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## 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*

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## Representations received from the Licensing Authority

Dear Mrs Kraus

3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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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

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**From:** Abs Rohomon

**Sent:** 10 July 2023 12:24

**To:** Rotherham\_Licensing <[rotherham\\_licensing@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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  
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