

**CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED**

**CAMBRIDGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, GRANTCHESTER
ROAD, NEWNHAM, CAMBRIDGE, CB3 9ED**

To: Licensing Sub-Committee:

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 to apply for a Premises Licence with respect to Cambridge Rugby Football Club has been received from Cambridge Rugby Football Club Limited. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 28 March 2025. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The application and plan are attached to the report at Appendix 1 and Appendix 1a.
- 1.2 The applicant is seeking to provide the following licensable activities:
- Provision of Plays (Indoors and outdoors)

- Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 23:00
- Sunday 10:00 to 22:00
- Provision of films (Indoors and outdoors)
 - Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday 10:00 to 22:00
- Provision of Live Music (Indoors and outdoors), Recorded Music (Indoors and outdoors) and Performance of Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)
 - Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 23:00
 - Sunday 10:00 to 22:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises)
 - Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 22:30
 - Sunday 10:00 to 21:30

Events under the licence are proposed to take place predominately between 1 April and 30 October. However, may also take place at various times of year.

The applicant proposes the licence will cover two types of use, Rugby use and Non- Rugby use.

Non-Rugby Use: Covers a variety of other events (e.g. charity events, concerts, festivals, university balls), further divided by event size:

- Small: Up to 999 attendees
- Medium: 1,000–2,499 attendees
- Large: 2,500–4,999 attendees

The number of days per event types has been proposed in conditions:

- Rugby Use: Unlimited
- Small Events: Unlimited
- Medium Events: Up to 4 days per year
- Large Events: Up to 3 days per year

- 1.3 In accordance with the regulations of the Act, the application was advertised on the premises and in a local newspaper on 1 April 2025 to invite representations from responsible authorities and other persons. The last date for submitting representations was 25 April 2025.

- 1.4 Representations were received from 55 'Other Persons'. The representations are attached to the report at Appendix 2.
- 1.5 No representations were received from any of the Responsible Authorities.
- 1.6 All conditions that have been offered by applicant have been attached to the report at Appendix 3. These conditions will appear on any Premises Licence if granted and can be added to and/or amended by members if they wish.
- 1.7 The application needs to be determined.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members 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 proposed premises is not located within a Cumulative Impact Area (CIA).
- 3.2 The location of the premises already has three separate licences/certificates in operation. The Licensing Act 2003 does not limit the number of premises licences that can be in effect at the same premises.
- 3.3 A Club Premises Certificate, CLUBCAM 000026, has been in effect since 15th December 2005. Part A of the Club Premises Certificate is attached to the report as Appendix 4.
- 3.4 A Premises Licence, PRECAM 000926, has been in effect since 6th January 2023. The licence holder is Live Tour Promotions Limited and the licence permits two events to be held over one weekend, once a year. Part A of the Premises Licence is attached to the report as Appendix 5.
- 3.5 A more recent Premises Licence, PRECAM 000972 with effect from 27

January 2025 was granted with additional conditions, following a Sub-Committee meeting. The licence holder is London Road Event Hire Services Limited and permits one event on 5th July 2025, with a maximum capacity of 2,499. On 6 March 2025, a Minor variation was applied to the licence, amending two conditions. Current Part A of the Premises Licence is attached to the report as Appendix 6.

- 3.6 This application is for a new, separate premises licence from those mentioned above and must be treated on its own merits. However, as the application is for a premises that already has licence/certificates in place, these have been included in the report as they are relevant to the premises.
- 3.7 The applicant details that all other licences will be surrendered, should this licence be granted. This licence will consolidate all other events under a single licence.
- 3.8 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
 - 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, the information raised in the representations 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's Statement of Licensing Policy](#)
- [Cambridge City Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment](#)

Appendix 1 – Application Form

Appendix 1a – Site plan

Appendix 2 - Representations

Appendix 3 – Conditions offered

Appendix 4 – CLUBCAM 000026

Appendix 5 – PRECAM 000926

Appendix 6 – PRECAM 000972

To inspect these documents either view the above hyperlinks or contact the Commercial & Licensing Team at taxi@cambridge.gov.uk.

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