

Licensing Sub-Committee Report

Subject of hearing: **Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited, The Pavilion and Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue, Raynes Park SW20 0BH**

Date **21 April 2022**

Time: **11.00am**

Venue: **Virtual Meeting**

1. Special Policy Area (premises licences and club certificates)

1.1 The premises are not in the special policy area.

2. Type of hearing and powers of the sub-committee

2.1 The sub-committee is required to determine the application by taking such of the steps set out below as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

2.2 In making their determination the sub-committee must have regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, guidance issued by the Secretary of State and Merton's Licensing Policy.

2.3 New Club Premises Certificate: s72

(i) To grant the certificate subject to Mandatory Conditions, conditions consistent with the operating schedule, and any modified conditions the Licensing Authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives

(ii) To exclude from the scope of the certificate any of the qualifying club activities to which the application relates

(iii) To reject the application.

3. Hearing papers

3.1 The applications, notices and representations for determination by the sub-committee are contained in the hearing bundles together with any relevant existing licence. This includes any documents which must be sent to any of the parties to the hearing under Regulation 7(2) and Schedule 3 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005. This bundle has been issued to all parties to the hearing.

4. Legal advice to the sub-committee

4.1 A legal officer appointed by the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Head of Legal Services will attend the hearing to advise the sub-committee on statutory provision and legal matters.

5. Licensing Officer comments

5.1 This is an application for a new club premises certificate, for a premises described in the application as a two storey pavilion and sports ground.

- 5.2 The supply of alcohol to guests of members can be for consumption on the premises only.
- 5.3 A club premises certificate which authorises the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must include the following conditions.
- i. The supply must be made at a time when the premises are open for the purposes of supplying alcohol, in accordance with the club premises certificate, to members of the club for consumption on the premises.
 - ii. Any alcohol supplied for consumption off the premises must be in a sealed container.
 - iii. Any supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must be made to a member of the club in person.
- 5.4 The applicant originally applied for:
- i. the supply of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, on Monday to Friday from 17:00 to 23:00, on Saturday from 11:00 to midnight and Sunday from 11:00 to 23:00.
 - ii. The opening hours are stated in the application as Monday to Friday from 16:00 to 23:30, on Saturday from 10:00 to 00:30 the following morning and on Sunday from 10:00 to 23:30.
- 5.5 On 15 March 2023 we received an email amending the application to reduce the hours. This email is contained in the report. This amendment was sent out to everyone who has made a representation. The hours now applied for are:
- iii. The supply of alcohol Monday to Friday from 17:00 to 23:00, Saturday from 11:00 to midnight and on Sunday from 11:00 to 22:30.
 - iv. The closing times are amended to Monday to Friday 23:30, Saturday 00:30 and on Sunday 23:00.
- 5.6 This email of 15 March 2023 also stated that a public meeting would be held at the club for residents to attend and discuss the application.
- 5.7 The operating schedule of the application sets out steps that the Applicant will take to promote the four licensing objectives. Conditions could be created from some of these steps should the Sub-Committee decide to grant the application.
- 5.8 We received 12 representations regarding this application. Some of these persons have submitted additional information to add to their representations.
- 5.9 For ease, we have put the conditions that we believe could be created from the application, as an annex to this report. The Sub-Committee may choose to form some conditions on the licence from these should they decide to grant the licence and may change or add to these should they believe it appropriate.

For enquiries about this hearing please contact

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Parties to the hearing

This document forms part of the notice of hearing.

The following are parties to the hearing having submitted relevant applications, notices or representations under the statutory provisions indicated:

Applicant	
Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Ltd	
Statutory Authorities	
Interested Parties	
Judy Ng	
Kriti Avasthi and Vinay Reddy	
Elizabeth Errington	
Michaela Eggleston	
Myriam Wakeham	
Richard Creasy	
Richard Evans	
Rose Philips	
Stephan Cook	
Sue Keay	
Terrance Muthukumar	
Youssoff Oskrochi	

Conditions that could be extracted from the application operating schedule

1. A record of complaints shall be maintained on the premises to record details of any complaints received. The information to be recorded shall include the date and time of complaint and subsequent remedial action undertaken and (where disclosed) the complainant's name and location.
2. The record of complaints shall be kept for 12 months from the date of the last record made and shall be available for inspection on demand by the police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority at all times the premises are open.
3. A closed-circuit television (CCTV) system shall be installed at the premises and shall be maintained in effective working order.
4. Coverage of the CCTV system shall include all public areas of the premises.
5. The CCTV system shall be in operation at all times that the premises is open to the public and all times that staff are on the premises.
6. CCTV footage shall be retained for a minimum of 31 days and shall be made available on request from the Licensing Authority or Police.
7. At all times the premises is open to the public a minimum of one member of staff on duty shall be able to operate the CCTV system
8. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:
 - a. all crimes reported to the venue
 - b. all ejections of patrons
 - c. all complaints received concerning crime and disorder
 - d. any incidents of disorder.
 - e. any faults in the CCTV system.
 - f. any visit by a relevant authority in relation to service.
9. All members of customer facing staff, shall be provided with Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) training to provide those working in the licensed industry with an awareness of vulnerability and their responsibilities towards people visiting their premises. This training is available at [https://nbcc.police.uk/guidance/wave- presentation](https://nbcc.police.uk/guidance/wave-presentation)
10. All members of customer facing staff, shall be provided with basic Counter Terrorism Awareness Training by the Premises Licence Holder. Such training is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning> or via the local Counter Terrorism Protect Officer (CTPO)

11. Duty managers shall have access to the NaCTSO ACT App and / or PSO Shield App when on duty at the site. Both of which provide Counter Terrorism advice and guidance.
See below links; a) PSO London Shield App - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pso-londonshield/id1482303493>
b) NaCTSO ACT App - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-act-applunched>
12. External lighting shall be provided
13. Signage shall be displayed stating the location of parking for club members.
14. Clear legible notices shall be displayed at all exits from the premises requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly.
15. A phone number to allow residents to contact the Club Secretary/Committee members shall be provided, so that incidents can be addressed as they are occurring.
16. The Club Secretary and Committee members shall hold a quarterly meeting with the community to talk about issues that have arisen.
17. Children shall only be admitted to the bar when accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian
18. A welfare safeguarding officer shall carry out a risk assessment for every rugby tournament.
19. Evidence of age in the form of photo identification shall be requested from any person appearing to those selling or supplying alcohol, to be under the age of 25 and attempting to buy alcohol. Examples of appropriate photo identification include a passport, driving licence, and the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) approved age card.
20. Notices shall be placed at all points of sale detailing the restrictions on sales of alcohol to children
21. A record of refusals shall be maintained which documents every instance that a sale of alcohol (and any other age-restricted product) is refused on the premises, indicating the date and time the refusal was made, and the member of staff making the refusal.
22. The record of refusals shall be available for inspection by authorised officers of the licensing authority, officers of the trading standards service, and officers of the Police.
23. An effective methodology shall be in place at all points of sale to ensure staff undertake appropriate age checks on potential sales of alcohol (and any other age-restricted product).

24. All staff that undertake the sale or supply of alcohol (and any other age-restricted product) shall receive appropriate training in relation to undertaking appropriate age checks on such, before being allowed to sell or supply any alcohol (and any other age-restricted product). Refresher training shall be carried out at least every three months.
25. Records of all staff training, relating to the sale or supply of alcohol (and any other age-restricted product), along with any training material used, shall be kept and maintained by the Club Secretary and Club Premises Certificate Holder.
26. Staff training records shall be available for inspection by authorised officers of the licensing authority, officers of the trading standards service, and officers of the Police.

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional).]

Application for a club premises certificate to be granted
under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

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.

Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited

(Insert name of club)

club applies for a club premises certificate under section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the club premises).

The club is making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 68 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Part 1 – Club premises details

Name of club Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited			
Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Pavilion Raynes Park Sports Ground Taunton Avenue			
Post Town	West Wimbledon, London	Postcode	SW20 0BH
Telephone number (if any)	None		
E-mail address (optional)	Matthew.hearsum@oldemanuelrffc.co.uk		

Name of person performing duties of a secretary to the club Simon Woods			
Address of person performing duties of a secretary to the club The Pavilion, Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue			
Post Town	West Wimbledon	Postcode	SW20 0BH
Daytime contact telephone number (if any)			

E-mail address (optional)	secretary@oldemanuelrfc.co.uk
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Non-domestic rateable value of premises	██████████
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Are the club premises occupied and habitually used by the club? Yes No

Part 2 – Club Operating Schedule

When do you want the club premises certificate to start? DD MM YYYY

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If you wish the certificate to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end? DD MM YYYY

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General description of club (please read guidance note 1)

Two storey pavilion building comprising a main hall, lounge with a bar area and ancillary facilities together with male, female and disabled WC, male and female shower rooms with changing rooms and a kitchen together with further first floor accommodation comprising a store, further changing room and additional bar.

The site also comprises 3 football pitches, 3 cricket squares and 2 rugby pitches along with 1 floodlit multi sports area and 3 tennis courts.

The premises is located at the end of Taunton Avenue, off West Barnes Lane, with some residential properties nearby. The site has parking facilities for members.

Members of the Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited will be using the facilities provided in the main Pavilion and rugby pitches. The club previously operated under the umbrella of Old Emanuel Association Club Premises Certificate, Blagdon House, Beverley Way, New Malden, KT3 4PU but this certificate was surrendered. Members of the Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited have now secured a new premises at the Pavilion at Raynes Park Sports Ground

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

N/A

What qualifying club activities do you intend to conduct on the club premises?

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Provision of regulated entertainment | Please tick all that apply |
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 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)

The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

The sale by retail of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a guest of a member of the club for consumption on the premises where the sale takes place (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

In all cases complete boxes, K and L.

A

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

B

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

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

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

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 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						Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat								
Sun								

F

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

G

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

H

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

I

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption - please tick</u> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	17:00	23:00			
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Tue	17:00	23:00			
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Wed	17:00	23:00			
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Thur	17:00	23:00			
	-----	-----			
Fri	17:00	23:00	<u>Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
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Sat	11:00	24:00			
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Sun	11:00	:00			
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J

<p>Hours club premises are open to the members and guests Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)</p>			<p><u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 4)</p>
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	16:00	23:30	
Tue	16:00	23:30	
Wed	16:00	23:30	
Thur	16:00	23:30	
Fri	16:00	23:30	
Sat	10:00	00:30	
Sun	10:00		<p><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)</p>

K

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

None

L Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

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

1. Admission to the premises shall be confined to Members and their bona-fide guests in accordance with the Club Rules.
2. A record of complaints shall be maintained on the premises to record details of any complaints received. The information to be recorded shall include the date and time of complaint and subsequent remedial action undertaken and (where disclosed) the complainant's name and location.
3. The record of complaints shall be kept for 12 months from the date of the last record made and shall be available for inspection on demand by the police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority at all times the premises are open.
4. Members and guests will be encouraged to use pre-paid cards to promote a-cashless transactions at the bar.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV installed

1. A closed-circuit television (CCTV) system shall be installed at the premises and shall be maintained in effective working order.
2. Coverage of the CCTV system shall include all public areas of the premises.
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Incident Log

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Staffing

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c) Public safety

1. External lighting to be provided
2. Emergency lighting to be in operation.
3. Signage displayed for location of parking for club members.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

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Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises.
- I have sent copies of this application and plan to the responsible authorities.
- I have completed and enclosed the club declaration and enclose a copy of the club rules.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

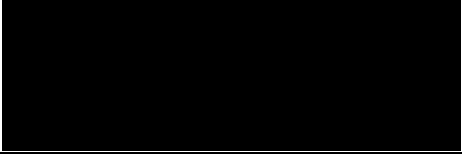
IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

I Matthew James Hearsom

(Insert full name)

make this application on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club

Signature	
Date	23 January 2023
Capacity	Director

<p>Address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 11)</p> <p>The Pavilion, Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue</p>			
Post town	West Wimbledon	Post code	SW20 0BH
Telephone number (if any)			
<p>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)</p> <p>Matthew.hearsum@oldmanuelrfc.co.uk</p>			

Notes for Guidance

- 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) .Please 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 the club wishes members and their guests to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick 'on the premises'. If the club wishes people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick 'off the premises'. If the club wishes 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, gambling machines etc.
- 9) Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- 10) The application form must be signed.
- 11) This is the address which we will use to correspond with the club about this application.



CLUB RULES

Version 1.1

Adopted by the board of Directors on 11 March 2023

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1. The Rules

- 1.1. These rules ("**Rules**") are made under Article 38 of the Articles of Association ("**Articles**") of Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited ("**Club**").
- 1.2. The terms used in these Rules shall have the same meaning as in the Articles. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles, the provisions of the Articles shall prevail.

2. Membership

- 2.1. Pursuant to Article 8.5 of the Articles the following classes of membership are established:
 - 2.1.1. people over the age of 18 who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club (**Playing Members**);
 - 2.1.2. people who participate in playing rugby union (whether competitively or not) for or at the Club and who are under the age of 18 (**Junior Members**);
 - 2.1.3. people who have parental responsibility within the meaning of the Children Act 1989 for one or more Junior Members (**Parent Members**);
 - 2.1.4. coaches, match officials, administrators and volunteers (**Volunteer Members**); and
 - 2.1.5. people who are supporters of the Club (**Social Members**)
(collectively **Members**).
- 2.2. Members may not be admitted to any of the privileges and benefits of membership without an interval of not less than two days between their application for membership and their admission.

3. Voting Members

- 3.1. The Voting Members shall be fully paid up members of the Club who are Playing Members, Parent Members and Volunteer Members.

4. Non-Voting Members

- 4.1. The Non-Voting Members shall be Junior Members and Social Members.

5. Register of Members

- 5.1. The Club is required to keep an up-to-date register of the Members.
- 5.2. Each Member must supply to the Membership Secretary their full name, date of birth, current postal address, email address and telephone number. Members must notify the Membership Secretary of any change in this information as soon as possible.
- 5.3. It is the responsibility of the Members to ensure that their contact details are up-to-date.

6. Rights and Privileges of Members

- 6.1. Voting Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend in person and vote at general meetings of the Club, propose and second candidates for election, receive all Club publications and to such other membership rights as the directors of the Club shall from time to time determine.
- 6.2. Non-Voting Members are entitled to receive all Club publications and such other membership rights as the directors of the Club shall from time to time determine.
- 6.3. Non-Voting Member are not entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at general meetings of the Club nor propose and second candidates for election.
- 6.4. Playing Members, Coach Members and Volunteer Members (collectively Ticket Eligible Members) are entitled to apply for tickets for international test matches (Internationals Tickets) that are allocated to the Club by the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

7. Supply of Alcohol

- 7.1. The purchase of alcohol for the Club and supply of alcohol by the Club shall be managed by Licence Committee.
- 7.2. The Licence Committee shall comprise not more than three Members who:
 - 7.2.1. are Voting Members of the Club;
 - 7.2.2. have attained the age of 18 years; and
 - 7.2.3. are elected to the Licence Committee by the Members of the Club at the AGM.
- 7.3. The Club must procure that the members of the Licence Committee are appointed as directors of the Pavilion SW20 Limited.
- 7.4. Alcohol may not be not supplied, or intended to be supplied, to Members otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club.
- 7.5. No person shall receive at any time at the expense of the Club or any Member of the Club any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of alcohol by the Club.
- 7.6. No person shall directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
- 7.7. The Licence Committee must not in any way be restricted in the freedom of purchase of alcohol.

8. Vice-Presidents

- 8.1. In each year the Directors may nominate one or more Voting Members who have given outstanding service to the Club as Vice Presidents for life, such nominations to be confirmed by the Members at a General Meeting.

9. Subscriptions

- 9.1. The annual subscription payable by members of the Club, subject to alteration as provided later in this rule, shall be set by the Directors from time to time in accordance with the Articles.
- 9.2. The subscription year shall be from 1 September to 31 August inclusive in each year. Any change in subscription made by the Directors will be notified to members by being included in any notice, newsletter, or similar document posted to the member by being addressed to them at their last known postal address, or by posting this information prominently on the Club website.
- 9.3. Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as apportioned to represent the number of full months remaining in the subscription year.
- 9.4. In the event that a member's membership is terminated for any reason, no refund of a subscription shall be payable unless the Directors decide otherwise.

10. Internationals Tickets

- 10.1. Ticket Eligible Members whose Subscriptions are up-to-date may apply for Internationals Tickets by sending an application to the Club in the form prescribed by the Club on to before the deadline set by the Club.
- 10.2. Internationals Tickets are non-transferrable and must not be sold to a third party under any circumstances. Should a breach of this rule be discovered the Ticket Eligible Member to whom those Internationals Tickets were allocated will be permanently disqualified from applying for any Internationals Tickets and may also be subject to further disciplinary action.

11. Discipline

- 11.1. Members must comply with the Disciplinary Policy adopted from time to time by the Directors.

12. Expulsion of Members

- 12.1. The Directors have the power under the Articles to expel a member and in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy adopted by the Directors from time to time.

13. Dress Code

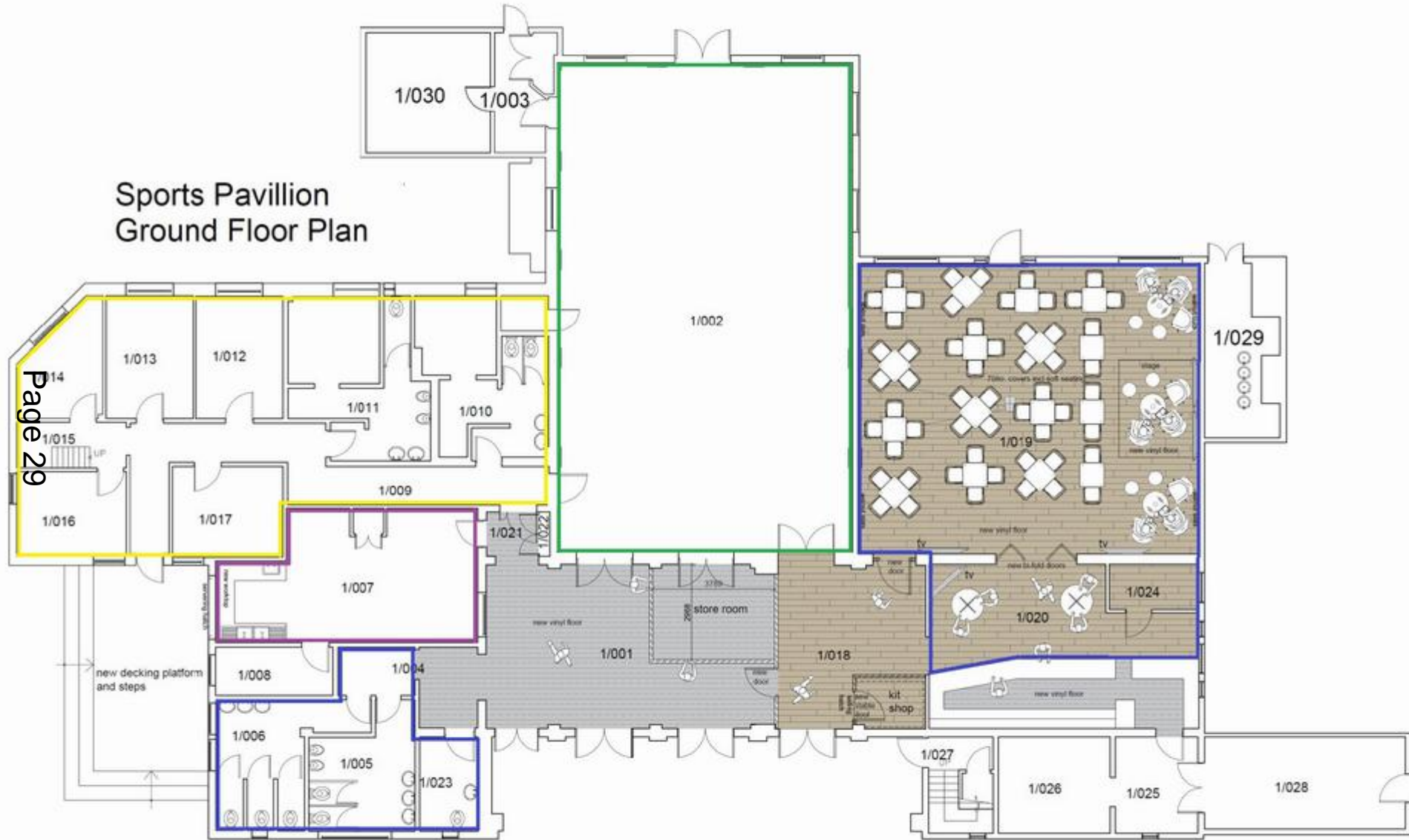
- 13.1. The Club's playing colours are White/Navy/Gold with the Club's device in Red.
- 13.2. Unless determined otherwise by the Playing Committee at the beginning of each season, the dress code for functions at the Club (commonly referred to as "No. 1 Dress") shall be:





- 13.3. For gentlemen, a club blazer or a formal navy jacket, a formal long-sleeve white shirt without a breast pocket, a club tie, trousers not made of denim, beige or a similar shade in colour, smart brown shoes and, if worn, a smart brown belt.
- 13.4. For ladies, the same as gentlemen save that ladies are not required to wear a club tie, and may wear a blouse instead of a shirt, and may wear a skirt instead of trousers.
- 13.5. Playing Members must wear No. 1 Dress when arriving at, after, and when departing from league or competition fixtures played on behalf of the Club.

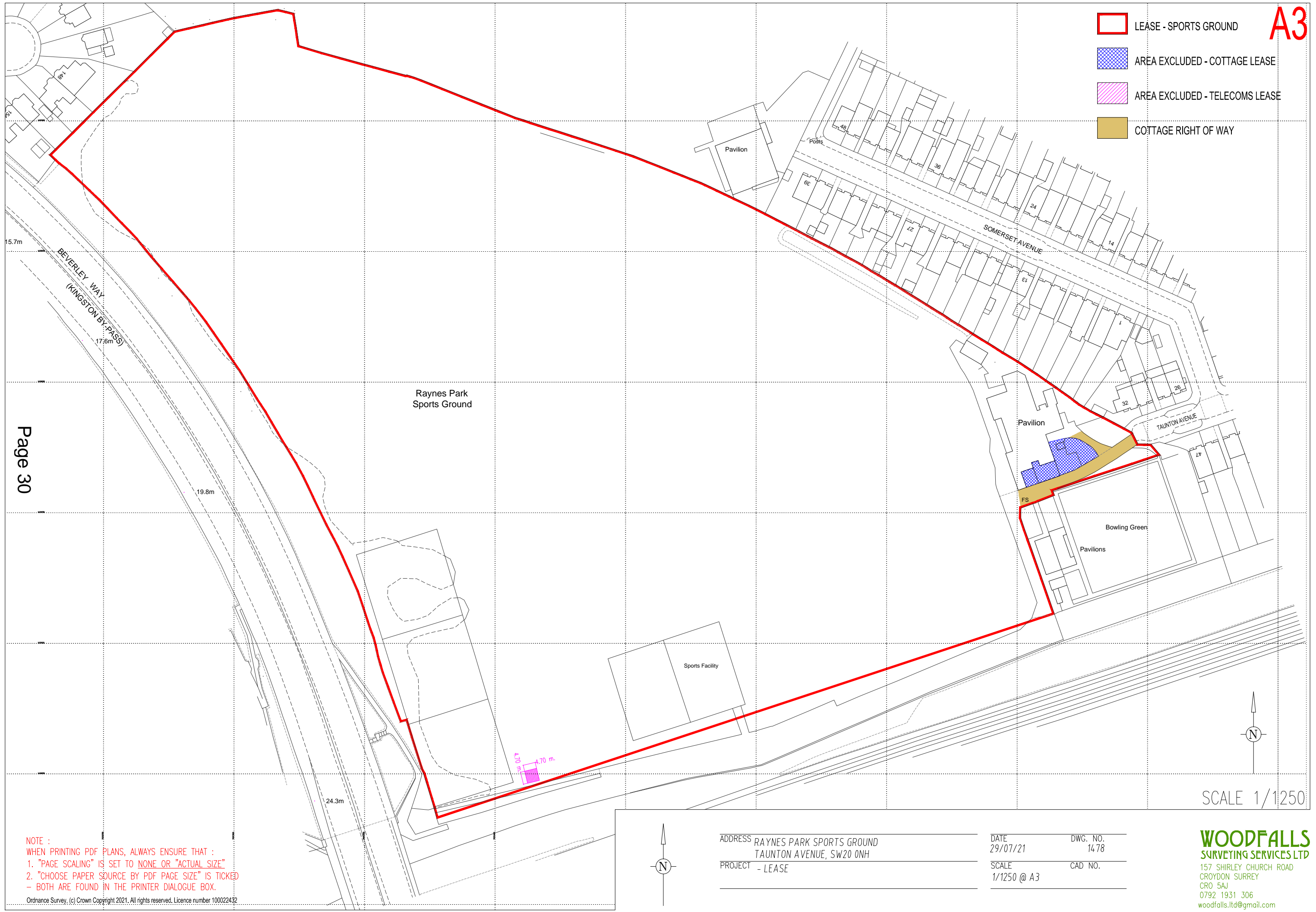
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- 14.1. The interpretation of the rules shall be the prerogative of the Directors.

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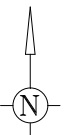
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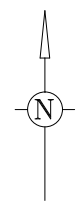
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I object to the late hours during which alcohol will be consumed on the club premises. This timing is not suitable for a residential area that caters to families. The club is located in a residential area that is home to many families with young children and elderly residents. The late hours during which alcohol will be consumed may lead to increased noise levels, which can disturb residents who are trying to sleep or relax. This may be particularly problematic on weekends when families (young and elderly) are likely to spend more time at home.

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I would like to raise a concern regarding the installation of CCTV cameras by the club. It has come to my attention that the club is planning on installing CCTV cameras as a means of preventing crimes and disorder. While I appreciate the club's efforts to maintain security and order, it is concerning that they seem to be anticipating crimes and disorder, which may suggest that the club is at an increased risk of such incidents. We believe that the first point of prevention should be the license itself, which should have measures in place to prevent such incidents from occurring. The installation of CCTV cameras may provide a sense of security, but it does not address the root cause of the problem. Therefore, I urge the authorities to carefully consider the potential risks and measures required to ensure the safety and well-being of local residents before granting the club premises certificate.

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Kind wishes

Judy

From: Judy Ng

Sent: 24 March 2023 15:04

To: Elizabeth Macdonald

Subject: Re: Objection to the proposed extension of alcohol license hours for Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club

Hello Elizabeth.

Thank you for your email.

I do not wish to withdraw my objections. Thank you for confirming.

I care immensely about the well-being of our home and children. If this licence is to go ahead it will make it unbearable to stay in my own home. One of which we have also invested heavily into over the last 18 months.

The club and Democratic Party's positioning and framing of their letters make it almost impossible for the local residents to object without making us feel guilty about it. So many residents I have spoken to are not happy about the club. But they also do not want to cause a fuss and therefore are not objecting. I can foresee a mass exodus of families with young children, and families with elderly

moving out of our streets the reason being that during the week day night there will be intoxicated people walking past our houses at 11pm, when traditionally it has been a very quiet street. My children (age 6 and 8) have school the next day and go to bed at 7:30pm each night. Most people who will be going to the club will not be taking Ubers home. They will be walking home (we can see this from the pub next door), which has already had a negative impact on our streets. Taunton Avenue is the main entry and exit to the club.

As you know there is no way to talk to someone who is intoxicated and when these disturbances happen during the night. Residences will sit inside their home for fear of speaking to someone who could be drunk and/or disorderly. Most of the residents are happy to pay the premium of living in such an area where it is safe and quiet. And if this is taken away people will then be voting with their own money, and moving out.

A community facility should be inclusive of all the people who live nearby. "Their" community consists of people who like to drink alcohol and watch football/rugby. The elderly and children are not even given a second thought and it will impact my children sleep immensely and therefore their well being. Most of the elderly on the street do not even know how to use a computer to write an objection letter containing all the points that is compulsory to enable them to object.

Please feel free to continue with my objections.

Thank you for your time.

If there is anything else you need from me please let me know.

Many thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

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Vinay Reddy and Kriti Avasthi
23/03/2023

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Vinay Reddy and Kriti Avasthi

From: Vinay Reddy
Sent: 02 March 2023 20:52
To: Licensing
Cc: Kriti Avasthi
Subject: Raynes Park Sports Ground

Hi Merton Licensing team,

We live on [REDACTED] and have noticed that there is an application in progress for Raynes Park Sports Ground on Taunton Avenue, SW20

As residents living within 50 metres from the club, we would like to express our concern at the late times on the application. Midnight is too late for an alcohol licence on residential street. When people leave the club at midnight, having consumed alcohol for a number of hours, there will inevitably be noise in the street right outside my bedroom window. In the past, when a previous social club held a licence at the same location, people used to leave the club and stand right outside our house waiting for taxis, talking loudly. I am very concerned that this will happen again on a regular basis.

I would not have an issue with a licence until 10pm at the latest, in which case all visitors to the club should be out of the area by 10.30pm. It would be unacceptable if noise was a regular occurrence any later than that. As you will appreciate, the needs of the residents should be a priority in this case.

We would appreciate a prompt response to our email regarding this licensing decision.

Kind regards
Kriti Avasthi and Vinay Reddy

From: Liz Errington
Sent: 24 March 2023 13:49
To: Licensing
Subject: Proposed license at Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club at Raynes Park Sports Ground on Taunton Avenue, SW20 0BH

Liz Errington

24/03/2023

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Dear Sir/Madam

I have various concerns about the new club licence submitted by Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited and would like to object to the certificate being permitted in its current form because it includes the late sale of alcohol to its members and guests in a residential area which has a potential negative impact on the local community. The sale of alcohol in such close proximity to residential areas can lead to noise disturbances, increased traffic, and potential safety hazards. Therefore, we urge the consideration of the potential impact of the proposed activities on the well-being and quality of life of local residents before granting the club premises certificate.

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We already experience the sort of disturbance that I mention from the Old Wimbledonian's Club at times as drinkers leave, shouting, singing, slamming car doors, accelerating noisily, and once, jumping on our car windscreen and shattering it. The disturbance, and the potential for alcohol-related crime is already clearly demonstrated.

The proposed late opening hours may also encourage drinkers leaving other establishments such as Old Wimbledonians and the local pubs to proceed to Old Emanuel to take advantage of the additional opening hours there.

I also object to the license being for every night of the week. This can be relentless to live with, again, especially in the summer. The anxiety that noise will not abate at a reasonable

time night after night and that our sleep and calm, and that of our children too is quite considerable.

I note that neither of the sections regarding music - live or otherwise - have been checked and would like to know whether this means that no music will be played on the premises?

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to take the opinions of the community regarding the potential negative impact of the license into consideration and to reject the proposed new club license for Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club as it stands.

With best wishes

Liz Errington

On 28/02/2023, 09:26 Michaela Eggleston wrote:

To whom it may concern ,

Re: Alcohol license application for Old Emanuel's Rugby club, sports pavillion, Taunton Ave, SW20 0BH.

I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed alcohol license application for the Old Emmanuels rugby club.

They propose serving alcohol until 23.00 on Sunday to Friday and until midnight on Saturdays. The closing times are due to be half an hour later meaning people will be leaving at 23.30 Sunday through to Friday and 00.30 on Saturdays.

As a resident of Taunton Ave I object for the following reasons :

1. The club grounds are exited either up Bee Line Walk towards New Malden or Taunton Avenue. The former is a residential road. We have had previous and recent reason to raise issues around anti social behaviour and noise linked to the grounds which has resulted in an increased police presence. Allowing people to drink alcohol so late at night will only add to the risk of anti social behaviour in this area.
2. A significant proportion of the people exiting will be going down Taunton Avenue which will result in noise disturbance and is unfair to the residents who live there. There is no way the club will be able to mitigate this.
3. There is no reason for the club to have permanent extended hours to serve alcohol. It is a sports club, and not a pub. If people want to drink late then there are other options that are not in a residential area.

4. We already have a club in Somerset Avenue which is typically open until 11pm. There is some noise from there occasionally, but manageable for residents given people have normally left the area by 11.30pm. The extended hours proposed by Emmanuel will extend the overall time we will be disturbed and would be unreasonable in a residential area given the time. It will also set a precedent and would potentially mean both clubs having extended hours which will be double the noise and issues.

5. People are likely to be waiting for taxis on Taunton Avenue as this is the only road in and out of the property. It is likely then that any disturbance will be until the early hours of the morning and for prolonged periods .

6. We already have people leaving the sports ground late at night trailing sports equipment in trolleys after cricket. This causes a significant level of noise as the sound bounces off the hard surfaces of the houses and reverberates. This is tolerable in the summer before midnight, but would be totally unfair to be taking place after this time .

7. Taunton Avenue and Somerset Avenue are dead end roads so any traffic coming down to access the grounds also has to leave via the same route. This proposal will mean an increase in cars,including taxis with all the noise and pollution that entails.

I don't mind normal alcohol serving hours until 11pm and an earlier finish on Sundays , with people vacating by 11.30pm. That is reasonable , but anything beyond that is not fair given the area.

I hope you will consider my points

Michaela Eggleston

From: Michaela Eggleston
Sent: 08 March 2023 22:12
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Objection to license application

Hi,

Following on from my email dated 28/2/23 to object to the application for a late alcohol license for Old Emmanuel's Rugby Club in the Sports Ground on Taunton Avenue SW20. I have had contact with one of the club organisers (Simon Parley) who has said that the club had some test events in December and February (BYO). He pointed out that no complaints had been received. However, given that we didn't know they were running those events, it may be the case that's why no complaints were received rather than there not being an issue. Unless you are located at the top of the road close to the entrance to the park, you wouldn't know where people were coming from. It doesn't mean there was no disturbance or noise caused.

I'd be grateful if you would take this into account if you are considering the 'evidence' of test events at the club to demonstrate the impact on the area.

Thank you

Michaela Eggleston

Sent: 17 March 2023 07:47

To: Elizabeth Macdonald

Subject: Re: RE: Re: Objection to license application WK/202299963

Dear Elizabeth,

Just for clarity, here are my reasons under the appropriate heading you sent me;

- The prevention of public nuisance
- The prevention of crime and disorder

I object to the sale of alcohol until midnight on Saturdays with a closing time of 00.30 for the following reasons based on the above points :

- There are no ways for the club to mitigate the noise that will be caused by people talking as they walk down Taunton Ave, the only road in and out of the property. The noise will be a public nuisance as many of the people will be loud after drinking and in groups. This will impact the residents. I was woken by people leaving the club last weekend, but this was before midnight. It's too intrusive to have to put up with that every weekend in the early hours. Particularly with the warmer months ahead and windows will be open.

- People will inevitably be waiting for taxis , most likely on Taunton Avenue, which in reality means they will be hanging around being a nuisance much beyond 00.30am. Judging by the number of cars now driving up and down our road when the club is open, it's clear that many of their members are not in walking distance of the club.

- When people drink there will be a higher risk of being a public nuisance and associated crime and disorder. We have had a history of issues with people using the sports ground late at night who cause a nuisance and were involved in low level crime in the area ie, pulling off wing mirrors or scratching cars. Much of this has reduced since the sports ground has been policed regularly, and people are less inclined to use the park at night as they were during covid restrictions. Anything that attracts people back to the sports ground late at night will be an issue again as these grounds are not closed.

As I've said previously, I support the club being there. My only objection is that overly late license on Saturdays. I think it should be inline with the club next door and the fact this is a residential area.

Thank you

Michaela Eggleston

Myriam Wakeham

22/03/2023

Objection to the new club premises certificate requested by Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited for The Pavilion at Raynes Park Sports Ground on Taunton Avenue.

Dear Sirs/Madams,

There are many reasons why I would like to object to the new club licence, I have listed some of my concerns below and the reasons why we think the club certificate should not be permitted.

I would like to clarify that our objection is not against having a sports facility in the local area. However, the current application is for a new club premises certificate that includes the late sale of alcohol to its members and guests in a residential area. Given the potential impact of such activities on the local community, we will be objecting to the club premises certificate. We believe that the sale of alcohol in such close proximity to residential areas can lead to noise disturbances, increased traffic, and potential safety hazards. Therefore, we urge the authorities to consider the potential impact of the proposed activities on the well-being and quality of life of local residents before granting the club premises certificate.

I would like to raise several objections regarding the proposed club premises certificate submitted by Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited. Firstly, I object to the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of the club to its members. This objection is based on the potential for alcohol-related incidents or accidents on the club premises or in the surrounding area. The consumption of alcohol can impair judgment and lead to unsafe behaviour, which may endanger the health and safety of club members, staff, and local residents. Additionally, excessive consumption of alcohol can lead to noise disturbances and littering, which may have a negative impact on the local community.

I object to the late hours during which alcohol will be consumed on the club premises. This timing is not suitable for a residential area that caters to families. The club is located in a residential area that is home to many families with young children and elderly residents. The late hours during which alcohol will be consumed may lead to increased noise levels, which can disturb residents who are trying to sleep or relax. This may be particularly problematic on weekends when families (young and elderly) are likely to spend more time at home.

I would like to raise an objection regarding the club's membership policy. While the club may be members-only, it is possible for anyone to attend the club as a guest and for anyone to apply for membership. This may result in an increase in footfall on Taunton Avenue, as membership to the club is not restricted to residents of the local area. Consequently, the club may attract a large number of visitors from outside the area, leading to increased traffic and noise on Taunton Avenue. This may be particularly problematic during events or busy periods, which may cause traffic congestion and parking problems, and have a negative impact on the quality of life of local residents.

I would like to raise a concern regarding the installation of CCTV cameras by the club. It has come to my attention that the club is planning on installing CCTV cameras as a means of preventing crimes and disorder. While I appreciate the club's efforts to maintain security and order, it is concerning that they seem to be anticipating crimes and disorder, which may suggest that the club is at an increased risk of such incidents. We believe that the first point of prevention should be the license itself, which should have measures in place to prevent such incidents from occurring. The installation of CCTV cameras may provide a sense of security, but it does not address the root cause of the problem. Therefore, I urge the authorities to carefully consider the potential risks and measures required to ensure the safety and well-being of local residents before granting the club premises certificate.

While the measures proposed in the prevention of public nuisance are well-intentioned, they may not be effective in addressing the root cause of the problem. Firstly, clear and legible notices requesting patrons to leave quietly may not be sufficient in preventing noise disturbances, as it is difficult to ensure that all patrons will comply with such requests (especially after a few alcoholic beverages). Additionally, the provision of a phone number to contact the Club Secretary/Committee members may not be practical, as it may be difficult to reach them in a timely manner, especially during busy periods or events.

Even though holding quarterly meetings with the community may be beneficial in addressing concerns and issues, it may not be enough to prevent incidents from occurring in the first place. Such meetings may also be inconvenient for community members who are unable to attend or may not be aware of the meetings. In order to effectively prevent public nuisance, more proactive measures may be necessary, such as limiting the sale of alcohol during certain hours or imposing stricter noise level restrictions. The club may also consider implementing additional security measures or hiring security personnel to ensure that patrons comply with noise regulations and to prevent public disturbances. Therefore, while the proposed measures are a step in the right direction, more comprehensive measures may be required to address the issue of public nuisance in a more effective manner.

In addition, while the proposed measures for the protection of children from harm are commendable, they may not be effective in addressing the issue of underage drinking and harm to children. Firstly, the requirement for children to be accompanied by an adult, parent, or guardian when in the bar may not be sufficient in preventing children from accessing alcohol or being exposed to other harmful substances or behaviours. Additionally, the risk assessment for rugby tournaments may not be comprehensive enough to identify all potential risks to children, particularly those that may arise from outside the club's control.

While the measures for checking age identification and maintaining records of refusals may be effective in preventing underage sales of alcohol on the premises, they may not address the issue of children being exposed to harmful behaviours or substances outside of the club. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the training for staff may be limited, as it may not adequately prepare staff for all potential scenarios or risks involving children. In order to more effectively protect children from harm, a more comprehensive approach may be necessary, such as providing education and awareness programs for children and parents, collaborating with local schools and community organisations to promote healthy and safe

behaviours, and implementing stricter enforcement measures for the sale and distribution of alcohol to minors. Therefore, while the proposed measures are a step in the right direction, more comprehensive and collaborative measures may be necessary to address the issue of protecting children from harm in a more effective manner.

In addition, the club has stated that it is designed for the benefit of the local community. However, I have not seen any mention of the potential disturbance caused to elderly and children due to late-night traffic entering and exiting the club, especially considering that Taunton Avenue serves as the main entrance and exit for the club. This may lead to increased noise levels and disturbances which can have a negative impact on the health and well-being of local residents, particularly those who are elderly or have young children.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed new club license for Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club. I believe that the potential negative impacts on the community far outweigh any potential benefits that may arise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Myriam

From: Richard Creasy

Sent: 19 March 2023 16:30

To: Elizabeth Macdonald

Subject: Re: Application for club premises certificate for old Emanuel rugby club at the Raynes Park Sports ground

Dear Madam,

I refer to your email of 16th March rejecting my representation. As advised I resubmit my representation.

My name is Richard Creasy,

I trust that the above meets your requirements for representation.

I object to the application for licensing hours and closure on the grounds that it will lead to public nuisance and crime and disorder.

Taunton, Somerset and Camberley Avenues is a quiet family residential area and that is why residents like myself purchased a property here. We already know that Rugby/Cricket etc clubs are no respecters of residents. The local example for that is the Old Wimbledonians club at the end of Somerset Avenue. Residents have for as long as I have been living in Somerset Avenue had a put up with any number of disturbances from late night revelries, particularly in the Summer (although not confined to the summer months). There is inadequate recording or protection and general action from the Council in a lot of cases where these disturbances go on into the early hours. For residents in Somerset Avenue the public nuisance will be significant because they will have to face disturbances to the front (Old Wimbledonians) and to the rear from The Raynes Park Sports Ground.

Therefore, there is a real need to ensure that licensing for a club (and not a commercial operation) is curbed to more reasonable hours to avoid disturbances to residents, which will be inevitable. It is not unreasonable to have licensing for the supply of alcohol limited to 10.30 (closure at 11pm) during Monday to Friday, 11pm on a Saturday (closure at 11.30), and 10pm on a Sunday (with closure at 10.30).

The licensing times in the applicant's application are excessive for a club and, in any event, the club needs to be able to demonstrate that it is capable of acting responsibly in running the bar before any further consideration is given to whether more generous hours should be considered.

If this application is granted with these licensing times then, as night follows day, I can guarantee that there will be public nuisance and an increase in criminal behaviour due to drunkenness.

The Council and licensing authorities need to keep the rights of residents in this area paramount. To date that has not been the case.

For these reasons I object to the application for the hours in the applicant's application.

Kind regards,

Richard

Richard Creasy

From: Richard Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2023 11:31
To: Elizabeth Macdonald [REDACTED] Licensing
[REDACTED]
Cc: Councillor Matthew Willis <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Old Emmanuel rugby football club ltd

Dear Elizabeth Macdonald,

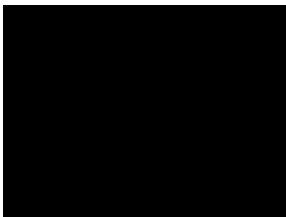
I do not wish to withdraw my objection

You write that *the club will be hosting a "town hall" meeting at the Pavilion between 11:00 and 12:00 this Saturday, so they can talk though and hopefully address any other concerns that the residents may have.* This is the first I have heard of this, I would have expected far more notice, and that should have come directly from the club. I will be away and therefore not able to attend.

Referring to the Licensing Act 2003, **my objection is based on the prevention of public nuisance.** There is already a club with a late bar at the end of Somerset Avenue, and we are frequently woken in the small hours as inebriated members noisily leave this club. This is entirely predictable behaviour at the new club. The later the hours, the more drunk members will be, and the greater the disturbance to local residents, more of whom will have gone to bed.

I would be prepared to withdraw my objection if, as stated in my previous email, the proposed closing time were to be 30 minutes *before* that of local pubs.

Yours sincerely
Richard Evans



From: Richard Evans
Sent: 28 February 2023 16:59
To: Licensing ; Councillor Chessie Flack; Councillor Matthew Willis; Councillor Victoria Wilson
Subject: Re: Old Emmanuel rugby football club ltd

■ To whom it may concern,

Please note my objection to this licence application, on the grounds that the proposed hours are too long.

I would view it more favourably if the proposed hours were normal pub hours, and even better still if the closing time were to be 30 minutes *before* that of local pubs.

Our quiet residential streets must not become a destination for late night drinkers, and all the inevitable loud and anti-social behaviour that would be caused.

Best regards
Richard Evans

From: Rose Phillips
Sent: 23 March 2023 21:37
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to new club license by Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club

As residents of Taunton Avenue, we are objecting to the new club license and for the late sale of alcohol submitted by Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club on the grounds of **prevention of public nuisance** and the **prevention of crime and disorder**.

We are specifically objecting to:

- a. the application for a license to serve alcohol that can be consumed **on and off the premises Monday – Friday from 17.00 until 23.00** and the fact that the **club will be open until 23.30**.
- b. the application for a license to serve alcohol that can be consumed **on and off the premises from 11:00 until 22.30 on Sundays** and the fact that the **club will be open until 23.00**.
- c. the application for the sale of alcohol that can be consumed **on and off the premises from 11.00 until 24.00 on Saturdays** and the fact that the **club will be open until 00.30**.

Having spoken to the representatives from Old Emmanuel Rugby Football Club, they have said that there is no intention to open the club regularly Monday to Friday. So if this is to be believed and really is their intention, then I see no reason whatsoever why they simply cannot apply for a temporary license on each of these 'rare' and 'ad hoc' occasions. However, if a licence is granted from the outset, there is absolutely nothing stopping them from opening and serving alcohol seven days a week.

This is a residential area and the times proposed for the sale of alcohol are too long and too late. Once alcohol has been consumed, people will show little regard for local residents and will create unacceptable noise levels and disturbances. Putting up signs and CCTV **will not** prevent members and their guests from causing a public nuisance on leaving the premises.

We urge you to consider the impact that approving this licence would have on the local community, one that already has a sports club of similar magnitude on the adjacent road, Somerset Avenue, that creates a considerable amount of disruptive behaviour.

Kind regards

Rose Phillips

From: Stephan Cook

Sent: 08 March 2023 12:38

To: Licensing

Cc: Councillor Victoria Wilson; Councillor Chessie Flack ; Councillor Matthew Willis

Subject: Objection to Licensing hours at Old Emanuel Sports Club

Licensing

London Borough of Merton

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(signed copy attached to this email and sent to licensing@merton.gov.uk)

Dear Licensing Panel,

RE: Application for a Club Premises certificate for Old Emanuel Rugby Club – The Pavilion at Raynes Park Sports Ground

My name is Stephan Cook and I live at [REDACTED] My home is very close to the Raynes Park Sports Ground at the end of Taunton Avenue.

I would like to express my objections for the extended opening hours that the Old Emanuel Rugby Club are requesting in their current licencing application.

Before I outline my concerns, I would like to state my support for the Raynes Park Sports Ground being developed and used to serve the local community. The sports ground is currently used by local residents for exercise, walking dogs and on one off occasions by other local community organisations. Increasing the sports use for the young people in the local area and beyond is brilliant to see.

For those on the licensing panel who would not be aware of the position of the Raynes Park Sports Ground, it is at the end of Taunton Avenue. Access to either Taunton Avenue or Somerset Avenue is only through Camberley Avenue. All of these avenues are dead ends and create a small cul-de-sac. Vehicles that drive into any of these three avenues must turn around to exit via Camberley Avenue. The dead ends, cars trying to turn around and limited parking can cause congestion at the best of times. Also Taunton Avenue is the exit point for the Kingston pedestrian and cycle path. Taunton Avenue is frequently used by cyclists, runners and walkers.

We have sports grounds at the end of all three avenues, Camberley, Somerset and Taunton. These sports grounds currently have football / cricket clubs for young people on the weekends that are very popular. A consequence of these clubs is that there is a significant increase in the number of cars and congestion in our streets and a dramatic need for parking while parents watch and wait for their children. This congestion is an inconvenience for local residents, but I would not object about this as the benefits for young people and sport are important.

You would also be aware that in the next street, Somerset Avenue, there is already a social club in use, the Old Wimbledonians Sports Club, where both patrons and locals are able to socialise and purchase / drink alcohol. The opening times for the bar there are from 17:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday, and from 17:00 to 22:30 on a Sunday evening. Having spoken to the local residents in Somerset Avenue they have shared that they are subject to excessive noise and public nuisance with customers using the Old Wimbledonian Sports Club facilities with loud voices, shouting, calling for taxis and general hubbub that they have to endure. The Old Wimbledonian Sports Club management do their very best to try and remind their patrons and clients to respect the local residents, but this public nuisance is still something local residents have to endure on these occasions.

I know that any public house or facility that serves alcohol will have to deal with drunken behaviour and public nuisance due to the effect of alcohol on the body. I understand that despite the measures and best-efforts management of pubs and clubs put in place, for example CCTV, they will still have to manage excessive noise and disorder from their patrons and clients at times. What does concern me, with the Old Emanuel Sports Club's application is the late opening hours they have requested. They have requested opening times until 11:30pm every night and till 12:30am on a Saturday. This will mean that local residents will have the public nuisance and excessive noise for possibly 15 to 30 minutes after closing time. For a Sunday evening, when local residents and their families / children are asleep ready for the working week and school, to have an 11:30pm closing time with the possible public nuisance and noise is unreasonable.

It is a strong concern that any clients socialising and drinking at the Old Wimbledonian Sports Club could also be members of the Old Emanuel Social Club and at 11:00pm walk from one club to the next. This would potentially mean possible public nuisance and excessive noise could travel beyond Somerset Avenue into Taunton Avenue. Although the Old Emanuel Sports Club management may deny access, the potential noise and nuisance would be beyond the control of either club's management.

I would think it entirely reasonable for the licencing panel to grant opening hours from 5:00pm to 11:00pm Monday to Saturday and till 10:30 on a Sunday evening, as this is the precedent set by the local authority for the Old Wimbledonians Social Club in the next street. I think it entirely unreasonable to expect local residents to have to put up with possible public nuisance an excessive noise after a closing time later than 11:00pm.

I do understand that there may be specific events when the social club would like to be hired out for private functions and they would like the function to be a later finish late than 11:00pm. There is the mechanism for a late license to be applied for and granted from the local authority in these instances.

In closing I would like to reiterate that I support of the Raynes Park Sports Ground being developed and used more for sports and young people.

I think it reasonable for licensed opening hours to be awarded to the Old Emanuel Sports Club in line with the current licensed hours at the Old Wimbledonian Sports Club (Mon – Sat till 11:00pm and 10:30pm on Sun).

I strongly object to the current licensing application for the Old Emanuel Sports Club where the opening hours are till 11:30pm Sunday to Friday and till 12:30am on a Saturday.

Yours sincerely

Stephan Cook

From: Stephan Cook

Sent: 16 March 2023 18:41

To: Elizabeth Macdonald

Cc: Councillor Matthew Willis; Councillor Chessie Flack; Councillor Victoria Wilson

Subject: RE: Objection to Licensing hours at Old Emanuel Sports Club WK/202299963

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your email regarding the licencing application for The Pavilion, Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue, SW200BH with the amendments the applicant has made to the application listed.

Once again I would like to express to the licencing panel that I do support the Raynes Park Sports Ground being developed and used to serve the local community and that increasing the sports use for the young people in the local area is great.

I note that the applicant has made amendments to stop serving alcohol 30 minutes before the proposed closing times, however this does not alter the facts that I raised in my objections. The requested closing times and subsequent noise and potential public nuisance elements have not been addressed in any form by this amendment.

I understand that the Old Emanuel Club have had a couple of trial events, where they were able to control the noise. A highly controlled trial event does not reflect the very real possibility of excessive drunken behaviour and public nuisance in real time when staff are serving client in the bar, clearing up, loading the fridges etc and 'punters' who have had a little too much alcohol are leaving the facility in a rowdy manner, or possible argumentative manner. Again I go back to a pub bar or even private event where alcohol is served there will be that times when public nuisance, drunken behaviour etc occur. Having experience of the catering business, even private wedding functions, public nuisance and excessive noise is not an unusual occurrence. During the summer time, when due to the heat residents will more than likely have their windows open, the noise from the club's clients who will be both inside the building and outside in the surrounding grounds could very well be excessive, with potential; drunken behaviour and excessive noise creating a public nuisance. As a panel, I believe that you must consider the worst case scenarios when considering this application as it will be the residents who would have to endure this public nuisance.

I am wondering why the applicant is requesting different opening and closing times to the Old Wimbledonians Football Club [OWFC]. Does the panel allow for different sets of rules / guidelines for a similar facility – both serve alcohol as a sports club, and are nearly back to back! I would have thought that the licencing hours set for the OWFC set a precedent for applications of a similar set of circumstances. I would appreciate you sending me the information of how precedent that is awarded by the council is considered in similar applications.

For over 16 years I was the headteacher in a local school and on many occasions had to work with the local authority and my local community for alcohol licences for different events in the school and the change of use for sporting facilities. I always ensured that I kept my local neighbours fully informed, held specific open meetings where residents could ask questions of the proposals and how the school was intending on managing these changes. I understood that the school was a part of the community, and clear open communication was vital.

Weeks ago I requested a 'town hall' style meeting for the local residents on a WhatsApp group. Two of the Old Emanuel Sports Club managing committee, I believe, informed me there had been an open morning. I explained the difference between an open morning for everyone to view the facilities etc and a specific 'town hall' style meeting for local residents to listen to proposals and answer specific questions from residents. I was brushed aside with no response given by both

people. You would appreciate that this did indicate to me that my understanding of working together with the local community was very different from those representing the club who I communicated with. My concern is that I have received no information from the Old Emanuel Sports Club [OESC] of the 'town hall' style meeting. It is this email you have sent me that has let me know that there is a meeting as I had requested, and with only three days before the meeting is to be held. Once again there has been ineffective communication from the applicant to the local residents. The OESC could have communicated with me, and the locals via the WhatsApp but chose not to. Unfortunately I am not able to attend due to the short notice of the meeting. I am aware that a number of the neighbours are in the same position – insufficient notice and therefore unable to attend. I would ask that the licensing application be deferred to a later date so that this meeting with the Old Emanuel Sports Club and local residents can happen with sufficient time for the local residents to make the date set.

The issues of concern that I raised in my original objection still remain [Please refer to my original email].

My objections to the licensing application remain.

I look forward to your response with the question of how the licencing panel will be considering the precedent the panel have awarded for a similar application.

With kind regards

Stephan Cook

From: Stephan Cook

Sent: 23 March 2023 14:05

To: Licensing

Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - Generic representation response The Pavilion, Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue, Raynes Park SW20 0BH

Dear Licensing Panel,

Further to the letter of objection I have already lodged please add the following concern,

The prevention of public nuisance

I was recently sent a copy of the OESC's actual application. When I read the actual application I noted the club have ticked 'both' to sell alcohol for consumption both on and off premises!

I was not aware of this when I first lodged my objection that the application included selling alcohol for consumption off premises - this would mean drinking alcohol on the grass outside the clubhouse or in the local area.

This would mean that alcohol sold from the club could be consumed in the sports ground car park, on the playing fields or outside the ground while waiting for a taxi - outside my home!

There have been many times in the past I have had to phone the police for noisy disturbances, excessive consumption of alcohol even 'campfires' lit in the car park near the grassed area while young guys hang around the area after they have had a social match. based on these actual occurrences from young adults playing football in the evening, it is likely that if alcohol is sold from the club for consumption outside the club that patrons of the club may continue to drink etc at my end of Taunton A ensue or in the local area waiting for an Uber etc.

Any public nuisance occurring from the effects of alcohol sold in the club, would not be possible to monitor by the club.

I know this may sound like worst case scenario but better this considered before the event than having to put up with anti social behaviour / public nuisance after!

Please add this objection to my initial letter

Kind regards

Stephan.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sue Keay

Sent: 28 February 2023 19:13

To: Licensing

Cc:

Subject: Alcohol licence at Raynes Park Sports Ground SW20

Hi, I've noticed that there is an application in progress for Raynes Park Sports Ground on Taunton Avenue, SW20

As a resident living within 50 metres from the club, I would like to express my concern at the late times on the application. Midnight is too late for an alcohol licence on residential street. When people leave the club at midnight, having consumed alcohol for a number of hours, there will inevitably be noise in the street right outside my bedroom window. In the past, when a previous social club held a licence at the same location, people used to leave the club and stand right outside my house waiting for taxis, talking loudly. I am very concerned that this will happen again on a regular basis.

I would not have an issue with a licence until 11pm, in which case all visitors to the club should be out of the area by 11.30pm. It would be unacceptable if noise was a regular occurrence at 12.30am.

I fully support the new tenants at the Sports Ground and will probably visit the club myself to socialise, but the needs of the residents should be a priority in this case.

I would appreciate a prompt response to my email regarding this licensing decision.

Kind regards
Sue Keay

From: Terrance Morris

Sent: 22 March 2023 16:33

To: Licensing

Subject: Fwd: Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited Application redact.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Limited Application

The Pavilion Raynes Park Sports Ground (Taunton Avenue SW20)

I refer to the application for a premises license by the above Applicant(s) and writing to register my objection.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, protection of children from harm, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Given The Pavilion Raynes Park Sports Ground location of the premises in relationship to the residents, and enabling the premises to sell alcohol would be totally detrimental to its aims and objectives. The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption on and off the premises between 17:00 and 23.00pm, seven days a week. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already well served with many licensed premises. This will inevitably bring crime, disorder and public nuisance to the residents door steps.

Residents in this Road(s) have been suffering noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour at night from park revellers. The grant of extended license to this premise will inevitably affect the quality of life of the residential occupants. Any use of the outside area after 21:00 hrs will cause noise and disturbances if young children are resident within the house(s) it will cause disturbance to sleep and this is proven to effect school work and concentration.

I would also urge the Committee to regard Health Impact Assessment, personal safety of residents and crime issues within the threshold of Statement of Licensing Policy.

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application. Alternatively, if the Committee agrees otherwise the licensing condition must include (a) strict curfew at 22:00 hrs on weekdays (b) off premises exclusion (c) Applicant take measures to mitigate/prevent causing a nuisance to resident.

Yours faithfully,

Terrance M Muthukumar

22nd March 2023

By email to licensing@merton.gov.uk

Dear Licensing Panel,

RE: Application for a new club certificate (Ref: WK/202299963) for Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club Ltd – The Pavilion and Raynes Park Sports Ground

My name is Dr Youssof Oskrochi, resident at [REDACTED] and I would like to formally object to the application for a new club premises certificate to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 filed by the Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club (OERFC).

My objection is on the grounds of preventing public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

Basis for objection on preventing public nuisance

I live at [REDACTED] on the junction of Taunton Avenue and Somerset Avenue and very close to the only road access into Raynes Park Sports Ground, the site of the proposed licence application.

Due to the location of my property, I unfortunately already have to deal with the consequences of the license granted to Old Wimbledonian Sports Club (OWSC) which is located at the end of Somerset Avenue.

The current OWSC license provides provision for the supply of alcohol until 23:00 from Monday to Saturday and until 22:30 on Sundays.

Under this license, my fellow neighbours and I regularly experience:

- 1) Noise from inebriated patrons leaving late at night and walking towards the main road often singing, chanting, and talking loudly.
- 2) Noise from inebriated groups at night waiting on the junction of Somerset and Taunton Avenue waiting for a taxi or someone to pick them up.
- 3) Users disposing of food and cans/drinks they have purchased either on their way to or from the venue on or around our properties.

As is evident, there is already a significant public nuisance burden on us because of this existing license.

OERFC are seeking permit hours until 00:00 on Saturdays and 23:00 on Sundays. The granting of this licence in its current form would directly cause an increase in the nuisance we experience by virtue of:

- increased numbers of individuals being inebriated due to alcohol now being sold at two sites close to each other.
- Increase in duration of nuisance as alcohol hours are extended.

We are already seeing the impact that having two active sports club in close proximity is having on our quality of life. At weekends, users of both the OWSC and OERFC compete for access to their respective sites and the limited public parking spaces available on Taunton and Somerset Avenue. This has resulted in sports ground users parking illegally and blocking access to residents' homes with altercations ensuing when they have been confronted.

Whilst this does not relate directly to the application, it provides evidence that providing the permit would naturally increase demand – in this case for alcohol - therefore directly resulting in an increase in the issues we already face.

Basis for objection on protecting children from harm

As explained above, the majority of nuisance from existing license and therefore the additional nuisance that would be expected from the proposed license comes at night when patrons are leaving the venues.

This nuisance mostly comes from noise. Taunton and Somerset Avenue are residential areas with young families and children who will be asleep at those times.

As a parent of 2 young children, I have often had to deal with my children being woken up due to the noise from inebriated patrons leaving the OWSC, granting the permit to OERFC will compound this problem.

Good quality sleep is critical for child development, with insufficient or poor quality sleep being associated with adverse health outcomes and therefore harms. Only last week, the results of a study published in The Journal of the American Medical Association highlighted that even 39 minutes of reduction in sleep per day in 8- to 12-year-olds was associated with reduced physical and mental health and reduced coping in school¹.

Granting of this license would not only increase the likelihood of our children being woken up at night (as numbers of patrons increases), but also that they are more likely to be woken up across a longer time period (as opening times are later than existing permit).

Compromise

I understand the need for OERFC to serve alcohol as part of their business activities and I applaud them for investing in the local community and providing provision of sporting activity.

I therefore would have fewer reservations if they applied for a license with the same opening hours as that of OWSC, namely the serving of alcohol until 23:00 Monday to Saturday and until 22:30 on Sundays with closing times being 30 minutes after the end of serving periods.

This arrangement, whilst still causing an increase in the numbers of patrons, would at least limit the duration to that of existing patterns and times. This would represent a reasonable compromise for residents and would still allow OERFC to satisfy their members.

Summary

I object to the current application on the grounds of preventing public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

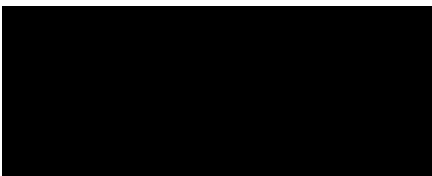
I would have no objections if the applicant were to amend their application to serve alcohol from:

- 17:00 to 23:00 Monday to Friday
- 11:00 to 23:00 on Saturday
- 11:00 to 22:30 on Sundays

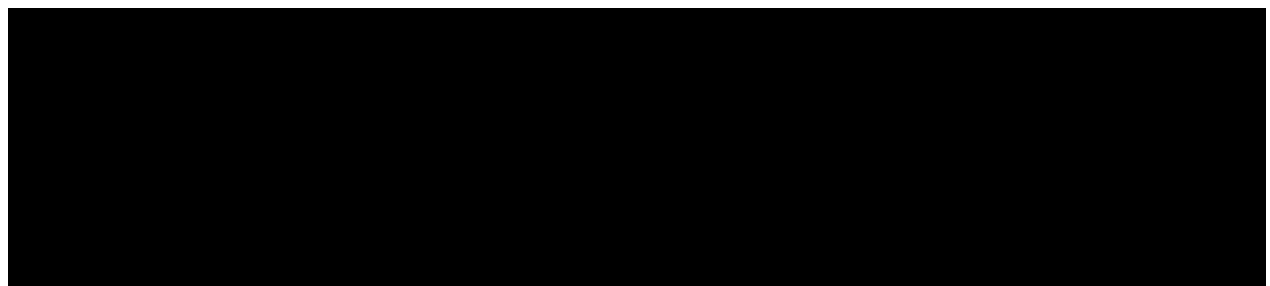
The club would also have to amend their opening hours and close earlier, reflecting serving hour changes.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns with any representative of the club if requested.

Kind regards,



Dr Youssof Oskrochi



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