

Title: **Licensing Act 2003 – An application for a Premises Licence in respect of Barton Acorn Youth, Community and Sports Centre, Lummaton Cross, Barton, Torquay, TQ2 8ET**

Wards Affected: **Barton with Watcombe, Torquay**

To: **Licensing Sub Committee** **17 August 2023**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 To consider and determine an application for a new Premises Licence, in respect of the Premise detailed above.
- 1.2 The application relates to all the Corporate Priorities within the Community Plan.
- 1.3 The matters raised relate to the Licensing Objectives the “Protection of Children from Harm”.
- 1.4 The matter must be considered on its merits, having received details of the issues arising either at a hearing or by written Representation. A decision must be made, having considered the Representations, either:-
 - (a) to grant the licence subject to
 - (i) such conditions as are consistent with the submitted operating Schedule modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - (ii) any condition which must under Section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence;

(Such conditions may differ in respect of different parts of the Premises and/or different activities).
 - (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.

- 1.5 Reasons for the decision must be given for inclusion in the appropriate Notices required to be served on the Applicant, Responsible Authorities and all Interested Parties, following the determination of the matter.

2. Application

- 2.1 An application has been made under Section 17 of the Act for a Premises Licence to permit licensable activities at the Premise detailed above. Details of the relevant pages of the application are shown in Appendix 1.

A brief description of the application, is as follows:-

The provision of Live Music from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs on Mondays to Thursdays, and Sundays, and from 1000 hrs to 2300 hrs on Fridays and Saturdays, indoors and outdoors.

The provision of Recorded Music from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs on Mondays to Thursdays, and Sundays, and from 1000 hrs to 2300 hrs on Fridays and Saturdays, indoors and outdoors.

The supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs on Mondays to Thursdays, and Sundays, and from 1000 hrs to 2230 hrs on Fridays and Saturdays.

The opening hours of the premises between 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs on Mondays to Thursdays, and Sundays, and from 0900 hrs to 2300 hrs on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Applicant has given the following description of the premises: -

“The Barton Acorn Youth, Community and Sports Centre currently has an under-utilised café/hospitality area with adjoining function spaces, and further access to an enclosed community garden. The Centre is undergoing refurbishment and would like to make full use of this space and what it is able to offer to hirers and community events. We would like to be able to offer alcoholic beverages and feel this could help the Centre in terms of fundraising and boosting income. Ideally we would like to licence the whole premises including the garden”

The plan accompanying the application is shown in Appendix 2.

- 2.2 The Council as the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the administrative requirements of Section 17(5) but is unable to issue the Licence, as relevant Representations have been received. The Licensing Authority is also satisfied that the Representations have been received within the appropriate time scale and have not been subsequently withdrawn.

We have received 1 Representation from one Responsible Authority, Childrens Services, in relation to the Protection of Children from Harm. This is shown at Appendix 3.

No Representations have been received from any other Responsible Authority or any Interested Party.

- 2.3 The Authority is required to conduct a hearing under the provisions of Section 18(3) unless all parties agree that this is not necessary.
- 2.4 Appropriate Notices have been issued to all parties, as required by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations) 2005, including, where appropriate, details of the Representation and the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 2.5 If the application is refused, in whole or in part, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 1 of Schedule 5, to the Applicant.
- 2.6 If the application is granted, a Right of Appeal to the Magistrates' Court is granted by Section 181 of the Act and, by Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5 to :-
- (a) The holder of the licence against any decision
 - (i) to impose conditions on the licence, or
 - (ii) to take any step to exclude a licensable activity or refuse to specify a person as Premises Supervisor.
 - (b) Any person who made a relevant Representation who desires to contend
 - (i) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
 - (ii) that, on granting the licence, the Licensing Authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions or taken any step to exclude a licensable activity or refuse to specify person as Premises Supervisor.
- 2.7 Following such Appeal, the Magistrates' Court may:-
- (a) dismiss the appeal,
 - (b) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority, or
 - (c) remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of it in accordance with the direction of the Court,
- and may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Relevant sections of the application form

Appendix 2 Plan of the Premises

Appendix 3 Representation from Childrens Services

Documents available in Members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

Torbay Council Licensing Policy 2021-26