

Agenda Item: 4



CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

**King Street Brewhouse, 1 King Street, Cambridge,
Cambridgeshire, CB1 1LH**

To: Licensing Sub-Committee:

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Wards affected: Market

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An application under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 to vary the Premises Licence issued in the respect King Street Brewhouse, 1 King Street, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1LH has been received from The City Pub Group Limited. The application was served on Cambridge City Council (the Licensing Authority) on 19 March 2026. A copy of the application was also served on each responsible authority. The application, additional conditions offered and plans are attached to the report as Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c respectively. Current Premises Licence Part A is attached to the report as Appendix 2.

- 1.2 The applicant is seeking vary the following:
- a) To extend the hours for the Supply of alcohol (For consumption on and off the premises)
 - o From 8 am Monday to Sunday
(The current licence permits Supply of alcohol from 10 am Monday to Sunday and 11 am on a Sunday).
The applicant has noted within their application “ Please note from 08:00 until the existing permitted hours on the licence sales will be on sales only”.
 - b) To remove Good Friday and Christmas day from the non- standard timing for the sale of alcohol and opening. These currently state: “ On Good Friday, 12:00 to 23:30. On Christmas Day, 12:00 to 15:00 and 19:00 to 22:30. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.”
 - c) To add Films as a licensable activity (Indoors)
 - o Monday to Sunday – 10:00 to 23:00
- 1.3 The applicant has provided measures as part of their application detailing how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives, with requested changes. These are contained within this report as Appendix 1b.
- 1.4 In accordance with the regulations of the Act, the application was advertised on the premises and in Cambridge News on 26 March 2026 to invite representations from responsible authorities and other persons. The last date for submitting representations was 16 April 2026.
- 1.5 Representations were received from 2 ‘Other Persons’. The representations are attached to the report at Appendix 3.
- 1.6 No representations were received from the Responsible Authorities.
- 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 and the Cumulative Impact Assessment.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The proposed premises is located within a Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) and is therefore subject to the Cumulative Impact Assessment.
- 3.2 The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate why the requested variations to license would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced within the area.
- 3.3 The Premises licence has been held since 2012 and has changed names over the years. Most recently, it previously traded as The Cambridge Brewhouse, changing their name to King Street Brewhouse in November 2025.
- 3.4 The premises have been the subject of 32 noise complaints, including out of hours noise complaints, which were recorded between 2014 and 2024. In addition, one complaint relating to rubbish accumulation has been logged on file.
- 3.5 Appendix 4 details a map and table, showing premises with licences for the Supply of Alcohol and Films, within the surrounding area.
- 3.6 In carrying out its licensing functions, the Licensing Authority must have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy, the Cumulative Impact Assessment 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 34 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 and Cumulative Impact Assessment, 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 variation as applied for;
 - (b) to modify the conditions of the licence
 - (c) to reject the whole or part of 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, the Cumulative Impact Assessment 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 1a – Application Form

Appendix 1b – Additional conditions offered

Appendix 1c – Plan

Appendix 2 – Current Premises Licence

Appendix 3 – Other Persons Representations

Appendix 4 - Map and table of premises licences with Supply/Sale of alcohol in surrounding area in addition to films

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

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