

**DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE  
EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE  
GU11 1DJ**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This report concerns an application to vary a premises licence made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act'). Representations have been received in respect of the application and invoke a statutory requirement to hold a hearing with members.
- 1.2. The report provides details of, and background to the application, and should be read in conjunction with the Council's licensing policy and Secretary of State's guidance. This, together with information obtained at the hearing should be used to determine the application.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. An application for variation of an existing premises licence was submitted on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 by PRB Hampshire Ltd, in respect of the premises.
- 2.2. A map of the area showing the general location of the premises is given at **appendix A**.

**2.3. Existing premises licence**

- 2.4. The application requests the variation of the existing premises licence 20/00325/LAPREM, granted on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The original premises licence was granted on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 2.5. A copy of the premises licence is given as **appendix B**.

**2.6. Nature of the application**

- 2.7. The application seeks to remove conditions relating to capacity, alcohol times, entertainment times and the requirement for ticketed entry for specific events. The applicant has made the application to remove the following conditions from Annex 2 of the premises licence; conditions (23), (24), (25) and (26).
- 2.8. A copy of the application form is given at **appendix C**.

## **2.9. Advertising of the application**

2.10. I can confirm that each responsible authority (as specified in the Act) has received a copy of the application. I can also confirm that the application was advertised by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of the legislation both at the premises and in a suitable newspaper. The last date for representations was given as the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## **3.0 REPRESENTATIONS**

3.1. Four representations by way of an objection were received in respect of this variation application. Two of which were made by responsible authorities, namely, Hampshire Constabulary and The Licensing Authority. The remaining two representations were received from members of the public. A copy of each representation is given at **appendix D - G** respectively.

### **3.2. Relevance of Representation(s)**

3.3. To be eligible to be considered, the Act requires a(ny) representation(s) to be '*relevant*'. A '*relevant representation*' is one that has been made by a responsible authority or any other person within the prescribed period permitted. Similarly, representations must not be frivolous or vexatious and must be about the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3.4. The licensing objectives are defined in the Act and include -

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) ensuring public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

### **3.5. Relevance of representations**

3.6. Against the above criteria the representations are considered to be relevant as they were submitted by responsible authorities, within the prescribed period and concern all of the licensing objectives.

## **4.0 DATA PROTECTION ISSUES**

4.1. As a public document, any personal details, including addresses, contact details and/or signatures submitted on any application, representation or other document contained in this report have been redacted in accordance with data protection requirements.

## **5.0 DETERMINATION**

- 5.1. Further to the receipt of relevant representations and, in accordance with the Act and the Council's scheme of delegation, the Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application.

## **6.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

### **6.1. Licensing Objectives**

- 6.2. In determination of the application, the licensing authority must have regard to the promotion of the licensing objectives. These are set out at paragraph 3.4 above.

### **6.3. Licensing policy & S182 Guidance**

- 6.4. The licensing authority must also have regard to its statement of licensing policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Act. Details of the parts of the policy and guidance that may be relevant to this application are given in **appendix H** to this report.

## **7.0 OPTIONS**

- 7.1. In determining this application, the Sub-Committee may take any of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives; namely -

- (a) to vary the licence as applied for\*; or
- (b) to modify the conditions of the licence, or
- (c) to reject the whole or part of the application.

*\* Subject to any relevant mandatory conditions (as shown on Annex 1 of the premises licence), amendments agreed by the applicant and/or such other conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule which, with the exception of mandatory conditions, may be modified<sup>†</sup> to such extent as may be appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.*

*<sup>†</sup> Modifications may include the alteration or omission of a condition or the addition of any new condition(s).*

## **8.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 8.1. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to -
- (a) the contents of this report;
  - (b) any additional information obtained from the hearing;

- (c) the Council's licensing policy;
- (d) guidance issued by the Secretary of State; and
- (e) the promotion of the licensing objectives.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Variation application 21/00563/LAPRE

**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS:**

- 1) HMSO (2003), The Licensing Act 2003
- 2) Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018)

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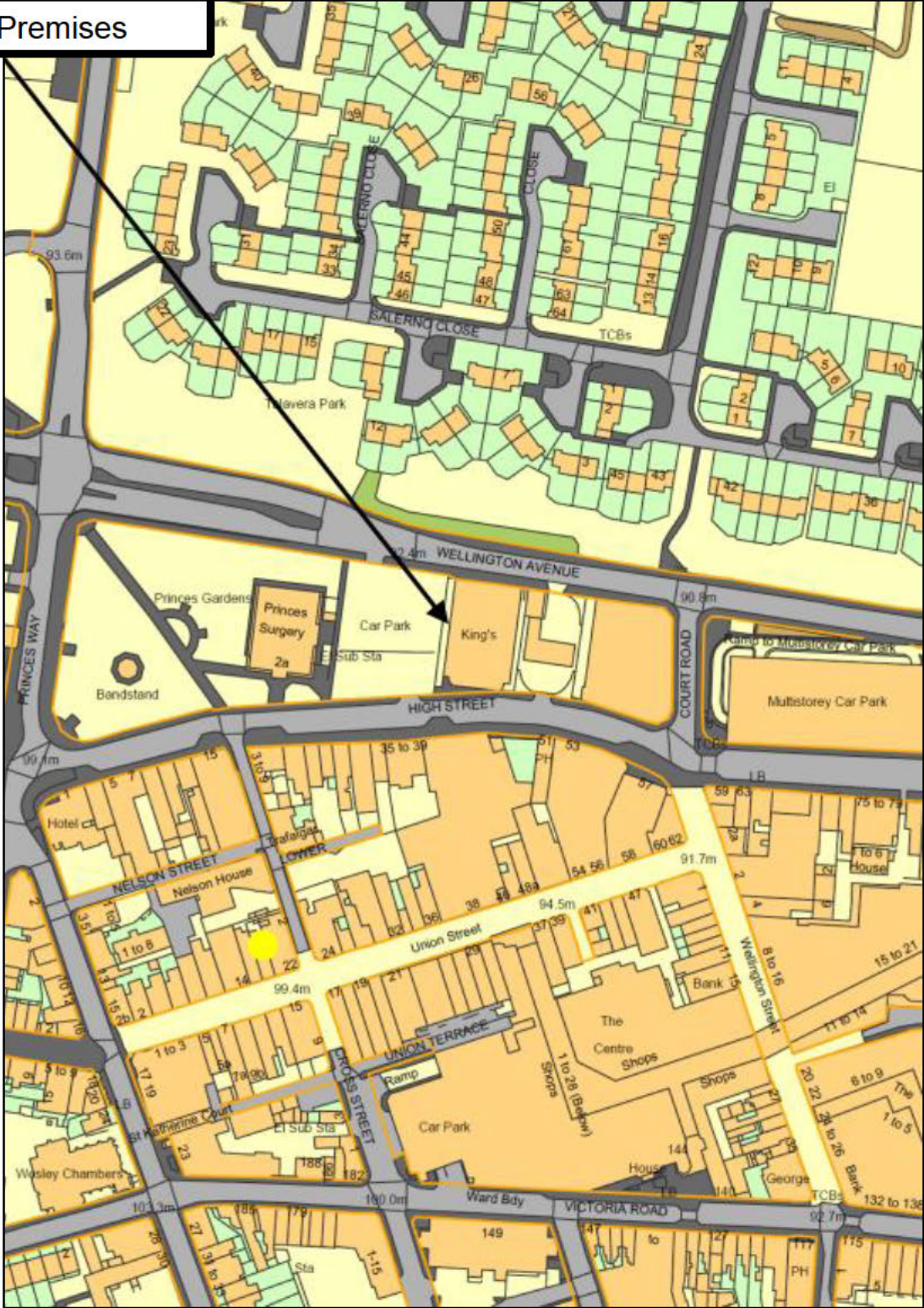
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MAP OF THE AREA

EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT,  
HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ

The Premises





PREMISES LICENCE

EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT,  
HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ

Premises Licence Number  
20/00325/LAPREM- 1/16



**RUSHMOOR**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**PREMISES LICENCE**  
Licensing Act 2003

**Part 1 – Premises Details**

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
<b>Address:</b>	Empire High Street Aldershot Hampshire GU11 1DJ
	<b>Map Ref (E):</b> 486261 <b>Map Ref (N):</b> 150861 <b>UPRN:</b> 100062322596
<b>Telephone</b>	Not Known

Where the licence is time limited the dates
➤ This licence is <b>NOT</b> time limited

Licensable activities authorised by the licence	
(1)	The retail sale / supply of alcohol (indoors only);
(2)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of indoor sporting events (indoors only);
(3)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of performance of plays (indoors only);
(4)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of exhibition of films (indoors only);
(5)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of boxing or wrestling (indoors only);
(6)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of live music (indoors only);
(7)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of recorded music (indoors only);
(8)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of performance of dance (indoors only);
(9)	The provision of regulated entertainment by way of anything similar to live music, recorded music or performance of dance (indoors only); and
(10)	The provision of late night refreshment (indoors only).

**Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**

- (1) The retail sale / supply of alcohol:-
  - Monday's – Wednesday's – 09:00am to 00:00midnight;
  - Thursday's – Saturday's – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day;
  - Sunday's – 09:00am to 02:00am the following day;
  - On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day; and
  - An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.
- (2) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of indoor sporting events:-
  - Monday's – Saturday's – 09:00am to 23:00pm;
  - Sunday's – 09:00am to 22:00pm; and
  - On any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day.
- (3) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of exhibition of films:-
  - Monday's – Saturday's – 10:00am to 23:00pm;
  - Sunday's – 10:00am to 22:00pm; and
  - On any Bank or Public Holiday – 10:00am to 03:00am the following day.
- (4) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of Boxing or Wrestling:-
  - Saturday's – 10:00am to 23:00pm;
  - Sunday's – 10:00am – 22:00pm; and
  - On any Bank or Public Holiday – 10:00am to 03:00am the following day.
- (5) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of Live Music:-
  - Monday's – Wednesday's – 12:00noon to 23:00pm;
  - Thursday's – 12:00noon to 00:00midnight;
  - Friday's - Sunday's – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day;
  - On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day; and
  - An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.
- (6) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of Recorded Music:-
  - Monday's – Wednesday's – 09:00am to 00:00midnight;
  - Thursday's – Sunday's – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day;
  - On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day; and
  - An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.
- (7) The provision of regulated entertainment by way of Performance of Dance:-
  - Monday's – Wednesday's – 09:00am to 22:00pm;
  - Thursday's – 09:00am to 00:00midnight;
  - Friday's – 09:00am to 02:00am the following day;
  - Saturday's – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day;
  - Sunday's – 09:00am to 23:00pm;
  - On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day; and
  - An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.



- (8) The provision of Late Night Refreshment:-
- > Monday's – Wednesday's – 23:00pm to 00:00midnight;
  - > Thursday's - Sunday's – 23:00pm – 03:00am the following day;
  - > On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 23:00pm to 03:00am the following day; and
  - > An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.

**The opening hours of the premises**

- (1) Monday's – Wednesday's - 09:00am to 02:00am the following day;
- (2) Thursday's – Sunday's – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day;
- (3) On New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any Bank or Public Holiday – 09:00am to 03:00am the following day; and
- (4) An additional hour on the day when British Summer Time commences.

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

- > Alcohol may be sold / supplied for consumption **ON** the premises **ONLY**.

**Part 2****Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

**Name:** PRB Hampshire Ltd.  
**Address:** High Street  
Aldershot  
Hampshire  
GU11 1DJ  
**Telephone:** 07799 844109  
**Email:** empirealdershot@gmail.com

**Registered number of holder, e.g. company number, charity number (where applicable)**

- > 09644459 (Company number)

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol**

**Name:** Mr Puran Giri  
**Address:**   
**Telephone:** Not Known  
**Email:** Not Known

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol**

**Personal licence number:** 16/00667/LAPER  
**Issuing authority:** Rushmoor Borough Council

Granted by Rushmoor Borough Council, as licensing authority pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made thereunder

Date Licence Granted: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Date Licence Effective: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Date Last Modified: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
(Minor Variation)

**SIGNED** on behalf of the  
Head of Operational Services  
(Authorised Officer)

**Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions**

- (1) No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:-
- (i) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - (ii) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his/her personal licence is suspended.
- (2) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—

- (i) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
  - (a) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
  - (b) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- (ii) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (iii) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (iv) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
- (v) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

- (4) The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- (5)
  - (i) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
  - (ii) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
  - (iii) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—
    - (a) a holographic mark, or
    - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
- (6) The responsible person must ensure that—
  - (i) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
    - (a) beer or cider: ½ pint;
    - (b) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
    - (c) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
  - (ii) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
  - (iii) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."
- (7) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price. For the purposes of this condition –
  - (i) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

(ii) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula –

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

Where –

- (a) P is the permitted price
  - (b) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
  - (c) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (iii) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence –
- (a) The holder of the premises licence
  - (b) The designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (c) The personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (iv) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (v) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (vi) Where the permitted price given by paragraph (ii) would (apart from the paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (vii) Paragraph (ii)(b) applies where the permitted price given by paragraph (ii) on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (viii) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

- (8) Where, at any specified time(s), one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity (within the meaning of the Private Security Industry Act 2001), each individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).
- (9)
  - (i) In respect of the exhibition of films, the admission of children (ie: anyone aged under 18) must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation(s) made by the film classification body specified (as designated by S4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 - the British Board of Film Classification).
  - (ii) Where a film classification body is not specified, the admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation(s) made by the licensing authority.

**Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

- (1) (i) A suitable and sufficient digital CCTV camera system linked to a suitable recording facility, which captures images of evidential quality, shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be operational at the premises. Cameras covering internal areas shall be operational during any period in which licensable activities are taking place. Cameras covering external areas shall be operational during any period that the premises is open to members of the public.
- (ii) The CCTV system shall incorporate cameras covering both the internal areas of the premises and the external area immediately outside the front of the premises, the ground floor lobby area, to capture image of persons entering the venue and a camera covering the area immediately outside the front of the premises.
- (iii) So far as is reasonably practicable, the CCTV system must be maintained to a standard acceptable to the relevant Police Licensing Department, in good working order at all times and shall be serviced at least every 12 months.
- (iv) CCTV recordings and footage must be retained for a minimum period of 28 (twenty-eight) days and be made available for review by the Police upon request (subject to the requirements of the Data Protection legislation in force at the time).
- (v) The CCTV system shall be stored and operated in a secure environment with limited access, to avoid damage, theft, unauthorised viewing and maintain the integrity of the system.
- (vi) All CCTV recorded images / footage and copies thereof shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, display the correct time and date of each recording. The system clock shall be checked regularly for accuracy taking account of GMT and BST.
- (vii) Suitable and sufficient warning signs shall be displayed in the public areas of the premises advising that CCTV is in operation at the premises.
- (viii) A competent person conversant with the operation and retrieval of information contained in the CCTV system / footage shall be available to provide immediate copies of footage to the police on request. Any images recovered must be in a viewable format on either disc or VHS. Footage supplied in a digital format on CD or DVD will also have a copy of the CCTV system software enabled on the disc to allow playback.

- (ix) All operators shall receive training on how to operate the CCTV system from the installer, at the time of installation. This training shall be cascaded down to all new members of staff expected to operate the system. A simple operators manual shall be available at the premises to assist in replaying and exporting data from the CCTV system.
- (x) A written record shall be kept of any access made to the CCTV system, and shall be made available to the responsible authorities on request.
- (2) A suitable written policy on the ejection and refusal of entry of patrons shall be developed for the premises, and be agreed with Hampshire Constabulary (Licensing team). This policy shall be actively implemented and enforced at the premises and shall be reviewed, revised and updated as often as may be necessary.
- (3) A suitable written policy on how the venue will deal with drugs, and drug prevention shall be developed for the premises, and be agreed with Hampshire Constabulary (Licensing team). This policy shall be actively implemented and enforced at the premises and shall be reviewed, revised and updated as often as may be necessary.
- (4) (i) A written incident log shall be kept and maintained at the premises, and shall contain the following details of any incident of a violent, criminal or anti-social nature, namely the –
  - (a) Time and date
  - (b) Nature of the incident
  - (c) People involved
  - (d) Action(s) taken; and
  - (e) Details of the person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident.
- (ii) The incident log shall be trained for a minimum period of 12 months, and be made available to the responsible authorities on request.
- (5) Except for in an emergency, all patrons shall exit the premises via the front doors onto High Street only.
- (6) (i) Anyone authorised to sell or supply alcohol at the premises shall request and ensure sight of suitable photographic identification, for proof of age, of any person appearing to them to be under the age of 25 (twenty-five) and who is attempting to purchase alcohol.
- (ii) Further to the above, anyone authorised to sell or supply alcohol at the premises shall be instructed that no sale of alcohol shall be made unless suitable identification, for proof of age, can be provided.

- (iii) Suitable and sufficient warning signs shall be displayed in the premises providing information in respect of the above challenge 25 policy and the request for suitable identification in connection thereof.
- (7) (i) Anyone authorised to sell alcohol at the premises shall (before being permitted to make sales of alcohol) be suitably trained in respect of the following matters to a level commensurate with their duties and responsibilities:-
- (a) the refusal of the sale of alcohol to those who appear intoxicated and how to recognise them; and
  - (b) the appropriate precautions to prevent the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18, including the above Challenge 25 policy.
- (ii) suitable and sufficient refresher training shall be provided at least every 6 months.
- (iii) Written records of such training shall be produced, and be signed and dated by the member of staff receiving the training. They shall be kept on the premises to which they relate for a minimum of 2 years and be made available to the responsible authorities immediately on request.
- (8) (i) A written log shall be kept of all refusals, including refusals to serve alcohol. The holder of the premises licence shall ensure that the refusals log is properly maintained and this shall involve, but is not limited to, nominating in writing a responsible person to check and sign it on a weekly basis.
- (ii) Written records of any refusals shall be maintained at the premises for 12 (twelve) months and be made available to the responsible authorities immediately on request.
- (9) If more than one floor of the premises is being utilised at any one time, for different events;
- (i) The two functions shall be kept separate and no patrons shall be permitted to move between events. Suitable and sufficient staff shall be positioned to enforce this.
  - (ii) The terminal hour for each event shall be a minimum of 1 (one) hour apart to avoid dispersal at the same time.



- (10) The sale of alcohol shall cease a minimum of 30 (thirty) minutes prior to the end of any event.
- (11) The area in the immediate vicinity of the premises shall be cleared of litter (including waste arising from smoking activities) on a regular basis and always at the close of business each day.
- (12) All lighting (including external lighting) shall be correctly adjusted so that it only illuminates the surface(s) intended and does not throw light onto or into neighbouring property.
- (13) No flashing or flood lighting shall be fitted to the exterior of the premises.
- (14) All external doors shall be fitted with a suitable self-closing device, which must be adequately maintained in good working order at all times.
- (15)
  - (i) Except for access and egress, all external doors and windows of the licensed premises shall be closed and kept closed on any floor where regulated entertainment is taking place.
  - (ii) Except for access and egress, the door between the lobby and the main hall on the ground floor, shall be closed and kept closed at any time where regulated entertainment is taking place in the main hall.
- (16)
  - (i) A suitable noise complaints procedure must be established and be in operation at the premises (e.g. all staff must be familiar with the complaints procedure and any complaint(s) made in respect of the premises, its customers, staff and/or the activities carried on there must be investigated and remedied as soon as, and, so far as is reasonably practicable to prevent public nuisance).
  - (ii) Suitable written records (e.g. the nature of any complaint(s), action(s) taken in response, the date(s) and time(s) when any complaint was made, together with the name of the person(s) who handled the complaint) must be kept and made available to officers of Rushmoor Borough Council on request.
- (17) Disposal of refuse such as waste bottles into external receptacles, where the noise will be audible to neighbouring properties, must not occur between 2300 and 0800 hrs.
- (18) Prominent, clear and legible notices in the predominant language of the patrons at the event, shall be displayed at all exits and bars of the

premises requesting patrons and staff to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly.

- (19) All kitchen extraction systems at the premises, shall be fitted with odour neutralisers, carbon filters and silencers, and shall be maintained in good working order at all times.
- (20) For any event involving Boxing, Wrestling or any other similar sporting activating, a medical practitioner shall be present for the duration of the event.
- (21) All employees shall be made aware of the conditions attached to this licence by a mechanism in writing
- (22) For the Gurkha Cup event on the Sunday of Bank Holiday weekend, at the end of May each year, an Event Management Plan will be submitted to Hampshire Constabulary Licensing Department, at least 30 days before the event. The Event Management Plan must be to the satisfaction of Hampshire Constabulary Licensing team and implemented at the event.

**The following conditions shall apply for any event involving live and/or recorded music, which is not a wedding christening (or similar event in any religion), birthday celebration for someone under the age of 16 years, seated concert or function including a sit-down table meal, with the exception of any event on 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, or the Sunday of the end of May Bank Holiday weekend.**

- (23) The maximum number of patrons permitted into the event shall be 300.
- (24) The sale of alcohol shall cease no later than 23:30pm
- (25) Regulated entertainment shall cease no later than midnight.

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- (26) Entry to the venue shall only be permitted by those named on a guest list or ticket purchased in advance of the event, with the numbers provided to the venue in advance of the event.
- (27) The Premises Licence Holder will operate and maintain in good working order, an electronic scanning system, such as Scannet or equivalent. All customers entering the premises shall be asked to provide suitable photo ID and agree to it being scanned. Customers who do not agree will be refused entry. Police licensing will be notified as soon as possible of any issue with the system or internet service. Details of

- persons banned at venue entered onto the device and shared with other venues on same scanning system.
- (28) (i) A minimum ratio of (two) SIA licensed door supervisors per 100 (one hundred) persons, shall be employed and in attendance (i.e. on duty) at the premises solely to carry out door supervisor / security duties for the duration of the event, until such time as all patrons are dispersed from the vicinity of the premises.
- (ii) Any SIA licensed door supervisors on duty for dispersal at the end of the event shall, wear a high visibility tabard.
- (29) (i) A logbook shall be maintained at the premises that details every person employed there in the role of security / door supervisor, each time they are on duty. In particular, the log shall include the following details' namely –
- (a) The SIA licence number and name of the individual;
- (b) The time at which they commenced and finished that period of duty, including a signed acknowledgement by that person;
- (c) The name of the company who their services were engaged through
- (ii) The log must be kept on the premises to which it relates and shall be made immediately available to officers of the responsible authorities on request.
- (30) (i) Only drinking vessels made from polycarbonate or plastic, may be used to serve drinks, at any time.
- (ii) No drinks are to be served to customers in glass bottles. In every case they will be poured into appropriate vessels by the bar staff.
- (31) A suitable system shall be in place for accurately counting the number of people (including staff and entertainers) in each area of the premises and, to ensure that capacity levels are maintained in accordance with condition (23) above, and the Fire Risk Assessment.
- (32) (i) A designated and delineated smoking area shall be established at the front of the premises.
- (ii) Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed in the predominant language of patrons at the event requesting patrons to utilise the area for smoking.

- (iii) The need to use this area shall, so far as is reasonable practicable, be verbally re-iterated by staff as customers leave the premises.
- (iv) No furniture shall be placed in the smoking area, with the exception of removable barriers for demarking the area, and wall mounted receptacles for associated waste materials, which must be provided.
- (v) A licensed SIA door supervisor shall be positioned at the smoking area, to ensure that anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance do not take place, and to remove the barriers in the event of an emergency evacuation.

**Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

None

**Annex 4 – Plans**

This licence permits the licensable activities stated at the premises addressed above and outlined below in accordance with the plan(s) attached and marked **20/00325/LAPREM –17.**



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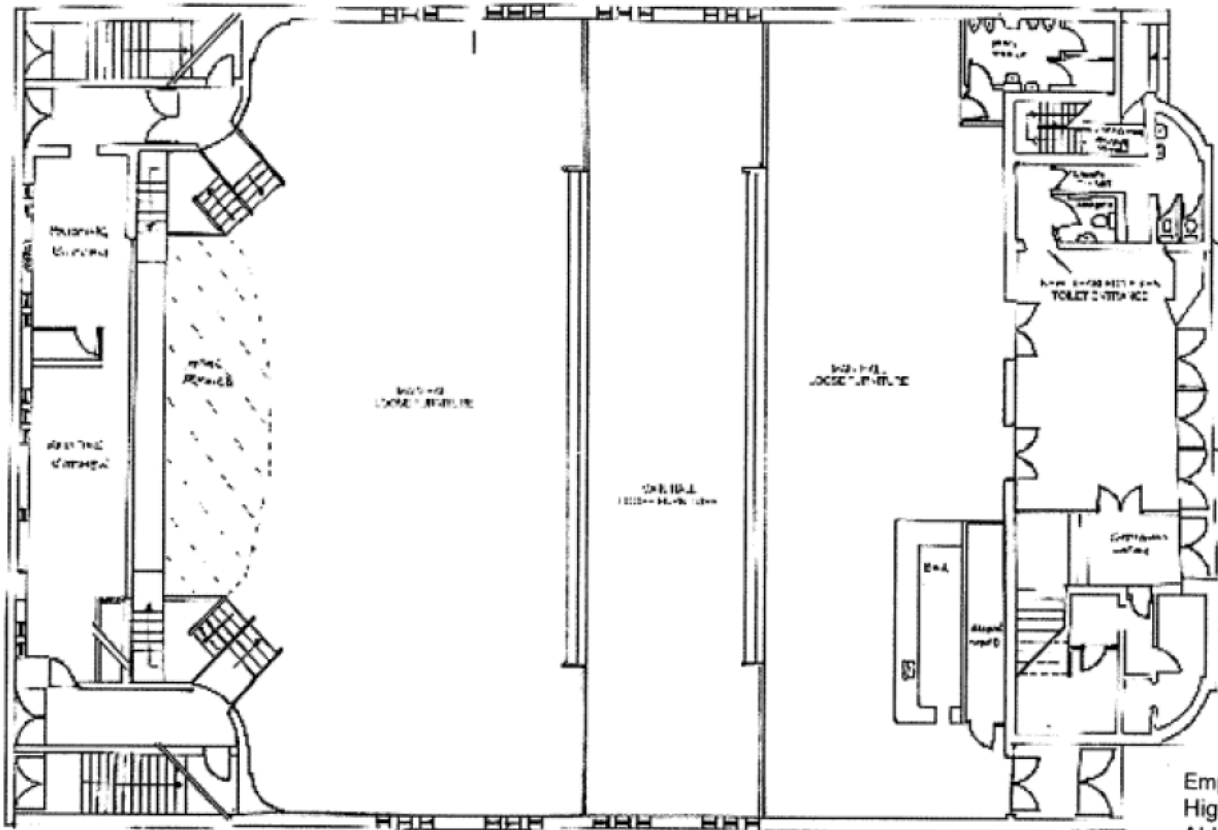
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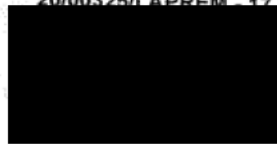
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Empire Banqueting Hall  
 High Street  
 Aldershot  
 Hampshire  
 GU14 6EN

**Premises Licence**

Reference Number:  
 20/00325/LAPREM 17



Licensing Act 2003





APPLICATION FOR VARIATION

EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT,  
HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ

Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough,  
Hampshire, GU14 7JU

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We PURAN GIRE of PRB Hampshire Ltd.  
*(Insert name(s) of applicant)*

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number ~~17/00980/LAPRE~~ 20/00325/LAPREM

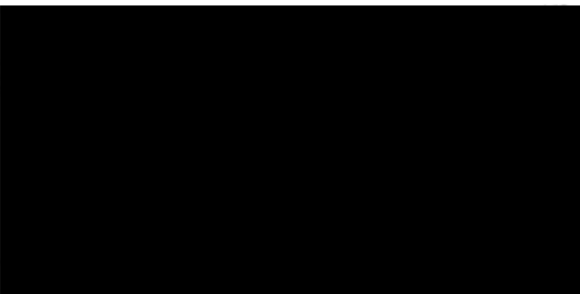
Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description  
EMPIRE BANQUETING AND HALL,  
HIGH STREET,  
ALDERSHOT

Post town	ALDERSHOT	Postcode	GU11 1DJ
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Telephone number at premises (if any)	01252 318160
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 57,000

Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number	
E-mail address (optional)	
Current postal address if different from premises address	
Post town	

Part 3 - Variation

Please tick as appropriate

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

Yes

No

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DD MM YYYY  
[ ][ ] [ ][ ] [ ][ ][ ][ ]

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)

~~I WOULD LIKE~~  
I'M APPLYING FOR THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON  
MY LICENSE TO BE REMOVED AS FOLLOWS:  
~~FOR EXAMPLE:~~

~~THE RESTRICTION OF ONLY BEING ABLE TO HOST  
LIVE AND RECORDED MUSIC EVENT FROM 11:00 AM TO  
23:00 PM ON ANY DAY TO 10:30 AM TO 22:30 PM  
ON ANY DAY~~

ANNEX 2 CONDITIONS (23) (24) (25) & (26)  
RESTRICTIONS ON CAPACITY, ALCOHOL TIMES, ENTERTAINMENT  
TIMES + TICKETED ENTRY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS  
~~TO CHANGE PARAGRAPH APPLYING~~

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are  
expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number  
expected to attend:

[ ]

**Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

**Please tick all that apply**

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

**Sale by retail of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

**In all cases complete boxes K, L and M**

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

**B**

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
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C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur			
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D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
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E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)					
Mon								
Tue								
Wed						State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur								
Fri								
Sat						Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun								



F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

G

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

J

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mon			<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
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K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

L

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)
Tue			
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Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

Please tick as appropriate

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

PREMISES LICENCE ~~ENCL~~ PROVIDED BUT WAS AN OLD VERSION

**M**

Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)**

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

**c) Public safety**

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

**e) The protection of children from harm**



Checklist:

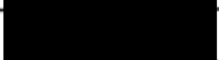
Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**Part 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	30-09-201
Capacity	M.P.

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

Post town		Post code	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			

#### Notes for Guidance

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
3. For example state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

**REPRESENTATION  
HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

**EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT,  
HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ**



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**Form for representations/objections  
from Hampshire Constabulary**

Before completing this form, please refer to FPP 07001 (Licensing (Licensing Act 2003))

**Hampshire Constabulary is a responsible authority and wish to make a -representation- under the Licensing Act 2003, regarding the:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	.1: New Premises licence/club prem certificate	Representation within 28 days
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.2: Variation of premises licence/club prem certificate	Representation within 28 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	3: Minor variation of premises licence/club prem certificate	Representation within 10 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	4: Variation of DPS	Object within 14 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	5: Transfer of premises licence	Object within 14 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	6: Standard temporary event notice	Object within 3 working days
<input type="checkbox"/>	7: Late temporary event notice	Object with 3 working days
<input type="checkbox"/>	8: Application for a personal licence	Object within 14 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	9: Provisional statement	Representation within 28 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	10: Ancillary sales notice	Object within 3 working days
<input type="checkbox"/>	11: Interim authority notice	Object within 2 working days

Name of Applicant:	Puran GIRI
Name of Proposed DPS:	

Details of relevant conviction ( Personal Licence Applications ONLY)

Postal address of premises:	EMPIRE BANQUETTING HALL HIGH STREET ALDERSHOT
Postcode:	GU11 1DJ

**Details of responsible authority applicant**

Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other title / Rank:	PC
Surname: DENNETT	First Names: PHIL
Current postal address :	PARKLANDS BUILDING LONDON ROAD BASINGSTOKE
Postcode:	RG214AH
Daytime telephone number:	101
E-mail address: (optional)	philip.dennett@hampshire.police.uk

Hampshire Constabulary is a responsible authority and the applicant has the delegated authority of the Chief Officer of Police in respect of his responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003

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### Form for representations/objections from Hampshire Constabulary

This application to object relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- |   |                                     |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1) The prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Please select<br/>one or more<br/>boxes</i> |
| 2) Public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 3) The prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 4) The protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |

Please state the ground(s) for -representation-:

Ma'am / Sir

The below representation from Hampshire Police is respectfully submitted for your consideration. The representation is in regards to EMPIRE BANQUETTING HALL, Aldershot (20/00325/LAPREM). An application was received on the 30/09/2021. The application concerns the removal of

ANNEX 2 CONDITIONS 23/24/25 and 26. Restrictions on capacity, alcohol times, entertainment times and ticketed entry for specific events.

The premises is a large function room in the centre of Aldershot NTE. It entertains a variety of events. Historically there have been issues with dispersing patrons from events and such the above conditions are integral to the prevention of crime and disorder and the maintenance of public safety. As a responsible authority, Hampshire Police were made aware of the possibility of a variation application in regards to this premise over a month ago. Pc Dennett made the decision to monitor 2 temporary events in order to gain a balanced view. Whilst one event was small and went ahead without any incident a second event on the 18/09/21 passed with a completely different outcome which highlighted the poor procedures and leadership in place at the venue. Hampshire police will refer to the following incidents

- Very drunk female escorted from the venue. Couldn't stand up and was assisted by a friend and security and taken to friend's car.
- Male exits the premises and collapses. It transpires he has a heart condition and had been drinking heavily. Ambulance called and a defibrillator requested. Ambulance attend and remove male to hospital with assistance from police and security.
- Numerous ejections and those who were ejected were very much in drink and struggling to walk.
- One of the ejections had removed his top and was wanting to fight others.
- Another one of the ejections was very drunk and kept on climbing over to the fence to re enter and he had to be re ejected at least twice.
- DPS was located and advised of the situation and he decided to close the bar at 01:15hrs.
- Police entered the premises and observed.
- Numerous persons on the dance floor.
- Numerous over intoxicated persons
- Tables with cases of beer. Therefore even though the bar had ceased there was still an awful lot of alcohol to drink.
- Possible domestic issue within the premises between male and female whereby security had to become involved.
- DPS had to get onto the stage and tell the DJ to stop playing music.
- A no re-entry policy was put in place at around 02:00hrs.

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from Hampshire Constabulary**

- The dispersal was poor. The road was blocked by patrons and police had to use physical pressure to move people to the side.
- Food was being supplied from the rear of a vehicle in the adjoining car park for customers of the Fijian Night.
- Later on police licensing located a vehicle being driven by one of the customers who had been previously ejected. This resulted in numerous police units trying to stop the vehicle and a police vehicle being damaged after being hit by the car.
- The driver was arrested and was nearly 4 times the legal limit.

Hampshire police will produce body worn video footage of the above incidents. From Hampshire Police's point of view the operators failed to promote all of the licensing objectives. The staff should have been given clearer direction and training. It should not have even considered to sell cases or multiple beers. More diligence required by staff. Earlier ejections required. Better dispersal required. It was too loud outside and in the smoking area. The incident involving the drink driver was exceptionally dangerous and could have resulted in injury. At this stage and due to these incidents and clear disregard of the licensing objectives I cannot support a reduction in restrictions of the licence and further work needs to be undertaken by the venue and responsible persons in order for me not to be in a position to make substantial representations to any potential variations submitted.

**It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this representation**

Police recommendations (including any conditions)

REFUSE APPLICATION

Signature of Officer Completing

Name: PC 3715 DENNETT Collar Number: 3715  
Signature: PHIL DENNETT Date: 07/10/21

Signature of Authorising Officer

Name: A/PS 21945 Rackham Collar Number: 21945  
Signature: Pete Rackham Date: 07/10/21

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REPRESENTATION - LICENSING AUTHORITY

EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT,  
HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ

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Tel: (01252) 398 399

Website: [www.rushmoor.gov.uk](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk)

Shelley Bowman

Our reference: 21/00563/LAPRE

01252 398162

The Licensing Authority  
(by e-mail)

[Shelley.bowman@rushmoor.gov.uk](mailto:Shelley.bowman@rushmoor.gov.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

**THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representation in respect of an application to vary a premises licence –  
Empire, High Street, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 1DJ**

**Individual making representations:**

My name is Shelley Marie Bowman and I am employed as Licensing Manager for Rushmoor Borough Council. I have been employed in the licensing service for just over 14 years. I hold a Certificate of Higher Education in Licensing Law, a BIIAB National Certificate for Personal Licence holders, a BIIAB National Certificate for Licensing Practitioners and a BIIAB National Certificate for Licensing Practitioners (Gambling).

**Capacity and authority of individual making representations:**

I am making this representation in the capacity and embodiment of a responsible authority as defined in Section 13(4) of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended by Section 103 of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011). For this purpose, and as outlined above, I represent the relevant licensing authority in whose area the above-named premises are situated.

**Relevance of representations:**

As a responsible authority, I am making this representation in accordance with the procedure for a variation of a premises licence detailed in Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. I am also making this representation at this time and in respect of the above-named premises as it is my opinion that steps are necessary to promote the licensing objectives the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. The grounds for this opinion are outlined below.

**Nature and grounds of representation:**

The conditions that the applicant is applying to remove were added as part of a variation to the licence submitted in December 2017. This variation came about as a result of issues with the level of drunkenness and control of patrons at events held at the venue, leading to police incidents, particularly on dispersal.

The Police and Licensing Authority worked with the licence holder following a number of events where there were concerns. The issues continued, and the outcome was the variation to amend the conditions and further restrict the licence, to deal with the issues raised. The licence holder chose to apply for the variation as an alternative to the police / licensing authority making an application to review the licence.

In May 2018, the licence holder applied to remove a condition requiring event management plans to be submitted for every event at the premises, the responsible authorities did not object to this application, as the licence holder had demonstrated that events permitted by the amended licence could be run without the need for review of event management plans on every occasion.

In September 2018, the licence holder made a further application to amend the added restrictions to allow for an annual Gurkha Cup event and an event to take place on New Year's Eve at the premises with less restrictions. These are events that are regular events at the premises and could not be licensed by way of a Temporary Event Notice due to the number of attendees. In light of this, steps taken by the licence holder to improve the running of events e.g. change in security, ID Scanner and to work with the licence holder to enable more events at the premises as a staged approach the responsible authorities did not object to this application.

In August 2021, the licence holder contacted the Licensing Authority stating that he would like to make an application to vary the licence to remove the conditions restricting certain event types. I suggested that he discussed it with the Police as well as Licensing and a meeting was arranged. As with the previous variations, the responsible authorities wanted to allow the licence holder the opportunity to demonstrate that the licensing objectives can be upheld. Therefore, at the meeting it was agreed that as there were 2 events coming up which had already been licensed by way of a Temporary Event Notice, given the history at the venue, and the reasons that the conditions had been added to the licence, PC Dennett would attend and monitor the events. This would enable the licence holder to demonstrate whether he could successfully promote the licensing objectives, whilst running events of the nature requested without the restrictions.

There were significant concerns regarding the management of the larger of the two events as detailed in PC Dennett's representation and shown by the footage he has submitted. The issues raised are of the same nature as the issues previously experienced, and the reason that the conditions were initially added to the licence. The licence holder has demonstrated that he cannot hold events of this nature in a way that ensures the promotion of the licensing objectives the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime



& disorder and public safety.

Following the event, and having spoken with PC Dennett on the night, and had a follow up report by email, the licence holder contacted me and asked for assistance in making the application for variation. He attended a pre-arranged meeting with PC Dennett and I, where PC Dennett reiterated his concerns regarding the event, and explained to the licence holder about the drink driving incident which occurred. Throughout the meeting, the licence holder disagreed that there were cases of alcohol on the tables, despite PC Dennett advising that he was able to evidence this with body worn video footage. He did not appear to understand the seriousness of the issues that were experienced at the event, stating that the individual who the ambulance was called for had not had too much to drink, and when told about the drink driving incident he laughed, which demonstrates a lack of regard for the licensing objectives.

PC Dennett and I advised the licence holder that if he submits the application for variation, both Hampshire Constabulary and the Licensing Authority would make representations for the above reasons.

The issues at the event and the licence holder's response has proven that he is not able to hold events of this nature without the current licence restrictions in a way that is safe and promotes the licensing objectives. Therefore, it is my recommendation that the application be refused.

Yours sincerely,



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## Representation details

### Address of premises:

Empire Banquet Hall  
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### Application reference number (if known):

The representation must be about the effect of the grant of the application on one or more of the Licensing Objectives.

### Which of the following Licensing Objectives do you think will be impacted by the grant of the licence?

The prevention of crime and disorder,Public safety,The prevention of public nuisance


### What is the nature of your representation?

The amount of anti social noise, disorder and intimidation this will cause to the local community is an unacceptably high level. Even with current licence the patrons gather in the Princes Gardens car park until 4/5am, making noise, fighting and revving cars. Any extension to this license will see the limited peace of the local residents further eroded.


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*We have had to report to the police and council due to ongoing issues with anti social behaviour issues from customers of the above premises. When the customers are leaving and also when hanging around after the premises closes at 4:30 - 5am they are urinating up and down the streets, vomiting, being extremely loud and aggressive, fighting and being drunk and disorderly. There are knife fights we have also witnessed. The loud music playing from the premises until early hours of the morning is extremely excessive and can be heard from my property with my windows closed. On several occasions we have had to deal with violent and threatening behaviour. The premises seems to stay open till very early hours of the morning approx 4am with the music being cranked up louder after 2am with no regards to neighbours. The anti-social behaviour we are experiencing from this premises is completely unacceptable, is causing us a lot of stress already and also to other neighbours who live opposite and based on all of this we strongly object to this premises having a licence.*

## APPENDIX H

### RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

#### EMPIRE – THE KINGS CENTRE, HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE GU11 1DJ

#### 1.0 Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018)

1.1. The sections of the Secretary of State's guidance identified in **Table 1** below may be relevant to the consideration of this application.

**TABLE 1 - SECTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S GUIDANCE  
WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION**

Section	Other Ref.	Paragraph(s)		Subject Matter	Page(s)	
		From	To		From	To
1		1.1	1.19	Introduction	1	5
2		2.1	2.6	The licensing objectives - Crime and disorder	6	7
2		2.7	2.14	The licensing objectives – Public safety	7	8
2		2.15	2.21	The licensing objectives – Public nuisance	9	10
2		2.22	2.32	The licensing objectives – Protection of children from harm	10	13
8		8.74	8.87	Full Variations process	60	62
9		9.1	9.45	Determining applications	68	76
10		10.1	10.66	Conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates	77	88
13		13.1	13.13	Appeals	103	105
14		14.1	14.70	Statements of licensing policy	106	120

#### 2.0 The Council's Licensing Policy

2.1. The sections of the Council's Licensing policy identified in **Table 2** below may be relevant to the consideration of this application.

**TABLE 2 - SECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S LICENSING POLICY  
WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION**

Section	Other Ref.	Paragraph(s)		Subject Matter	Page(s)	
		From	To		From	To
3	<b>Part C</b>	3.1	3.47	<b>Licensing principles, objectives &amp; General considerations</b>	13	18
3	Part C	3.10	3.12	General licensing principles	14	14
6	<b>Part F</b>	6.1	6.56	<b>Premises Licences</b>	26	34
8	<b>Part H</b>	8.1	8.16	<b>Variation of a Relevant Authorisation</b>	36	37
18	<b>Part R</b>	18.1	18.59	<b>Representations, Responsible authorities &amp; Other Persons</b>	69	75
18	Part R	18.45	18.48	The weight attached to relevant representations	73	74
19	<b>Part S</b>	19.1	19.29	<b>Conditions and restrictions</b>	76	79
19	Part S	19.10	19.15	General principles of transposition and imposition of conditions	76	77

**NB:** Matters in **bold** indicate main section headings.