



**GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**7 July 2022**

**ITEM 05**

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**Application for a variation of a premises licence at:  
The Hoptimist 91 Sitwell Street Spondon Derby DE21 7FH**

**Purpose**

- 1.1 An application for a variation of a premises licence at The Hoptimist, 91 Sitwell Street, Spondon, Derby DE21 7FH has been received by Derby City Council's Licensing Team.
- 1.2 The sale by retail of alcohol; the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a member of the club; the provision of regulated entertainment; and the provision of late night refreshment must be licensed under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.3 Officers have delegated powers to deal with variations to premises licences applications where there are no relevant representations received; however this is not the case with this application and hence attendance at committee today.
- 1.4 The General Licensing Sub Committee can decide to:
  - grant the application as per the application
  - modify the conditions of the licenceor
  - reject the whole or part of the application

**Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the information in the report, consider the application and any relevant representations to determine the application for a variation of a premises licence at The Hoptimist, 91 Sitwell Street, Spondon, Derby DE21 7FH.

**Reason**

- 3.1 To ensure that the four licensing objectives are upheld in relation to an application to vary the premises licence at The Hoptimist, 91 Sitwell Street, Spondon, Derby DE21 7FH.

## Supporting information

- 4.1 An application for a variation of a premises licence was received by Derby City Council's Licensing Team from [REDACTED] on 11 May 2022. A copy is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Licensing Team has received 2 relevant representations and a petition with 15 signatories from other persons. These are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.3 The responses from all Responsible Authorities are detailed in the table below;

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	REPRESENTATION	REPRESENTATION WITHDRAWN	NO REPRESENTATION	NO RESPONSE
Derbyshire Constabulary				X
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue			X	
Planning Department				X
Safeguarding Children				X
Food and Safety Team			X	
Environmental Protection Team			X	
Trading Standards Team			X	
Local Authority			X	
Local Health Board				X
Home Office				X

- 4.4 The variation relates to:

Extension of the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises)

Extension of the opening hours, including an extra 30 minutes on the proposed terminal hour to allow drinking up time.

- 4.5 The current licensable activities are:
- the sale by retail of alcohol


4.6 The **current** days and times of the licensable activities are:

The sale of by retail of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises)

- Monday to Thursday 14:00 to 22:00 hrs
- Friday & Saturday 14:00 to 23:00 hrs
- Sunday 12:00 to 20:00 hrs

4.7 The **current** days and times the premises are open to the public are:

- Monday to Thursday 14:00 to 22:00 hrs
- Friday & Saturday 14:00 to 23:00 hrs
- Sunday 12:00 to 20:00 hrs

4.8 The premises licence holder is 

4.9 Since the Licensing Act 2003 came into force, some activities have become de-regulated under the Live Music Act 2012. As from 6 April 2015, both live music and recorded music are exempt from requiring a licence, if the activity takes place between 08:00 and 23:00 hours, and the audience consists of no more than 500.


4.10 The **proposed** days and times of the licensable activities are:

Retail sale of alcohol (for consumption on and off the Premises)

- Monday to Saturday 12:00 to 24:00 hrs
- Sunday 12:00 to 22:00 hrs

4.11 The **proposed** days and times the premises are open to the public are:

- Monday to Saturday 12:00 to 00:30 hrs
- Sunday 12:00 to 22:30 hrs

4.12 The designated premises supervisor is: 

4.13 A location plan of the premises is attached at **Appendix 3**.

4.14 A copy of the current premises licence and plans are attached at **Appendix 4** and **Appendix 5**.

4.15 The Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- the protection of children from harm.

4.16 In making its decision, the Committee is also obliged to have regard to national Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Licensing Policy.

- 4.17 The Council recognises the importance of securing proper integration with and attaching relevant conditions that reflect local strategies.
- 4.18 The Council has a duty to act in a manner which is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 4.19 A Licence is regarded as property for the purposes of the Human Rights Act 1998. Article 1 of the First Protocol states that:

“Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.”

The preceding provisions shall not, however, in any way impair the right of a State to enforce such laws as it deems necessary to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest or to secure the payment of taxes or other contributions or penalties.”

- 4.20 The Committee must also take into account the effect on local residents. Article 8 states:
- Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.
  - There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.
- 4.21 Three stage test to be applied:
- Is the interference in accordance with the law?
  - Is the interference necessary in a democratic society in pursuit of one of the legitimate aims set out above?

Is the decision proportionate i.e. Striking a fair balance between the demands of the general interests of the community and the requirement to protect the individual's fundamental rights?

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 Not applicable

## Other options

6.1 Not applicable

## Financial and value for money issues

7.1 Not applicable

## Legal implications

8.1 Not applicable

## Other significant implications

9.1 Not applicable

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Not Applicable to Licensing Sub Committees	
Finance	Not Applicable to Licensing Sub Committees	
Service Director(s)	Not Applicable to Licensing Sub Committees	
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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Application Appendix 2 – Relevant Representations and Petition Appendix 3 – Location Plan Appendix 4 – Copy of Current Premises Licence Appendix 5 – Copy of Plans Attached to the Premises Licence

