

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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REG BAILEY BUILDING, KINGSTON UNIVERSITY, PENRHYN ROAD, KT1 2EF

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER LICENSING ACT 2003

REPORT BY PRINCIPAL LICENSING OFFICER

PURPOSE

The Licensing Authority has received a number of representations to this application. This sub-committee hearing is to consider the outstanding representations, with the following options being available:

DECISION TO BE MADE:

- 1) Grant the application as it currently stands;
- 2) grant the application subject to such conditions as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- 3) exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates; or
- 4) reject the application.

INTRODUCTION

1. This application seeks to permit regulated entertainment consisting of plays, films, live, recorded and the making of music, dance and the facilities for dance, along with entertainment of a similar description. All activities are to be held inside between the hours of 09:00-23:00 any day of the week, with the premise closing thirty minutes thereafter.
2. The representations from residents (attached as Annex 1) specific to the licensing objectives can be summarised as follows:

Noise nuisance that residents already suffer as well as the potential for further nuisance, as well as crime & disorder.
3. It is important to note, as this is an educational establishment the premise can permit all of these activities without the need to be licensed providing the audience is made up of fellow students and family members. The University wishes to capture a wider audience and to be permitted to sell tickets to members of the public, it is because of this that they are seeking to be licensed. The capacity of the auditorium is less than 100.

LOCATION

4. A map showing the immediate location of the premises is attached as Annex 2.
5. The premise is a three storey high converted church. It is situated between Surrey County Council and the Christian Science Church. The premise backs onto residential properties.

LICENSING OBJECTIVES

6. In considering this report the Sub-Committee is required to take into account the National Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, our Licensing Policy (relevant paragraphs are produced at annex 5) and the licensing objectives of:
 - a) The prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) Public safety
 - c) The prevention of public nuisance
 - d) The protection of children from harm

CONTENT OF ANNEXES TO THIS REPORT

Annex 1: Letter(s) of representation from resident(s) in the vicinity

Annex 2: Location Plan

Annex 3: Section 182 Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy

BACKGROUND papers are held by Mr. P. Groves (Principal Licensing Officer)
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