensing Act.

The applicant held a pre-consultation, where South Yorkshire Police provided additional conditions we would require, it was noted that the formal application would still have to be processed and other departments within South Yorkshire Police would be consulted to provide comments, unfortunately other than the conditions we initially requested no other conditions were offered.

As a result South Yorkshire Police have no confidence that the premise will run within the guidelines set out in the Licensing act and uphold the four licensing objectives.

This emailed representation is made in accordance with the agreement with the Licensing Authority on the 18th October 2006 to accept representations by email.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police

Tracey Klein

Licensing Assistant

South Yorkshire Police Licensing Dept

Moss Way Police Station, Moss Way, Sheffield S20 7XX

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Clarification provided to applicant's representative from South Yorkshire Police

From: Rotherham_Licensing <rotherham_licensing@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>

Sent: 13 July 2023 08:17

To: 'Abs Rohomon' <Abs@r-rm.co.uk>

Subject: RE: The Pitches - license application

Good Morning Mr Rohomon

Firstly, I apologise if the wording in the representations submitted on behalf of the Police has caused confusion. To clarify, the Police representations remain as stated, which is that the Police object to the issue of the licence due to the *“potential impact on the promotion of the licensing Objectives - Crime and Disorder & Public Nuisance & Public Safety”*. The grounds of the Police objection specifically relate to the fact that the *“applicant has not provided enough evidence as to how the premise will operate and what measures will be put in place to enable to premise to operate within the guidelines set out in the Licensing Act “*.

At the pre application meeting the proposed application was discussed in general terms, together matters the Police might expect to see in an operating schedule. The purpose of this meeting, from the Police perspective, was to give guidance on key areas any application would need to address, not to provide a definitive list of conditions. You will appreciate that it sits with the applicant to demonstrate how they intent to ensure promotion of the licensing objectives.

The application, as presented, relies predominately on an “Event Management Plan”, to which the Police have no right of veto, to set how an event will be managed. Whilst the application refers in general terms to the topics this Plan will cover, it provides no detail of proposed management controls. It is this detail that the Police expect to be translated into offered conditions.

The term “formal application” refers to the application as submitted. Upon receipt of an application this office circulates it to colleagues within the Police for comment. The representations made by the Police reflect the feedback provided.

Regards

Tracey Klein

Licensing Assistant

South Yorkshire Police

Liquor Licensing Department

Please be advised that the content of emails may be submitted as evidence to a Licensing hearing should issues arising not be resolved. The Local Council may post them as part of the process on their Website which has public access.

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From: Abs Rohomon

Sent: 10 July 2023 12:24

To: Rotherham_Licensing <rotherham_licensing@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: The Pitches - license application

Good afternoon, Tracey

hope you are well?

We have received your objection to the above licence application.

I am afraid I am a little confused by it so was wondering if you could clarify the points on it.

You say that other than the conditions you asked for in the pre-consultation we haven't added any further. Not sure this is strictly true, but could you indicate what you would have expected against what you asked for?

You also state " it is noted that the formal application would still have to be processed and other departments within South Yorkshire Police would be consulted to provide comments, unfortunately other than the conditions we initially requested no other conditions were offered"

I am not sure what formal application you refer to, the licence application is the formal one and was in, so if you could kindly help me to understand what you mean by still have to be processed.

Also, if you could indicate what you mean by other departments, the licensing dept for the Police are the statutory body, clearly you work with the other departments and if they need to comment to you and ask for other conditions then that is an internal process. Sorry, this doesn't make sense to me.

It would be appreciated if you could clarify what you mean

happy to talk on the phone if easier

look forward to your response

Abs

Abs Rohomon BEM
Consultant

www.r-rm.co.uk



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Other Person – One – Representations

From: Cllr David Fisher <David.Fisher@rotherham.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 July 2023 23:26

To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Application for Grant of a Premises Licence - Open Space (known as The Pitches) at Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR

Good evening Diane,

I wish to make a representation over the application for Grant of a Premises Licence, at the open space formally known as the Pitches, Wickersley Road.

The application seeks permission to hold events for up to 9,999 people to attend at any one time.

While I welcome, in principle, the use of the space for community based creative arts and cultural events. I cannot see how this location could safely manage the maximum capacity of visitors quoted in the application, without greatly impacting the local residents in a negative way.

I therefore fear that there is a risk of increased crime, disorder and public nuisance should the numbers quoted be achieved at any one time for the events listed.

Cllr David Fisher

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Other Person – Two – Representations

21 June 2023

Rotherham Licencing Board
RMBC

Representations in relation to the Licence application by Corner Pocket Ltd for the site located at The Pitches Wickersley Road

Dear Sirs

This representation is made in accordance with the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance, ensuring public safety and the prevention of Crime and disorder.

I would like to object to the granting of the licence made by the applicant for the above property on the following grounds.

Preventing Public Nuisance.

The site is an enclosed site surrounded by residential properties which includes a sheltered housing complex on Stag Lane bordering the site which houses elderly residents. The noise and disturbance, fuelled by alcohol, for events spanning in excess of 10 hours is not reasonable or acceptable.

The disturbance would not be limited to the licenced outdoor hours, the site already has an indoor licence which extends beyond the 10pm application. What is to prevent the land owner of presenting that alcohol sales were made internally in compliance with the property licence.

There would also be the disturbance associated with the setting up and dismantling of any structures required for the event, stages, spectator seating, marquees etc.

Given the landowners past record and contempt for planning laws, I would be concerned that these events would be accompanied by unauthorised food outlets ie Burger Vans and other revenue generating outlets.

The site is a sports ground and is not suitable to accommodate numbers up to 9999.

There would be access issues, the site has a single access lane adjacent to 124 Wickersley Road.

The granting of the licence would create parking issues in the vicinity of the site.

Stag lane is currently used for car parking by non residents attending other (smaller scale) licenced venues due to the lack of parking opportunities at the Stag Roundabout.

The locality would be unable to accommodate the number of vehicles associated with an event attended by up to 10,000 people. Even by using an unrealistic estimate of 4 people per vehicle this would mean 2500 vehicles in the locality during events. I doubt that the site could accommodate such a large number of vehicles.

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Although the application is made by Mr Rohoman, the owner is Mr Peter Eyre. I am concerned that if the licence is granted, the stipulations / conditions will not be adhered to. Mr Eyre has previously had dealings / conflict with RMBC in relation to this site.

Without planning permission, several Porta Cabins and shipping containers were placed on the land as site offices for a proposed development. Mr Eyre appealed to the Inspectorate when a retrospective planning application was refused and was granted temporary permission for the cabins to remain for 6 months, however, he did not comply with the Inspectorates directive to move the cabins and 18 months later they were still on the land.

Planning permission to develop the site to build 116 houses was applied for but was refused by RMBC due to being designated Green Space. An appeal inquiry lasting 6 days was dismissed by the Inspectorate in December 2021.

I am aware that Mr Eyre has breached planning rules by implementing changes at his Corner Pocket Club in Mexborough. I understand this resulted in enforcement action following an unsuccessful appeal to the planning Inspector.

Ensuring the safety of the General Public.

The site has a single access point. In the case of emergency considering the number of vehicles that could be present on site during an event the emergency services may encounter difficulty if there is a need to access the site or the need for an emergency evacuation.

There is also the risk of increased RTA's due to the close vicinity of the Stag roundabout and also the access / exit point being opposite a bus lane.

The site access is too close to Stag Lane and would be totally impractical for vehicles to turn right when leaving the site. The site is situated on a main arterial route in to Rotherham.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The gathering of such a large number of people fuelled with Alcohol offers the potential for a volatile situation.

Whilst I appreciate that the site owner will say that security will be engaged on the site during any events this does not offer comfort for any potential flash points following the events when circa 10,000 will be released into the local community.

There are 6 licenced premises within 500 meters of the proposed site application and my concerns are that event goers will seek additional alcohol following the end of the events.

The site owner's business at the Corner Pocket in Mexborough has been subject to forced closures by the Police following assaults at the premises. This shows that the owner is unable to effectively ensure the safety of his patrons and prevent crime on his premises.

I am concerned that the gathering of up to 10,000 people at music events offers the potential for drug abuse and the associated paraphernalia to be left littering the site / local community.

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As stated above, the site is bordered by Residential Properties with approximately 2 thirds of the properties having a gated access to the site. Therefore, having potential to trespass and possibly use private gardens as emergency toileting facilities or other activities fuelled by alcohol.

The site owner is fully aware of the feelings of local residents in relation to the use of the site. Which is the subject of an ACV. There are several local sporting clubs / organisations who are willing to enter in to leasing agreements for the site. One club has confirmed that they would be willing to enter into a 25 year lease agreement.

The land owner had the opportunity to utilise the licenced facilities of the site and to contribute to the local community by continuing to provide a sporting and community functions facility when he obtained the site in 2015 but he immediately evicted the tenants and closed the site to support his application for development quoting non use of the site.

The above are my opinions on why the Licencing board should reject the application.

If it was deemed appropriate to grant the licence, I would request that a condition is that there is no activity on the Land between the hours of 11:30pm and 7:00am

Yours Sincerely

From:

Sent: 30 June 2023 12:28

To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Application for Outdoor Licence at The Pitches Sports Club

Further to my initial objection I would like to support my concerns in relation to vehicle volumes with up 10,000 people expected to attend events.

Please find attached evidence which proves that there is only capacity for 65 vehicles on the site.

As a number of members of the community have said to me they feel that the intended use of the site is retribution for opposing the development of the site and this proposal is intended to cause as much disruption to the community as possible.

Another neighbour has expressed concerns about Leopards not changing their spots. They quote the neglect of the properties owned by the site owner Mr Peter Eyre,, Nos 122 & 124 Wickersley Road which has resulted in action being taken by RMBC following complaints of Rat infestations.

Yours Sincerely

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Other Person – Two – Supporting Evidence

Application for Planning Permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Publishing of applications on planning authority websites.

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website.

If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details					
Title:	Mr	First name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Company name:	Wilson Wildlife JFC				
Street address:	21		Telephone number:		
	Woodland Way		Mobile number:		
	Hempholme		Fix number:		
Town/City:	Rotherham		Country Code:		
County:	South Yorkshire (Met County)		National Number:		
Country:			Extension Number:		
Postcode:	S65 3DF		Email address:		
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details					
Title:	Mr	First Name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Company name:	Wilson Wildlife JFC				
Street address:	21 Woodland Way		Telephone number:	+44	01709541967
	Hempholme		Mobile number:	+44	07721065177
			Fix number:		
Town/City:	Rotherham		Country Code:		
County:	South Yorkshire		National Number:		
Country:	United Kingdom		Extension Number:		
Postcode:	S65 3DF		Email address:		
			jamespink@btinternet.com		

3. Description of the Proposal			
Please describe the proposed development, including any change of use:			
Providing a hard standing car parking extension for spectator vehicles at the side of the Pitch.			
Has the building, work or change of use already started?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If Yes, please state the date when the building, work, or use started:	01/08/2012
Has the building, work or change of use been completed?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If Yes, please state the date when the building, work, or change of use was completed:	04/08/2012

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4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

Description:

House:

Suffix:

House name:

The Pitches Sports Club

Street address:

Wickering Road

Town/City:

Rotherham

County:

South Yorkshire

Postcode:

S66 3PR

Description of location or a grid reference
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:

444254

Northing:

391402

5. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes

No

6. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

Yes

No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

Yes

No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

Yes

No

7. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

Yes

No

Has arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

Yes

No

8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

(a) a member of staff

(b) an elected member

(c) related to a member of staff

(d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

Yes

No

9. Materials

Please state what materials (including type, colour and name) are to be used externally (if applicable):

Vehicle access and hard standing - descriptions:

Description of existing materials and finishes:

Gravel/land

Description of proposed materials and finishes:

Unstone, Crush and Ptn

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

Site Photos

1:250 Site Plan

1:500 Block Plan

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10. Vehicle Parking

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces:

Type of vehicle	Existing number of spaces	Total proposed (including spaces retained)	Difference in spaces
Cars	40	65	25
Light goods vehicles/public carrier vehicles	0	1	0
Motorcycles	0	1	0
Disability spaces	0	1	0
Cycle spaces	0	1	0
Other (e.g. Bus)	0	1	0
Short description of Other			

11. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

Main sewer Private treatment plant Unknown
 Septic tank Cess pit

Other

Not affecting existing sewage

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system? Yes No Unknown

12. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Map showing flood zones 2 and 3 and consult Environment Agency standing advice and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.) Yes No

If **Yes**, you will need to submit an appropriate flood risk assessment to consider the risk to the proposed site.

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)? Yes No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere? Yes No

How will surface water be disposed of?

Subsurface storage system Main sewer Pond/lake
 Cesspit Existing watercourse

13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the guidance notes for further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the guidance notes, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, OR on land adjacent to or near the application site:

a) Protected and priority species

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

14. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site:

Open field

Is the site currently vacant? Yes No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

If yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated? Yes No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site? Yes No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination? Yes No

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15. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site? Yes No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character? Yes No

If **Yes** to either or both of the above, you **may** need to provide a full Tree Survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a Tree Survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations'.

16. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or waste? Yes No

17. Residential Units

Does your proposal include the gain or loss of residential units? Yes No

18. All Types of Development: Non-residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace? Yes No

19. Employment

If known, please complete the following information regarding employees:

	Full-time	Part-time	Equivalent number of full-time
Existing employees	0	0	0
Proposed employees	0	0	0

20. Hours of Opening

If known, please state the hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed:

Use	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday and Bank Holidays		Not Known
	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	
A1	17:30:00	19:15:00	09:00:00	14:00:00	09:30:00	14:00:00	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Site Area

What is the site area? sq.metres

22. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Not applicable

Is the proposal for a waste management development? Yes No

23. Hazardous Substances

Is any hazardous waste involved in the proposal? Yes No

24. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? Yes No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

The agent The applicant Other person

25. Certificates (Certificate B)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate B

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (England) Order 2008 Certificate under Article 12

I certify/The applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.

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25. Certificates (Certificate B - continued)

Notice recipient:				Date notice served	
Name:	Deal Central Limited			01/04/2012	
Number:	1,700,378,003	Suffix:			
Street:	Wickensley Road				
Locality:	Stag				
Town:	Rotherham				
Postcode:	S60 1PR				
Title:	Mr	First name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Person role:	Applicant	Declaration date:	01/11/2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration made	

25. Certificates (Agricultural Land Declaration)

Agricultural Land Declaration
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2000 Certificate under Article 12

Agricultural Land Declaration - You Must Complete Either A or B

(A) Name of the land to which the application relates is part of an agricultural holding.

(B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below.

If any part of the land is an agricultural holding, of which the applicant is the sole tenant, the applicant should complete part (B) of the form by writing 'sole tenant - not applicable' in the first column of the table below

Title:	Mr	First Name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Person role:	Applicant	Declaration date:	01/11/2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Made	

25. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Date: 01/11/2012

Appendix 4

Other Person – Three – Representations

From:

Sent: 21 June 2023 16:36

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICANT: Pocket Sports Bar Limited

My wife and I have lived [REDACTED], which overlooks the proposed premises location, for over 50 years, and we strongly object to this licence being granted for the following reasons:-

- **Increase in Crime**

Granting this licence could potentially lead to an increase in crime in the surrounding area, particularly when the sale of alcohol is involved.

The proposed premises give relatively easy access to the gardens of the houses adjacent to this location.

- **Disorder**

The loud Noise coming from the proposed events, particularly at night, would be a recurring source of Environmental Noise Pollution and could cause significant distress, particularly to older residents and children who go to bed early, as well as the patients in the adjacent HOSPICE.

The sale of alcohol, especially at music venues, often leads to potential disorder, this could result in a further drain on the resources of the Police and Emergency Services, which are already stretched.

- **Public Safety**

There is currently only one point of ingress and egress to this designated location, which is a relatively narrow driveway, if a major incident were to occur then the resulting rush to leave the venue in a hurry could result in severe consequences, as well as limiting access to the Emergency Services.

- **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

In addition to the potential increase in Crime, Disorder, the Environmental Noise Pollution and the increased Risk posed to Public Safety,

the increased traffic that this Venue adjacent to the Main Road would generate, as well as insufficient Safe parking, could potentially become a source of Public Nuisance.

- **The Protection of children from harm**

As stated previously, the proposed premises give relatively easy access to the gardens of the houses adjacent to this location and subsequently increases the potential risk.

Loud Noise at bedtime would affect their Quality of Life.

This Licence should not be granted.

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Other Person – Four – Representations

Sent: 27 June 2023 12:36

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref: 3325358 Ask about licensing, enquire about a licence or raise a concern - Public entertainment

Page: About your enquiry

I wish to object to the application for a Premises Licence at The Pitches, Wickersley Road S60 3PR.

I live about 5 minutes' walk away and I do not want 10 hours of music playing and disturbing my peace.

Also the problems with traffic it is likely to cause as there is one entrance onto the site. If there is insufficient parking on the site then people attending will be parking on streets round about causing problems.

Then the litter that will be created, even if rubbish bins are provided there are never enough and so people just dump rubbish anywhere.

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Other Person – Five – Representations

28th June 2023

Representations in relation to the Licence application by Corner Pocket Ltd for the site located at the Pitches – Wickersley Road

Dear Sirs,

I would like to object to the granting of the licence made by the applicant for the above property on the following grounds

Preventing Noise and Public nuisance

The proposed site is surrounded by residential properties. Also, on Stag Lane there are bungalows and sheltered housing for the elderly. The noise created from alcohol fuelled activities from the outdoor venues, particularly live music – would not start and end at the allocated times i.e. 12 noon till 22.00 hrs. The Pitches Club already has a liquor licence up to 11:30 pm – so what is preventing alcohol from not being served there after 22.00? Who is going to monitor the public from not bringing their own supply of alcohol with them? People linger long after drinks are stopped being served.

Also, what about the noise and disturbance that would be created from all the dismantling of any structures being present from any events – stages for the live music events, plays, film showings – all the seating, tents, portable toilets, food vans, marquees etc., etc. This would go well into the early hours. Not forgetting all the cars, vans, lorries etc exiting the grounds.

I dread to think about the potential increase in crimes and disorder fuelled by the alcohol intake by the crowds of people. As we all know that this can get to be a very volatile situation. A good percentage of the properties around the field have gates – that have been in situ for 50 yrs + -that allows access to the land. My concern is the use of these gates when the public – late in the night – will be tempted to use the gardens as a toilet relief plus other activities not to mention!! With the amount of people that Mr Eyres wants to gather at these events (up to 9,999) is ideal for drugs to be bought/sold and used!

This isn't an ideal environment to have children attending.

Safety to the General Public

This site was originally for sporting activities etc., and is definitely not suitable to hold the proposed 9,999 people! To give a perspective of what Mr. Eyres is trying to achieve – an average home attendance of Rotherham United Football club is approx 10,000! Try squeezing that amount of people into such a restricted area!

The locality would not be able to cope with the expected amount of vehicles arriving at such events. Where are they going to park up? Wickersley Road is a 'No parking' zone plus a bus lane in operation. Stag Lane is already parked up with non-residents who work nearby etc. There isn't suitable access to the land – just a one single driveway. The houses adjacent to this driveway are owned by Mr Eyres (122 and 124) and have been totally neglected since they were purchased in March 2019. Are these being 'earmarked' for dismantling to allow access onto the site? The amount of vehicles arriving at such events would have to be parked on the field. I'm sure that the field would not be able to accommodate up to 9,999 *and* their vehicles.

In the case of an 'emergency' situation arising during any event – would the emergency vehicles be able to get onto the site? I dread to think what would happen if there was an Emergency Evacuation situation.

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The risk of traffic accidents is tremendous. Due to the Stag Roundabout and the entry/exit points being directly opposite the bus lane – Wickersley Road is a very busy arterial road 24/7.

I have had unfortunate dealings with Mr Peter Eyres in the past when he applied for the planning permission of 116 houses. I have great concerns that if the licence was granted, any conditions etc., attached to the licence would not be adhered to. At one time 11 Portal cabins were erected – Site Office, Reception area etc – without permission. When the initial planning application was refused he appealed to the Government Inspectorate and was granted temporary permission for the cabins to remain for 6 months – this condition was not complied with until 18 months later.

The land at the moment has an ACV attached to it and is also designated as Green Space.

Mr Eyres knows how the community feel about the use of this valuable land. It has been used for sporting activities for many years. The club house was used not just as a place to have a chat and drink watching crickets, football etc., but for Weddings, Birthday and Party venues as well. Unfortunately he let the place run down, people stopped attending and he closed it all down in 2015 – So he could support the claim that no one used the facilities – so he could built on it. There have been quite a few sporting clubs, etc who has expressed their interest in using the site for sports etc – I do believe that one club even offered to enter into a 25 year lease agreement. There has been interest out there but they have just been turned away.

Can't the land be put back to what the vast majority of the community want and need – to be able to sit and watch the sports, have a quite drink and enjoy nature as intended? THAT would definitely be an ACV.

This representation is made in accordance with the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance, ensuring public safety of Crime and Disorder.

Yours sincerely

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Other Person – Six – Representations

Original Message-----

Sent: 29 June 2023 12:33

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Pocket Sports Bar Ltd application for open space license, The Pitches

Good afternoon,

Re: Pocket sports bar Ltd application for open space license for several events up to 9,999 people at any one time on The Pitches, Wickersley Road.

We wish to place an objection to the above application on the following grounds:

Public Safety and Public Nuisance

1. Access - one gate.

In the event of any incident on the field e.g. public disturbance, ill health/injury, fire, emergency service access may be hindered/ delayed by the one entrance, volume of crowds and parked vehicles.

2. Fire

Potential risk of fire and fire spread as field is dry scrubland, for example from discarded smoking material. The field is in immediate contact with residential dwellings, garden outbuildings and fencing on all sides.

3. Noise pollution

The field is in the middle of a residential area with all gardens adjoining Pitches plot.

4. Traffic volume and Parking for events If up to 9,999 people are to attend then a very large number of vehicles will be arriving, parking and leaving the event. With limited parking, vehicles will be parked on surrounding roads, which are already congested.

5. Potential for easily exiting event via private property straight on to Wickersley Road, Broom Avenue and Stag Lane.

6. Demands on already overstretched emergency services Potential for public disturbance due to large crowds and alcohol.

Regards

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Other Person – Seven – Representations

Sent: 30 June 2023 03:17 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection - Pocket Sports Bar Licence Application - Open Space Behind The Pitches

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to object to any licence being granted to the open space behind The Pitches.

This area of land is “protected Green Space” and falls within the local SP38 policy as highlighted by the Planning Inspectorate when the own Mr Peter Eyre appealed the decision made not to grant planning permission for 116 dwelling on the site.

I am extremely concerned by the types of events listed on the application as they do not fit within a residential setting.

I am also concerned of the effects and re percussion it will have on not just the surround houses but also the local community.

The application states “hours from 12.00hrs and 22.00hr everyday of the week with these premises that is the open space closing at 23.00hrs”

The company running such events that would attract alcohol usage and antisocial behaviour could be viewed as not a good neighbour?

I have a young child who would be affected by such noise and anti social behaviour as our home backs onto the site.

I am highly concerned by the numbers of people who would attend these events.

In a consultation with Mr Eyres representative Abs Rohoman he disclosed the licence would be for the erection of staging, sound systems and seating on the site. He also disclosed the licence would be to hold 9,999 people capacity.

These are the type of numbers who attend a Rotherham United Football match. There space is designed to accommodate huge crowds. The Pitches is surely questionable?

It has a single narrow access. I am concerned about if there was a major incident how would people be evacuated?

Such numbers would require great infrastructure such as policing, security of the site on a huge scale.

As previously stated my property backs onto the site and I am worried what impact this will have on our own home security. This site has gated access by many homes and would these points be used as alternative cut throughs?

Alcohol sales would have an impact / contribute to anti social behaviour on and off the site.

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Where will all the people go after these events and where will they park?

The area already has major parking issues on a daily basis with many surrounding road being double or single yellow lines marked on them.

Mr Eyre the owner of The Pitches and Pocket Sports Bar limited has a reputation for flaunting the rules. This comes from Mr Eyres past actions. He has no regard to for the law / rules or the local community. Once again this is another example of this project / licence is purely for a commercial business opportunity.

Would Mr Eyre be happy with such events at the bottom of his garden?

As a community we would like to see the site in use. We would like it to be used and reinstated as a sports facility which our community desperately needs for all ages. The Pitches would be a great asset to our community if it was used for what it was originally intended sports.

I hope my concerns will be taken into consideration and a licence would not be granted for the outdoor space.

Yours Sincerely

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Other Person – Eight – Representations

Sent: 01 July 2023 13:45
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing application for The Pitches, Stag, Rotherham

Dear Sir

I would like to object to the granting of a license for the Pitches, Stag, Rotherham for the following reasons.

The site is totally surrounded (except for a small drive/access) by housing some of which is for elderly residents. I feel that granting a license to serve alcohol in this space and holding such events as music festivals etc would cause a great deal of distress to those residents with noise, lighting, excess traffic and the possibility of drug use and nuisance from those attending.

The Pitches was intended for sports use for the community and is also an area where wildlife has been allowed to flourish in the past and this should be encouraged again in the future. These type of events would have a negative effect on wildlife and on local residents. The local roads are very busy with traffic every day of the week and the access to The Pitches is already dangerous with the Stag roundabout and schools close by and a bus Lane opposite.

Should this license be granted for up to 9,999 people to attend it opens up the doors for further applications to extend the number and scope of the events. Rotherham Borough Council turned down the application for houses on this land for many reasons. Should the license be granted and the events are not successful it opens up the possibility of this land being again considered for building and this should never be considered again.

With climate change being so high on everybody's agenda, and rightly so, this land should remain for local sports groups or for a nature reserve, allotments or community growing space and wildlife should be encouraged not shut out.

Please consider my comments when coming to your decision.

Regards

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Other Person – Nine – Representations

Sent: 01 July 2023 19:15

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches

I live on Stag Willow Close in bungalow which backs onto the pitches site. The thought that a licence could be granted in this area for what the owner of the business has planned is truly horrifying.

The noise would be unthinkable.

The potential traffic coming onto the site.

The possibility of catering wagons.

This scheme is a supported living scheme where frail elderly people with many different disabilities currently live in peace.

Surely this license and plans cannot go ahead with the past history of this business owner.

I intend to organise a petition in the surrounding areas as it is an area of predominantly retired elderly people.

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Other Person – Ten – Representations

Sent: 02 July 2023 19:04

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Pocket sports bar

Re: Pocket sports bar Ltd application for open space license for several events up to 9,999 people at any one time on The Pitches, Wickersley Road.

As a resident of Broom Avenue I wish to submit an objection to the above application on the following grounds.

- Use of already overstretched emergency services, gatherings at that size would require considerable planning and onsite emergency service presence on given days potentially leaving the rest of the town vulnerable.
- It's a small area completely encircled by residential properties, a large percentage of these are elderly residents who wish to enjoy their retirement in a quieter part of town, the remainder are families and busy professionals like myself, concerts with that potential size would cause distress amongst some if not all in the locality
- Parking? Overstretched already, most households already own 2-3 vehicles, where is everyone going to park
- In its current state there is a vast amount of wildlife residing in and around. I have seen kestrels during the day hunting, can hear foxes at night all indicating there is an abundance of wildlife living there. Surely better to leave it as it is.
- There are far more wide open spaces available in Rotherham, purpose built for this kind of thing, causing less upset. If anything re-use as a sports pitch as intended.

Regards

Appendix 4

Other Person – Eleven – Representations

Sent: 02 July 2023 20:13

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches

I wish to protest strongly against the license application for the business to be known as the corner bar.

The music noise and general disruption of food wagons and customer cars would be unthinkable.

I live on stag willow close which is a supported living scheme owned by Together Housing who i believe know nothing of this application.

9999 people Really.

My neighbours are all elderly with lots of different disabilities.

I feel the mental health and their well being would be severely affected.

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Other Person – Twelve – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 09:10

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches licensing application

Good morning.

I wish to lodge my objection to the application for licence events on the land known locally as The Pitches. My concerns are as follow:-

This is a residential area comprising of families with small children as well as a high percentage of elderly residents. Such events will inevitably cause disruption and noise throughout the day and well into the early hours. I note that alcohol will be sold until 10pm and the premises will close at 11pm but the dispersal of 10,000 people will take a long time. It has to be borne in mind that 10,000 is the average attendance for a Rotherham United home game so these are not small, insignificant events.

I have concerns about associated criminality (against property), underage drinking and violence / offences against young or vulnerable children who will be drawn to such an event. that will take place. I assume the applicant will say that they will have 'appropriate security' on site. As a retired senior police officer I am fully aware how difficult this will be to achieve in such an enclosed and densely populated residential area with a high percentage of vulnerable residents. It needs to be considered how many security staff and police officers work at Rotherham's home game to achieve this.

Security of surrounding residential properties. My property, as well as dozens of others, back onto the Pitches site. I have a small and very flimsy metal fence that the owners have erected between my property and the field itself. This is not secure in any way and would not prevent anyone who wanted to enter my garden. From my previous experience of being in charge of crime within the Rotherham Borough I know full well how many offences of criminal damage and burglary have taken place within the vicinity when access has been gained from the Pitches site. Since the site has been unused these offences have subsided to a certain extent but when there are 10,000 persons on the site how are the owners going to prevent anyone who has criminal intent from entering my property.

To sum up my concerns are around four areas:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm.

Regards.

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Other Person – Thirteen – Representations

Sent: 02 July 2023 10:07

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref: 3330256 Ask about licensing, enquire about a licence or raise a concern - Report a concern

I want to object to the application by Pocket Sports Bar LTD to seek permission to sell alcohol for consumption on the Pitches open space and for events to take place between noon and 10 pm.

I am an 86 year old resident of Together Housing who lives directly behind the Pitches ground and I feel that the noise created by a potential "Glastonbury" will be detrimental to my mental health and well being.

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Other Person – Fourteen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 03:15 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: dk/abPitches Sports Ground, Wickersley Road, Rotherham proposal by Pocket Sports Ltd

Dear Sir, Madam,

With regard to the proposed application for the use of the green space area, at Pitches Sports Ground, for a variety of events/activities involving up to 9,999 people. We would like to make the following objections to the proposals:

1. We are concerned about the noise and security associated with the events.
2. With Wickersley Road having a bus lane adjacent to the site, and current parking restrictions on Wickersley Road, we are concerned with the parking arrangements and associated safety with large numbers of people using the site.
3. As the area is surrounded with residential properties (including some elderly accommodation), we do not consider the proposal is in keeping with the well being of the local community.
4. Whilst the existing "pavillion" has historically been used for indoor events for many years, the change to larger outdoor events will adversely affect this designated and protected green space, which we would support the return to a sporting amenity.
5. There are currently a number of alcoholic outlets at the Stag Roundabout, another outlet so close to the Stag may not be appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

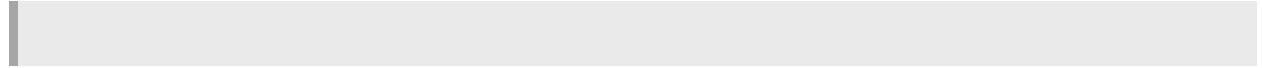
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Other Person – Fifteen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 03:21 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches playing fields



Hi

I live on Stag Willow Close which backs on to the Pitches. I feel, and a lot of people who live on here also feel, is that this licence should not go ahead. This is because many people are elderly and have complex needs. I have lived on here for 17 years and can remember what it was like when it was open before. Also the amount of people he is hoping to have on there where are they going to park their cars. Also what about if there is a fire. Over the fence from Pitches on our side is a lot of wood from the trees which is dry. We've already had to phone the fire brigade because they burn rubbish in a skip. The woman who was there doing the burning said she was just burning paper. I know and many people know it was not just paper because the smell was horrendous. As some people on here suffer from lung complaints and were suffering because of the smoke. When someone questioned her about the smell and what she was burning she was very rude.

I wish to remain anonymous because I do not want repercussions from them.

Regards

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Other Person – Sixteen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 23:48

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Comments on application The Pitches Wickersley Road

Hello

As a resident who lives on Wickersley Road and home backs onto The Pitches land I wish to make comment on the licensing application.

I am objecting to the proposal as it is a residential area with families with children. Having outdoor events that can go on until late at night will cause noise and disturbance for residents.

I am concerned about the noise from having an outdoor licence for alcohol that is until late at night.

There is the potential for an increase in anti social behaviour making the area less safe for residents.

As we already live in a postcode that means some car insurance companies will not insure us or it is a higher premium.

Regards

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Other Person – Seventeen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 20:55

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Pitches Premises Licence application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to raise concerns regarding the application of a premises license submitted by Pocket Sports Bar Ltd for The Pitches (outdoors), Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.

This land sits closely within and is surrounded by a large area of housing being home to young families, elderly people as well as those with complex and demanding needs who require the safety of a quite and secure surrounding to optimise their own health and well-being.

The Pitches has been undeveloped for many years now however historically was a venue for community events and sporting activity, maintained well and sympathetic to its neighbours being in its close proximity to not disturb and cause nuisance by not holding events such as those that are now being suggested.

It concerns me that Pocket Sports Bar have now applied for a licence to hold a number of events including that of live music, recorded music and anything considered similar? amongst other events, alongside the sale of alcohol on the premises for up to 9,999 people. My concerns lie with the selling of alcohol which states it has to be consumed on the premises but how and who will be policing this for so many numbers, the risk this will then lead to antisocial behaviour within the close proximity of residential housing surrounding the area and the chaos of parking and accommodating so many people in such a small area with one small entrance.

My house sits directly in-front of the only access to The Pitches, and with the increasing number of vehicles already using Wickersley Road this will cause disruption, upset and risk to safety for all those living and using the community area.

The events named are also to involve loud music and alongside this noise from the huge numbers of people suggested, will cause disruption and noise pollution to those living in close proximity trying to enjoy the peace of their own homes.

Places that hold such events are most commonly found in larger more open areas not close to residential housing and there is obvious reason for this.

I am in favour for the Pitches to be used as a community area to support daytime events such as sporting, charity, or community celebration with the much needed green space ideal for this, however the selling of alcohol, loud events such as music for such large quantities of people is not acceptable in such a dense residential area where the risk to safety of the local residents and community will be impacted.

We were devastated in September 2022 when our house was broken into, and there has been much criminal activity around the surrounding area, granting a license to sell alcohol and attract such large numbers to this residential area will only heighten this risk further.

Furthermore accommodating such large numbers will have an impact on the environment, with consideration needing to be taken to facilitate sanitation and toileting facilities for the numbers

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suggested, alongside the risk of littering and destruction to the green space and natural environment around.

There is serious implications to the residents, the surrounding community as well as the environment and health and well-being of the people who live in close proximity to The Pitchers if this license is to be approved.

I urge you to strongly consider the decision and consider the impact on the local residents prior to favouring and allowing this license for Pocket Sports Bars monetary gain.

Kind regards

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