



LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for the Review of a Premises Licence

Decision Record

APPLICANT:	Rushmoor Borough Council
PREMISES:	De Lounge, Townstead House, Nos. 111-113 Victoria Road, Aldershot
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, 14 October 2026
MEMBERS SITTING:	Cllrs Dave Bell, P.J. Cullum & Steve Masterson (Chair)

DECISION

By unanimous agreement, to amend the conditions of the licence:

NEW CONDITIONS:

- The Premises to which this licence relates to operate only as a restaurant.
- Alcohol may be supplied on the premises only to persons who are taking a table meal there, or who have a booking and are waiting to do so.

AMENDED CONDITIONS:

- To amend the hours for the provision of late-night refreshment on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a bank holiday to 23:00 to 00:00.
- To amend the hours for the retail sale of alcohol on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a bank holiday to 12:00 noon to 23:30.
- To amend the hours for all currently permitted regulated entertainment on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a bank holiday to 12:00 noon to 00:00.
- Amendment of Condition 24 of Annex 2 to read "Children may be permitted into the premises attending for a table meal until 21:30pm on any day and must be accompanied by an adult.
- Amendment of Condition 12 of Annex 2 to remove the reference to the security team.
- To amend the opening hours of the premises on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a bank holiday to 12:00 noon to 00:00.

REMOVED CONDITIONS:

- Removal of the Annex 2 Conditions:
 - Condition 2 – refusal of entry policy and log
 - Condition 5 – Use of body worn video
 - Condition 9 – ID Scanner
 - Condition 10 – Door Supervisors
 - Condition 13 – Polycarbonate drinking vessels
 - Condition 21 – Dispersal Policy
 - Condition 22 – Ejections Policy
 - Condition 26 – Last Entry Time
- Removal of the Annex 3 Condition:
 - Condition 1 – Re-entry Time

REASONS

1. In coming to its decision, the Sub-Committee has taken into account:

- The Licensing Objectives

- The Licensing Act Section 18, which states that, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, the Sub-Committee must take such of the steps available to it as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
 - The Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, particularly paragraphs 9.3 to 9.9 when the Sub-Committee considered the relevance of representations.
 - The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and;
 - Written and oral evidence presented at the hearing.
2. Relevant representations had been made by Rushmoor Borough Council as the applicant and Hampshire & Isle of White Constabulary as responsible authority.
 3. The sub-committee shared the concerns raised by the Applicant for the review regarding the management of the premises. The premises has a history of non-compliance and was previously the subject of a licence review in February 2024 where the licence holder was given a warning.
 4. The issues which led to the review being brought in 2024 had been repeated. It was noted that there were a significant number of failures to comply with the licence conditions. It appeared to the sub-committee that basic compliance with the terms of the licence had fallen aside, it did not have confidence that management of the premises was being taken as a serious issue.
 5. The sub-committee had particular regard to the representations by both the Police Licensing representative and the applicant of Rushmoor Borough Council.
 6. The sub-committee heard that the premises would be assisted to comply with the terms of the licence and the promotion of the licensing objectives by a reduction in the licensable hours, amendment to the conditions and imposition of new conditions including a requirement to operate as a restaurant.
 7. The sub-committee agreed with the representation made by the Police representative that they did not have confidence that there was an issue to arise at the premises that it would be properly recorded and reported. Good practice was not being followed, and lessons had not been learned following the previous licence review. The lack of confidence in the management of the premises indicated to the sub-committee that changes to the conditions of the licence should be considered.
 8. The sub-committee noted the representation of the Licence holder

that changes had been made to resolve some of the issues reported and that an application had already been made to change the Designated Premises Supervisor.

9. Considering the evidence before it the sub-committee did not have confidence that without an intervention that breaches of the conditions would not continue. Changing the conditions of the licence would assist with the promotion of the licensing objectives. A revocation of the licence would not be a proportionate action to take. Operation of the premises as a restaurant would limit the risks of further breaches of the licence conditions.
10. The sub-committee was of the view that these changes were, on the balance of probabilities, necessary and proportionate for the promotion of all the licensing objectives.
11. By introducing the condition for the premises to operate as a restaurant the sub-committee recognised that a number of conditions in annex 2 of the licence would no longer be applicable and would need to be removed or amended.

Right of Appeal

12. This decision can be appealed by application to the Magistrates Court within the period of 21 days beginning on the day upon which the appellant is notified of the decision. This decision does not take effect until the end of the appeal period or, in the event that an appeal has been lodged, until the appeal is dispensed with.