

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED

**Scudamores Punting Co Ltd., 32 Bridge Street,
Cambridge CB2 1UJ**

To: Licensing Sub-Committee:

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Wards affected: Market

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the ‘Act’) for a Premises Licence to be granted in respect of Scudamores Punting Co Ltd., 32 Bridge Street, Cambridge CB2 1UJ has been received from Scudamores Punting Co Ltd. registered at the same address. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 17th July 2019. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The full application is attached as Appendix A. A plan of the premises is attached as Appendix B. The operating schedule is attached separately from the application and can be found as Appendix C.

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- 1.3 The applicant has also provided an 'Additional Information' document to support the application, which is attached as Appendix D. This information provides: a short history of the business; summarises how alcohol will be managed at the site; and, that active health and safety and fire risk assessments are in place.
- 1.4 The applicant is seeking a Premises Licence to supply alcohol (off the premises only) between 09:00 and 22:00 Monday to Sunday inclusive, with the same opening hours.
- 1.5 In accordance with the regulations of the Act, the application was advertised on the premises and in a local newspaper to invite representations from responsible authorities and other persons. The last date for submitting representations was 15th August 2019.
- 1.6 Representations were received from seventeen other persons, attached to the report as Appendix E. All the representations were deemed to be relevant. No representations were received from any of the Responsible Authorities; however, Cambridge Constabulary agreed conditions with the applicant before the application was submitted (as per the operating schedule).
- 1.7 In response to the representations received the agent acting on behalf of the applicant has provided a letter to the licensing authority, addressed to local residents, in order to address the potential impacts on the licensing objectives should the licence be granted. This letter was duly sent to all those who submitted a representation in respect of the application on 19th August 2019 and is attached as Appendix F.
- 1.8 If members are minded to grant the application, the conditions stated in the operating schedule will be added to the Premises Licence. Members can also choose to add further conditions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives if so minded.
- 1.9 The application needs to be determined.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members must determine the application on its individual merits having reference to the statutory licensing objectives and Cambridge City Council's 'Statement of Licensing Policy'.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The premises are located within a cumulative impact area. It is therefore subject to a special policy on cumulative impact. The special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications within cumulative impact areas for any new premises licence or variations that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused if relevant representations are received about the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives.
- 3.2 This is unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. The Council's 'Statement of Licensing Policy' contains information on the cumulative impact. The section relating to cumulative impact has been taken from the policy and attached to the report as Appendix G. A map of the Cambridge city centre cumulative impact area is attached as Appendix H.
- 3.3 In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy and additionally the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The relevant sections from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy are:
- Objectives, section 2
 - Fundamental principles, section 4
 - Cumulative impact, section 5
 - Licensing Hours, section 6
 - Licence Conditions, section 8

4. CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires applications made under section 17 of the Act to be served on the Responsible Authorities and also advertised on the premises and in a local newspaper circulating within the vicinity of the premises. During the consultation period, Responsible Authorities and Other Persons (any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities) may make a representation in respect of the application.

- 4.2 Statutory consultation has therefore taken place with Responsible Authorities and interested parties in accordance with the procedures set out in the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations made under the 'Act'.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 Whilst having reference to the information provided by the applicant and the information raised in the representation and also Cambridge City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Sub-Committee's decision must be made with a view to promoting one or more of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

- 5.2 Members should take such steps that they consider are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee may resolve:

- (a) to grant the licence subject to the mandatory conditions and those conditions offered by the applicant which may be modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- (b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
- (c) to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;
- (d) to reject the application.

- 5.3 Members must give reasons for their decision.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to promote the Licensing Objectives. Each objective has equal importance. In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, and the Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 and it is bound by the Human Rights Act 1998. The Council must also fulfill its

obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in Cambridge.

7. IMPLICATIONS

a) Financial Implications

Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) has a statutory duty to determine applications made under the Licensing Act 2003. The application fees associated with such applications are set by Central Government and are intended to cover the cost of administering the licensing regime.

There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

(b) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

(c) Equal Opportunities Implications

No Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted as the only consideration in reaching a decision is whether the granting of the application will undermine the statutory licensing objectives.

(d) Environmental Implications

Any environmental implications that need to be considered must specifically relate to the promotion of the statutory licensing objectives and will be contained in the representations made by the responsible authorities or interested parties.

(e) Community Safety

Cambridge Constabulary, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Cambridge City Council's Environmental Health Team, Cambridge City Council's Planning Service, Cambridgeshire County Council's Child Protection & Review Unit, Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Department and the Public Health Director were consulted as part of the application process and could have made

representation if it was considered that the granting of the application would undermine one or more of the statutory licensing objectives.

Those making representations would have raised any relevant community safety implications.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- [Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [The Licensing Act 2003 \(Premises licences and club premises certificates\) Regulations 2005](#)
- [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [Cambridge City Council Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

Appendix A – Copy of Application Form

Appendix B – Premises Plan

Appendix C – Operating Schedule

Appendix D – Additional Information

Appendix E – Representations received from other persons

Appendix F – Letter on behalf of applicant in response to representations received

Appendix G – Section from Statement of Licensing Policy that deals with Cumulative Impact

Appendix H – Map of the Cambridge city centre cumulative impact area

To inspect these documents either view the above hyperlinks or contact Alex Beebe on extension 7723.

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