

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

7 NOVEMBER 2018

LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE

EASEMORE CLUB, 25 EASEMORE ROAD, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE, B98 8ER

PUBLIC HEARING	
Director:	Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Contact Officer:	Dave Etheridge Senior Practitioner (Licensing) 01905 822799 enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	Abbey
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Review Application Appendix 2 – Existing Licence Appendix 3 – Representations from other persons.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider and determine an application for review of the premises licence in respect of the premises below:

**Easemore Club
25 Easemore Road
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8ER**

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 An application has been received from Police Constable Andrew Freeman acting on behalf of the Chief Officer of West Mercia Police and applying for review of the premises licence in respect of:

Easemore Club
25 Easemore Road
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8ER

2.2 The application relates to the following licensing objectives:

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

2.3 The grounds for the review application are set out in the application form. A copy of the application form and supporting documents can be seen at **Appendix 1**.

2.4 It can be confirmed that the application has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations and that the application has also been served on all responsible authorities.

2.5 The current premises licence is held by Mr Graham Alcott. Mr Alcott is also named on the premises licence as the designated premises supervisor. A copy of the current premises licence can be seen at **Appendix 2**.

3. REPRESENTATIONS

Responsible Authorities

3.1 No representations have been received from any of the other responsible authorities in respect of the application.

Other Persons

- 3.2 A total of five representations have been received from other persons regarding the review application.
- 3.3 The representations support the police application and raise various concerns about the way the premises has been operated by the licence holder Mr Alcott.
- 3.4 Copies of the representations received from other persons can be seen at **Appendix 3.**

4. LOCAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Sub-Committee should have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.2 The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is available to download from the Council's website or to request a hard copy, contact Worcestershire Regulatory Services on 01905 822799 or email wrsenquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives which are:
- the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance;
 - the protection of children from harm.
- 5.2 In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is also obliged to have regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.3 The Sub-Committee must also have regard to the applications, the representations that have been made and the evidence it hears during the hearing.

- 5.4 The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence by altering, omitting or adding a new condition.
 - (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
 - (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor
 - (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
 - (e) to revoke the licence
- 5.5 All parties to the hearing will be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- 5.6 Any party aggrieved by a decision taken by the Sub-Committee may appeal against the decision to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision in writing.
- 5.7 The hearing should be conducted in accordance with the agreed procedure.

6. FOR DECISION

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee must consider and determine the application.