1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Richard Gell be appointed chairman for this hearing.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All three panel members and Neil Pritchard, solicitor to the council, declared a personal interest as they knew the objector; Mr Julian Derham.

3. **APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR RAUNDS OFF LICENCE AND GROCERY, 16 HILL STREET, RAUNDS**

The Licensing Officer reported on an application for a variation to the premises licence for Raunds Off Licence and Grocery, 16 Hill Street, Raunds under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application requested amendments to the hours of supply of alcohol as well as the hours the premises would be open to the public. The application further requested the addition of late night refreshment as shown below. The original opening hours are displayed in brackets.

**Supply of Alcohol (Off Sales Only)**

Monday to Sunday 05:30 hours 24:00hours (06:30-12:30 Sun-Thur; 06:30-22:00 Fri and Sat)

**Hours open to the Public**

Monday to Sunday 05:30-24:00 (06:30 to 22:00)

**Late Night Refreshment**

Monday to Sunday 23:00-24:00

All the statutory bodies had been consulted. Two representations had been received from members of the public and one representation from Raunds Town Council.
(a) Evidence from the applicant

The applicant, Surendira Kumar Sarangapany arrived late to the hearing but was provided with the opportunity to speak in support of his application. He advised the panel that he was prepared to alter the requested supply of alcohol and premises opening hours to Monday to Sunday 06:30 to 23:30, and also to amend the requested hours for late night refreshments to 23:00 to 23:30.

The applicant confirmed he was aware of the Four Licensing Principles and detailed the steps he had taken to fulfil these, which included limiting the number of children in the shop at any one time, provision of CCTV including external views, operation of the Challenge 21 scheme and the shop having two members of staff present at all times.

The applicant went into detail regarding actions taken to assuage the doubts of neighbours which included negotiations to install two litter bins to the front of the premises and the cleaning of doorsteps should that be required.

The panel and the objector were provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.

(b) Evidence from the objectors

Mr Derham, clerk of Raunds Town Council, who had made a representation on the application spoke to confirm the concerns of the town council which had been outlined in his objection letter.

The two main areas of concern to the council centred around the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance. Concerns regarding a potential increase in noise and litter were also raised by the objector.

The applicant was afforded the chance to ask questions of the objector but chose not to exercise that opportunity.

After considering the submitted report and the representations made at the hearing from the speakers, including advice from the solicitor, the panel retired to consider the application and evidence presented, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the application for a variation of the Licence to Supply of Alcohol for Raunds Off Licence and Grocery, 16 Hill Street, Raunds, be granted subject to mandatory conditions and additional conditions being imposed on the licence (see below).

The Chairman read out the following statement giving the reasons why the Panel had granted the variation of the Premises Licence with additional conditions: -

"The Licensing Panel has considered this application to vary a Premises Licence for Raunds Off Licence and Grocery 16 Hill Street Raunds and has taken into account the Licensing Officers report and relevant representations."
After careful deliberation and consideration of the four Licensing Objectives, ENC’s Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Panel has reached a decision.

The Panel grants the Premises Licence for the supply of alcohol for the following hours.

**Supply of Alcohol** (Off sales only)
Monday to Sunday 06:30 to 23:30

**Late Night Refreshment**
Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 23:30

**Hours Premises open to Public**
Monday to Sunday 06:30 to 23:30

**Reason: Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance.**
The Panel took note of how the applicant has taken steps to promote the four licensing objectives as stated on item P of the application form.

The Panel is very aware of the concerns raised by objectors both those who attended the Hearing and those who submitted written objections to this application.

The Panel noted that since the applicant has been managing the premises (since March 2012) he has taken positive actions to rectify residents concerns and has approached the Town Council over their concerns. The applicant has also taken note and agreed to the hours to be applied to the variation application requested by the Town Council. The Panel also noted that representations had not been received by any other statutory consultees, including the police and child protection unit.

The Licence issued is subject to mandatory and existing additional conditions.

The Decision Notice will be sent out in writing. If aggrieved with the Panel's decision, the Applicant and any Party that has made representation has the Right to Appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the Decision Notification letter.

Chairman