

## LICENSING HEARING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2022 commencing at 10.30 am

Present: Cllr. Raikes (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Abraham, and Waterton

Also Present: Cllr Fleming  
Cllr. Osborne-Jackson  
Cllr. Streatfeild  
Cllr. Williams  
Louise Kleinschmidt  
Janey Lewis  
Karen Roche  
Natasha Wicks  
Carolyn Moss  
Sam Kirkaldy  
Neil Sidaway  
Emma Welch  
David Lagzdins  
Susan Lindsey  
Charlotte Sinclair

Leader SDC  
Member for Leigh and Chiddingstone Causeway (SDC)  
Member for Peshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone (SDC)  
Member for Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge (SDC)  
Chiddingstone Parish Council  
Respondent  
Respondent  
Respondent  
Respondent  
Respondent  
Respondent  
Applicant  
Legal Advisor (SDC)  
Senior Licensing Officer (SDC)  
Democratic Services Team Manager (SDC)

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr Raikes be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

(Cllr Raikes in the Chair)

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. LICENSING ACT 2003 NEW APPLICATION - Lockskinnors Farm, Lockskinnors, Chiddingstone, Kent TN8 7NA

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Hearing.

The Hearing gave consideration to the report by the Senior Licensing Officer giving details of an application for a new premises license for Lockskinnors Farm. She provided a brief overview of the application, explaining that during the

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consultation period 36 representations had been received from local residents and the Parish Council.

The Applicant addressed the Hearing, setting out her experience within the Hospitality industry and reasons as to why she was bringing this application forward. She advised having an outside area licensed would allow more flexibility. The events would not be large scale and would be family friendly on a pre-booking basis only. The applicant addressed the concerns raised by some of the objectors.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant advised that there were pedestrian and cycle paths within Lockskinner, but that there would be no alcohol on sale for those using those paths, unless it was a pre-booked event. There were 11 Public Houses within walking distance of the site and did not intend to pick up passing trade in this way. Numbers of attendees would remain low, at approximately 25 people.

The Hearing heard from some of the respondents, who expressed concerns with the number of people who could use the site at one time, noise, access and the size of the licensed area including wooded areas.

In response to the concerns raised the Applicant advised that the one mobile bar would not be suitable enough to accommodate large numbers and that each location's use within the site would be pre-planned and appropriate for its uses. It was not intended to be used for weddings.

The Council's Legal Advisor advised the Hearing that under the Licensing Act 2003 amplified and recorded music at events up to 500 people was no longer regulated at sites with an alcohol licence and the application did not request for the playing of live or recorded music so was not something that should come into the Sub-Committee's considerations.

At 11.15am the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the issues raised, accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor and Clerk to the Hearing for the purpose of providing advice only.

At 11.40am the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and Clerk to Hearing returned to the Chamber.

On returning to the Chamber, the Hearing heard from the Applicant who had offered a revised map reducing the area that could be licenced. Further questioning took place between the Committee Members and respondents.

At 11.43am the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the additional information accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor and Clerk to the Hearing for the purpose of providing advice only.

At 11.50am the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and Clerk to Hearing returned to the Chamber.

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The Chairman informed the Hearing that the Sub-Committee had had regard to the representations made by the Applicant and interested parties, the Licensing objectives, the Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and was therefore granting the application subject to the revised map and a full decision notice would be issued within 5 working days to all interested parties.

He also informed the Hearing that concerns regarding the impact on highways were primarily for consideration by the local planning authority or the highways authority. The Hearing were also advised that a review could be sought with evidence should there be a breach of the Licence or any objectives undermined.

Resolved: That the Premises Licence in respect of Lockskinners Farm, Lockskinners, Chiddingstone, Kent TN8 7NA, subject to the revised map and mandatory conditions contained in the notice of determination to follow within 5 working days, be granted.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11.52 AM

CHAIRMAN