

**LICENSING (LIQUOR AND GAMBLING) PANEL**

**Date:** 12 November 2020  
**Venue:** Virtual Meeting  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Present:** Councillors: Barbara Jenney  
Gill Mercer  
Geoff Shacklock

**1. CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL**

The Clerk to the Panel advised that following the publication of the papers for the hearing, the person who had made a representation on the application advised that one of the Panel Members was known to her husband in a business capacity. Therefore, Councillor Dorothy Maxwell had stood down as a member of the Panel and had been replaced by Councillor Barbara Jenney.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Gill Mercer be appointed Chairman of the Panel for this hearing.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5. APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE HARE AND HOUNDS, MAIN STREET, GREAT ADDINGTON, NN14 4BS**

The Health Protection Manager reported that an application for a full variation of the Premises Licence for the Hare and Hounds, Main Street, Great Addington had been received on 26 September 2020. The appropriate notice had been displayed and the advertisement was placed as required.

The full variation application had been applied for in order to add a new plan to the Premises Licence. The new plan showed changes made to the licensable area of the premises and added the barn area which was now a games room. The application also updated the conditions in Annex 2 of the licence with more relevant information.

A representation had been received from one local resident who had cited noise concerns with regard to the barn/games room.

Having heard from all parties and carefully considered all of the information available, the Panel **RESOLVED:**

The Licensing Panel has considered this application under section 34 Licensing Act 2003 for a variation of the Premises Licence for Hare and Hounds, Main Street Great Addington NN14 4BS and has taken into account the Health Protection Manager's report, written representations and oral representations from all the parties and considered all relevant representations, evidence and documents submitted for the hearing.

The Panel carefully deliberated and gave serious consideration to the licensing objectives; Statement of Licensing Policy; and Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

It is noted that the variation application engaged the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance and section 35 Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Panel, having considered all the above, are of the unanimous view that on a balance of probability the application be granted in full and the conditions of the licence be modified as follows:

Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority (including those contained in the application):

1. Ensure the door of the barn is not propped open in any way.
2. Ensure customers using the barn area do so in a quiet and orderly manner.
3. The barn area is closed to the public at 10.30pm on all days.
4. The use of the pool table within the barn to cease at 10.00pm on all days.
5. The access and egress of the barn be the door situated to the right when observed from the rear of the premises.

The reason for the above modifications to the premises licence is:

- 1) In order to promote the Licensing Objective of Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Panel received legal advice in terms of:

- 1) The legal test to be applied
- 2) The licensing objective under which this variation was considered
- 3) The options available under section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003
- 4) Section 182 guidance

The Decision Notice will be sent out in writing. If any Party is aggrieved with the Panel's decision, they have the Right to Appeal to the Magistrates Court. That must be done within 21 days from the date of receiving the decision notice.

**Chairman**