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NOTICE OF MEETING - LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 24 OCTOBER 2023

A meeting of the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee will be held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
(a) Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration;		
(b) Councillors to declare whether they wish to speak on the grounds they:		
i. Have submitted a relevant representation; or		
ii. Will be speaking on behalf of someone who has submitted a relevant representation.		
2. MINUTES		5 - 14
To confirm the Minutes of the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee meetings held on 21 September 2023 and 3 October 2023.		
3. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - CHARLES COOPER HENDERSON, ISLAND OF BETTER BOATING, MILL GREEN, CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 8EX	THAMES	15 - 98

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To consider an application for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the Charles Cooper Henderson, Island of Better Boating, Mill Green, Caversham, Reading, RG4 8EX.

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Present: Councillors Woodward (Chair for all cases except Appendix 5), G Dennis (present for Appendix 5 only), Edwards (Vice Chair in the Chair for Appendix 5 only) and Keane

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Woodward declared an interest in the case at Appendix 5 on the grounds that he had been consulted on the revocation of the applicant's previous Private Hire (School Transport) Operator's Licence and associated Private Hire (School Transport) Vehicle Licences. Cllr Woodward left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision making in relation to the case at Appendix 5. Cllr Woodward was replaced by Cllr G Dennis who was present for the determination of the case at Appendix 5 only. The Sub-Committee's Vice-Chair, Cllr Edwards, took the Chair for the determination of Appendix 5 only.

13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved –

That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely that there would be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act.

15. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND SCHOOL TRANSPORT VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCES, A REPORT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SUSPENSION/REVOCATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE, AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) OPERATOR'S LICENCE AND AN APPEAL AGAINST THE ALLOCATION OF PENALTY POINTS TO A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report that set out applications for the grant of Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licences, an application for the grant of a three-year School Transport Vehicle Driver's Licence, an application for the grant of a Private Hire (School Transport) Operator's Licence and an appeal against the allocation of penalty points to a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence. Summaries detailing the circumstances of each of the cases were attached to the report at Appendices 1 to 5.

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DK (Appendix 1) was present at the meeting with his representative, NK. Both addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

MGP (Appendix 2) was not present at the meeting. MGP had not responded to the Licensing's email of 28 July 2023 and had not provided any explanation for her absence. The Sub-Committee was satisfied that MGP had been made aware that the hearing would be taking place and decided to determine the application in her absence.

KMB (Appendix 3) was present at the meeting, with his representative, KS, from the Reading Private Hire Association. Both addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

SBM (Appendix 4) was not present at the meeting. SBM had sent an email to Licensing officers saying he wanted the Sub-Committee to decide the appeal in his absence. The Sub-Committee was satisfied that SBM was aware of the hearing and therefore agreed to hear the appeal against the allocation of penalty points in SBM's absence.

ZM (Appendix 5) was present at the meeting, addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

In reaching its decisions the Sub-Committee gave due consideration to the written evidence contained in the paperwork, the oral evidence provided at the meeting by the Licensing Officer and by the applicants who attended, and to relevant legislation and the policies of Reading Borough Council, namely:

- The Town Police Clauses Act 1847
- The Local Government Miscellaneous (Provisions Act) 1976;
- The Secretary of State's Guidance;
- Reading Borough Council's Private Hire Vehicle Conditions;
- Reading Borough Council's Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Criminal Convictions Policy;
- The Equality Act 2010;
- The Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Act 2022.

In reaching its decisions the Sub-Committee endeavoured to strike a fair balance between the interests of the applicants and the concerns of officers.

Resolved –

- (1) That the application by DK for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused on the basis that DK was not considered a fit and proper person by reason of:
 - a) The nature of the offences, as detailed in the report;
 - b) The failure to declare all offences, spent or not, on the application form, as detailed in the report.;

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- c) The Sub-Committee not being satisfied with DK's explanation for the two convictions he received in 2018.
- d) The Sub-Committee not being satisfied with DK's explanation for the conviction he received in 2019.
- e) DK not having shown an understanding of the enhanced level of scrutiny required for a Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence application;
- f) DK not being able to satisfy the Sub-Committee that he would be able to abide by the high standards required of a Private Hire Vehicle driver;
- g) DK not being able to satisfy the Sub-Committee that he was a fit and proper person to hold the licence applied for.

DK was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

- (2) That the application by MGP for the grant of a three-year School Transport Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused on the basis that MGP was not considered a fit and proper person by reason of:
- a) The nature of the offence, as detailed in the report;
 - b) The failure to declare or to provide any explanation for the motoring conviction during the application, as detailed in the report;
 - c) The seriousness of the motoring offence given the context of School Transport Vehicle driving.

The Sub-Committee noted that MGP had the right to appeal the decision to the Magistrates' Court.

- (3) That the application by KMB for grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused on the basis that KMB was not considered a fit and proper person by reason of:
- a) The nature of the offences, as detailed in the report. The Sub-Committee noted KMB's conviction in February 2019 and that KMB had declared that conviction on his application form. The Sub-Committee also noted that KMB had not declared his conviction for failing to comply with the sentence offence on his application form. The Sub-Committee felt that KMB was minimising his previous behaviour.
 - b) Insufficient time having elapsed since the conviction. The Sub-Committee noted that the statutory guidance stated that when an applicant had any conviction for drink driving or for driving whilst under the influence of drugs a licence would not be granted until at least 7 years had elapsed since the completion of any sentence or driving ban imposed. In the KMB's case the completion of the sentence could not have been earlier than September 2019, therefore by applying the statutory guidance the earliest date a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence could be granted would be 2026. The Sub-Committee found no reason to deviate from the statutory guidance when determining KMB's application;

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- c) KMB not being able to satisfy the Sub-Committee that he was, yet, a fit and proper person to hold the licence applied for.

KMB was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

- (4) That the appeal against the allocation of penalty points to the Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence in respect of SBM be refused due to the Sub-Committee's finding that SBM had breached the following Private Hire Driver Condition:

Condition 19.1 – You must notify the Council within 14 days in writing of any change of address from that shown on your licence. Failure to do so – 3 penalty points.

The Sub-Committee found no reason to uphold the appeal. As a consequence, the Sub-Committee decided that the addition of three penalty points to SBM's Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence should stand. The Sub-Committee also expressed its disappointment with the appellant's attitude towards his own appeal.

If the accumulation of penalty points resulted in the automatic suspension/revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licence the driver in question would be entitled to appeal the decision to revoke/suspend their Licence to the Magistrates' Court.

- (5) That the application by ZM for a Private Hire (School Transport) Vehicle Operator's Licence be refused on the grounds that ZM was not considered a fit and proper person.

The Sub-Committee determined that ZM had operated a company which had been compulsorily struck-off. On being struck-off the company was dissolved and ceased to exist as a legal entity and the Private Hire (School Transport) Vehicle Operator's Licence held by the company was voided.

The Sub Committee noted that ZM had not informed Licensing officers that his company had been compulsorily dissolved. ZM had setup up a new company, with a very similar name, in the place of the old company. The new company did not have a valid Private Hire (School Transport) Vehicle Operator's Licence.

The Sub-Committee noted that ZM had continued to operate a School Transport business without a valid Operator's Licence until this was discovered by Licensing Officers. Consequently, there was no valid insurance policy in place covering a period of two years and two months of school run work.

The Sub-Committee further noted that ZM had failed to show an understanding of the gravity of his actions and did not show an understanding

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of the nature of an Operator's Licence, even after acknowledging that the Operator's Licence was granted to a limited company and not to him as a person.

ZM was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

(Exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5)

(The meeting started at 9.30 am and closed at 11.47 am)

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Present: Councillor Woodward (Chair);
Councillors Edwards (Vice-Chair) and Mitchell

16. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - TESCO EXPRESS, GROUND FLOOR RETAIL UNIT, WESTERN BUILDING, HUNTLEY WHARF, KENAVON DRIVE, READING, RG1 3DH

The Sub-Committee considered a report on an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Tesco Express, Ground Floor Retail Unit, Western Building, Huntley Wharf, Kenavon Drive, Reading, RG1 3DH.

The report stated that the application was for the grant of a Premises Licence to permit the following licensable activities:

Provision of Late-Night Refreshment:

Monday to Sunday from 2300hrs until 0000hrs

Sale by Retail of Alcohol (Off the Premises):

Monday to Sunday from 0600hrs until 0000hrs

Hours the Premises is Open to the Public:

Monday to Sunday from 0600hrs until 0000hrs

A copy of the Premises Licence Application Form was attached to the report at Appendix MG-1. A copy of the agreed conditions between Reading Borough Council's Licensing Team, Thames Valley Police and the Applicant were attached to the report at Appendix MG-2.

During the 28-day consultation period for the application one representation had been received by Reading Borough Council (RBC). This was attached to the report as appendix MG-3, Reading Borough Council - Planning Department Objection and a copy of the Planning Decision Notice was also attached at Appendix MG-4.

The report stated that in determining the application the Licensing Authority had a duty to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, as follows:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance;
- The protection of children from harm.

The report also stated that any conditions placed on the premises licence should be appropriate and proportionate with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and that the Licensing Authority could grant (subject to appropriate conditions to promote the

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licensing objectives), amend, alter or refuse an application should it be deemed appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The applicant and the responsible authorities had been able to reach agreement on the conditions to be attached to the Premises Licence in order to promote the four Licensing objectives.

The report set out paragraphs 1.2 to 1.5, 8.41 to 8.49, 9.12, 9.38 to 9.40, 9.42 and 9.43 from the Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 issued in August 2023. The report also set out paragraphs 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 5.6, 5.7, 6.1, 6.2, 6.5, 7.2, 7.6, 7.7, 7.12, 7.16, 8.6, 10.1 and 10.3 from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Hardish Purewall, Licensing Manager (the applicant's agent) and solicitor Jeremy Bark were present at the meeting on behalf of Tesco Stores Limited and addressed the Sub-Committee on the application, answered questions and responded to the points made by the objector. It was reported at the meeting that an additional condition restricting the late-night refreshment to hot drinks via vending machine would be acceptable to the applicant.

Objector Jonathan Markwell, Reading Borough Council Principal Planning Officer, attended the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

Mark Groves, RBC Licensing Officer, presented the report to the Sub-Committee.

In reaching their decisions the Sub-Committee gave due consideration to the written evidence contained in the paperwork and the oral evidence at the meeting and to the relevant legislation and policies of Reading Borough Council as set out above.

Resolved -

- (1) That, after taking into consideration the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of that Act, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Equality Act 2010 and Reading Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder,
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- the protection of children from harm

and considering the written and oral representations received from the Applicant and their agent and from Reading Borough Council Licensing and Reading Borough Council Planning, the Sub-Committee agreed to grant the premises licence, to allow the following licensable activities:

Provision of Late-Night Refreshment:

Monday to Sunday from 2300hrs until 0000hrs

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Sale by Retail of Alcohol (Off the Premises):

Monday to Sunday from 0600hrs until 0000hrs

Hours the Premises is Open to the Public:

Monday to Sunday from 0600hrs until 0000hrs

subject to the conditions set out in Appendix MG-2 to the report plus the following additional condition:

- The provision of late-night refreshment shall be limited to the provision of hot drinks via a token-operated vending machine, with those tokens to be bought at the till point.

- (2) That it be noted that the Applicant would need to resolve the differences between the Premises Licence and planning permission permitted opening hours.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved -

That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act.

18. A REPORT TO CONSIDER THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report requesting the suspension/revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

QA (Appendix 1) was present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

In reaching its decisions the Sub-Committee gave due consideration to the written evidence contained in the paperwork, the oral evidence provided at the meeting by the Licensing Officer and by the applicant who attended, and to relevant legislation and the policies of Reading Borough Council, namely:

- The Town Police Clauses Act 1847
- The Local Government Miscellaneous (Provisions Act) 1976;
- The Secretary of State's Guidance;
- Reading Borough Council's Private Hire Vehicle Conditions;

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- Reading Borough Council's Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Criminal Convictions Policy;
- The Equality Act 2010;
- The Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Act 2022.

In reaching its decisions the Sub-Committee endeavoured to strike a fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the concerns of officers.

Resolved -

That the Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence in respect of QA be revoked with immediate effect due to reasons of public safety, QA not being considered a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and for the reasonable causes pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 by reason of:

- a) The nature of the conviction from 16 June 2023 as detailed within the report;
- b) The number of breaches of licence conditions and traffic regulations;
- c) Concern over the safety of the public given the circumstances of the conviction and breaches in (a) and (b) above;
- d) The list of previous licence suspensions and the very short period of time between breaches of licence conditions;
- e) QA's failure to declare their previous suspension, that they had been charged with an offence and their subsequent conviction, in breach of licensing conditions;
- f) The Sub-Committee not finding QA's answers to Councillors' questions convincing, nor that they understood the gravity of their previous transgressions, nor their recent criminal conviction, with QA seeking always to place the blame on others and finding it difficult to take responsibility for their own actions.

QA was advised of their right of appeal and that if on doing so they lost their appeal that RBC would seek to recover any costs in relation to the appeal.

(Exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5)

(The meeting started at 10.41am and closed at 12.59 pm)

LICENSING ACT 2003 HEARING TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023 @ 13:00HRS
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

1. Premises:

Charles Cooper Henderson
Island of Better Boating
Mill Green
Caversham
Reading
RG4 8EX

2. Applicant:

Mr Richard Prunier

3. Background:

This is an application for the grant of a premises licence.

The Charles Cooper Henderson is a converted Watson Beach Class RNLI lifeboat (41ft in length) which was used to evacuate the troops from Dunkirk in 1940 as a Dunkirk Little Ship. The Charles Cooper Henderson was built in 1933 and served as a lifeboat until she was sold out of service in 1974. She was the longest serving RNLI motor lifeboat. Photographs of the boat can be seen at **Appendix LIC-2**

The application is for a grant of a premises licence for the sale of alcohol to small groups of no more than 12 (twelve) guests who have booked a high end private cruises along the river.

Low level volume live and recorded period music for the guests whilst sat at their tables. The live music will be provided by up market small group trios etc playing period music such as jazz, swing etc and if amplified will be to a very low level as background music.

A Location map is attached at **Appendix LIC-3**

The Licensing teams of both RBC and TVP have agreed conditions with the applicant Mr Prunier and these can be found at **Appendix LIC-4**

4. Proposed licensable activities and hours:

The application is for the grant of a premises licence for the following activities:

Sale by Retail of Alcohol (On the Premises)

Monday to Sunday from 0900hrs until 2300hrs

Hours the Premises is Open to the Public

Monday to Sunday from 0900hrs until 2300hrs

5. Temporary Event Notices

In considering any application the Licensing Authority should be aware of the possible use of Temporary Event Notices to authorise licensable activities. A premises can extend the hours or scope of their operation by the use of Temporary Event Notices. Up to 15 events per year (or 20 events in 2022 & 2023 only) can be held under this provision at a particular premises. These events may last for up to 168 hours provided less than 500 people are accommodated and provided the total number of days used for these events does not exceed 21 (or 26 in 2022 & 2023) per calendar year.

6. Date of receipt of application: 23 August 2023

7. Date of closure of period for representations: 28 September 2023

8. Representations received:

During the 28 day consultation period for the application, representations were received from:

1. RBC Environmental Protection & Nuisance Team – Attached as **Appendix LIC-5**
2. Mr Ian Dean Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-6**
3. Mr Ian Dean additional information – Attached as **Appendix LIC-6a**
4. Ms Annette Brodie Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-7**
5. Miss Phoon - Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-8**
6. Mr J R Bathe Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-9**
7. Mr & Mrs Jonathan & Julia Moody Local Residents – Attached as **Appendix LIC-10**
8. Mr Richard Standing Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-11**
9. Mr Graham Bates Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-12**
10. Mr Daniel Cameron Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-13**
11. Dr Felia Allum Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-14**
12. Mrs MP Allum Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-15**
13. Mrs Denise Holt Local Resident – Attached as **Appendix LIC-16**
14. Mr & Mrs David & Angela Neal Local Residents – Attached as **Appendix LIC-17**

9. Powers of the Authority in determining an application for the grant of a premises licence

The Licensing authority, when determining an application for the grant of a premises licence may:

- Grant the application as applied for
- Grant the application with modifications
- Refuse the application

10. Licensing Objectives and Reading Borough Council's Licensing Policy Statement

In considering representations received the Licensing Authority has a duty to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, which are as follows:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

Any conditions that are placed on a premises licence should be appropriate and proportionate with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority can amend, alter, or refuse an application should it be deemed appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

In determining this application, the Licensing Authority must also have regard to the representations received, the Licensing Authority's statement of licensing policy and any relevant section of the statutory guidance to licensing authorities.

11. The Council's Licensing Policy Statement (2023):

1.6 The predominantly urban nature of Reading as a town means that an appropriate balance needs to be struck between the needs of local business and the needs of local residents. This licensing policy seeks to encourage all stakeholders to engage in the licensing process so that the needs of all can be taken into account and issues dealt with in a spirit of partnership and cooperation.

3. Licensing and integration with other legislation

3.1 Many other pieces of legislation impact directly or indirectly on the licensing regime. The Licensing Authority must have regard to the following when it discharges its responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and in relation to the promotion of the four licensing objectives:

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

3.2 This Act requires local authorities and other bodies to consider crime and disorder reduction. Section 17 of the Act states that it shall be the duty of each authority, to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that is reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment). This links specifically with the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder and the licensing authority will take into account all reasonable measures that actively promote this licensing objective.

5. Licensing Applications

Grant and Full Variations

5.6 During the 28 day consultation period, the authority will scrutinise the application along with all of the other Responsible Authorities to judge whether it undermines the promotion of the licensing objectives. The application will be made available to any

person who requests to see it. As per Section 18 (6) of the Licensing Act 2003, it will consider the likely effect of granting any licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives. The authority will expect all applicants to have taken cognisance of the Secretary of State's Guidance; local strategies and initiatives; this policy and any other known local issues before submitting their application and that these matters are addressed within the operating schedule of the application.

5.7 Whilst many applications will be resolved without the need for a committee hearing, any matters or representations that are not resolved will trigger a hearing before the properly constituted Licensing Applications Committee for determination.

6. Licensing Conditions

General Approach

6.1 Conditions shall be appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and shall be unambiguous and clear in their stated aims. Conditions will also be tailored to the type, location and characteristics of the particular premises and the relevant licensable activities. Any condition imposed by the Authority shall also aim to avoid duplication of other legislation unless there is a requirement to impose such a condition in order to promote the licensing objectives (for example, a capacity limit for public safety reasons). This shall apply to all relevant applications (grant/variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate)

6.2 The operating schedule within an application should contain an assessment from the proposed licence holder of what they believe are appropriate and proportionate measures to enable them to carry out their proposed licensable activities. This assessment should be arrived at by taking cognisance of this policy and the Secretary of State's guidance which outlines the matters that an applicant should take into account such as issues in the locality and why their proposed measures are suitable for their proposed operation.

6.5 Any conditions imposed upon a premises licence or club premises certificate will be tailored to that type of premises and the style of operation. Consideration will also be given to the locality of the premises; issues in the locality; the issues set out in the Guidance and any policy, initiative or other matter the licensing authority wishes to take into account in order to promote the four licensing objectives.

7. Licensing Hours

General Approach

7.2 When an application receives representations, the authority may consider reducing the opening hours and times for licensable activities if it considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Licensed Premises in Residential Areas

7.6 When dealing with applications and issuing licences, the authority is likely to impose stricter conditions on premises operating in residential areas if it considers it appropriate and proportionate to do so. This will apply to all premises types.

7.7 Generally, any licensed premises looking to open past 11pm (2300hrs) in a residential area will need to demonstrate clearly in their operating schedule that public nuisance will not result from later operation. As part of the operating schedule, applicants

should read the Secretary of State's Guidance, this policy and any other relevant document and ensure that robust measures are included in any application.

7.12 The licensing authority will seek the input of the Council's Environmental Protection and Nuisance team when looking at measures that may be appropriate for the prevention of public nuisance. This will include taking cognisance of any representations that are submitted as part of the application process or any enforcement action they have taken under their own legislation – such as noise abatement notices.

8. Children in Licensed Premises

8.6 The Authority will expect all licence holders or premises that wish to allow children on to their premises to ensure that access is restricted where appropriate. This would include, ensuring that all children are accompanied and that they do not have access to or sight of alcohol. Examples of when access could be restricted or denied to the premises altogether could be:

where adult entertainment is provided.

where there have been convictions of members of staff or the current management for serving alcohol to minors or there is strong anecdotal evidence of alcohol being sold to minors.

where there is a known association at the premises for drug taking or drug dealing.

where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises – particularly large stake games involving significant sums of money.

where the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the exclusive or primary use of the services provided at the premises.

10. Administration, Exercise and Delegation of Functions

10.1 The powers of the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 may be carried out by the Licensing Committee; by a Sub Committee or by one or more officers acting under delegated authority. The Licensing Committee will consist of between 10-15 members and the committee may establish one or more sub-committees consisting of two or three members.

10.3 A Licensing Sub-Committee shall hear all applications where relevant representations have been received and applications for the review of a premises licence that may have been submitted by Responsible Authorities or any other persons.

12. Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (August 2023)

Licensing Objectives and Aims:

1.2 The legislation provides a clear focus on the promotion of four statutory objectives which must be addressed when licensing functions are undertaken.

1.3 The licensing objectives are:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

1.4 Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

1.5 However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work. They include:

- protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises.

Steps to promote the licensing objectives:

8.41 In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.42 Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

- the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;
- any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and
- any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

8.43 Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact assessment), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.

8.44 It is expected that enquiries about the locality will assist applicants when determining the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. For example, premises with close proximity to residential premises should consider what effect this will have on their smoking, noise management and dispersal policies to ensure the promotion of the public nuisance objective. Applicants must consider all factors which may be relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives, and where there are no known concerns, acknowledge this in their application.

8.45 The majority of information which applicants will require should be available in the licensing policy statement in the area. Other publicly available sources which may be of

use to applicants include:

- the Crime Mapping website;
- Neighbourhood Statistics website;
- websites or publications by local responsible authorities;
- websites or publications by local voluntary schemes and initiatives; and
- on-line mapping tools.

8.46 While applicants are not required to seek the views of responsible authorities before formally submitting their application, they may find them to be a useful source of expert advice on local issues that should be taken into consideration when making an application. Licensing authorities may wish to encourage co-operation between applicants, responsible authorities and, where relevant, local residents and businesses before applications are submitted in order to minimise the scope for disputes to arise.

8.47 Applicants are expected to provide licensing authorities with sufficient information in this section to determine the extent to which their proposed steps are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in the local area. Applications must not be based on providing a set of standard conditions to promote the licensing objectives and applicants are expected to make it clear why the steps they are proposing are appropriate for the premises.

8.48 All parties are expected to work together in partnership to ensure that the licensing objectives are promoted collectively. Where there are no disputes, the steps that applicants propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, as set out in the operating schedule, will very often translate directly into conditions that will be attached to premises licences with the minimum of fuss.

8.49 For some premises, it is possible that no measures will be appropriate to promote one or more of the licensing objectives, for example, because they are adequately covered by other existing legislation. It is however important that all operating schedules should be precise and clear about the measures that are proposed to promote each of the licensing objectives.

The role of responsible authorities

9.12 Each responsible authority will be an expert in their respective field, and in some cases, it is likely that a particular responsible authority will be the licensing authority's main source of advice in relation to a particular licensing objective. For example, the police have a key role in managing the night-time economy and should have good working relationships with those operating in their local area⁵. The police should usually therefore be the licensing authority's main source of advice on matters relating to the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objective. However, any responsible authority under the 2003 Act may make representations with regard to any of the licensing objectives if they have evidence to support such representations. Licensing authorities must therefore consider all relevant representations from responsible authorities carefully, even where the reason for a particular responsible authority's interest or expertise in the promotion of a particular objective may not be immediately apparent. However, it remains incumbent on all responsible authorities to ensure that their representations can withstand the scrutiny to which they would be subject at a hearing.

Hearings

9.38 In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community, the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:

- the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;
- the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
- this Guidance;
- its own statement of licensing policy.

9.39 The licensing authority should give its decision within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing (or immediately in certain specified cases) and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties. Notification of a decision must be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal. After considering all the relevant issues, the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule. Any conditions imposed must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives; there is no power for the licensing authority to attach a condition that is merely aspirational. For example, conditions may not be attached which relate solely to the health of customers rather than their direct physical safety. Any conditions added to the licence must be those imposed at the hearing or those agreed when a hearing has not been necessary.

9.40 Alternatively, the licensing authority may refuse the application on the grounds that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It may also refuse to specify a designated premises supervisor and/or only allow certain requested licensable activities. In the interests of transparency, the licensing authority should publish hearings procedures in full on its website to ensure that those involved have the most current information.

Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives

9.42 Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

9.43 The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

13. The Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 under Section 18 (6) also states that any relevant representation should be considered in the context of:

(a) the likely effect of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Therefore, in the context of the grant of a licence, it is reasonable for the Licensing Authority to base its decision on an application on what the likely effects of granting a licence would have on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

14. Relevant Case law for consideration:

(R) on the application of Hope and Glory Public House v Westminster City Council (2011) EWCA Civ31 illustrates that licensed premises, and the activities that take place in those premises, exist in a dynamic environment and should not be looked at entirely in isolation and confirms that this can include the impact that licensable activities have on a range of factors such as crime, the quality of life for residents and visitors to the area, and demand for licensed premises.

East Lindsey District Council v Abu Hanif (t/a Zara's Restaurant) (2016) this underpins the principles widely acknowledged within the Licensing Act 2003 that the licensing objectives are prospective, and that the prevention of crime and disorder requires a prospective consideration of what is warranted in the public interest, having regard to the twin considerations of prevention and deterrence.

15. Appendices

- Appendix LIC-1: Premises Licence Application Form**
- Appendix LIC-2: Photographs of the Charles Cooper Henderson**
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- Appendix LIC-4: Agreed Conditions**
- Appendix LIC-5: Representation - RBC Environmental Protection & Nuisance Team**
- Appendix LIC-6: Mr Ian Dean - Representation – Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-6a: Mr Ian Dean - Additional Information from local resident (LIC-6)**
- Appendix LIC-7: Ms Annette Brodie – Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-8: Miss Phoon - Representation – Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-9: Mr J R Bathe Representation – Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-10: Representation – Mr & Mrs Jonathan & Julia Moody, Local residents**
- Appendix LIC-11: Representation – Mr Richard Standing - Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-12: Representation – Mr Graham Bates - Local resident**
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- Appendix LIC-14: Representation – Dr Felia Allum - Local resident**
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- Appendix LIC-16: Representation – Mrs Denise Holt - Local resident**
- Appendix LIC-17: Representation – Mr & Mrs David & Angela Neal - Local residents**
- Appendix LIC-18: Email sent by Mark Groves to all persons making a representation**

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

Prunier

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

Richard

* Family name

Prunier

* E-mail

[REDACTED]

Main telephone number

[REDACTED]

Include country code.

Other telephone number

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] by telephone

Are you:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

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Your Address

Address official correspondence should be

* Building number or name

* Street

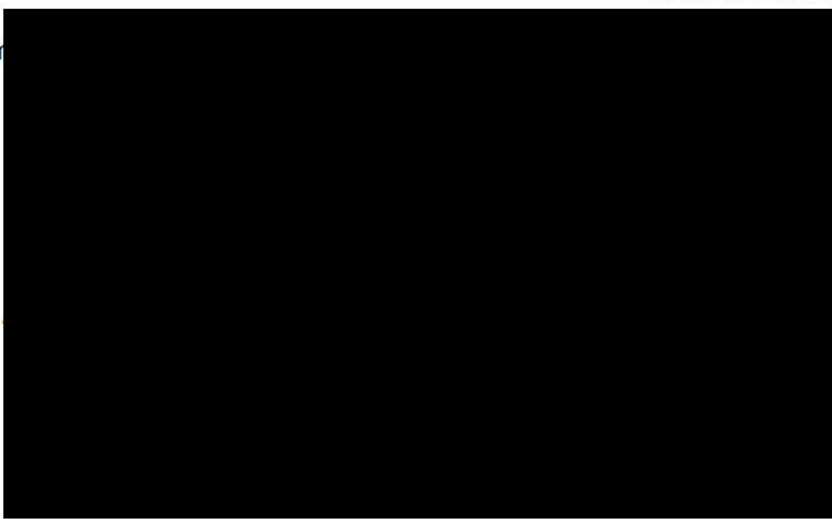
District

* City or town

County or administrative

* Postcode

* Country



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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address OS map reference Description

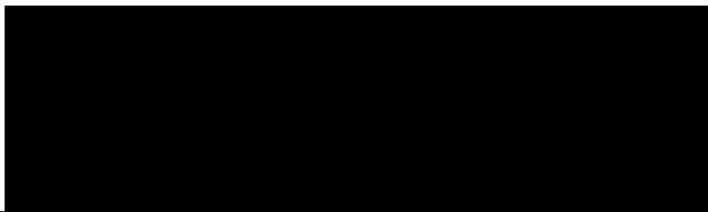
Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Island of Better Boating"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Mill Green"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Caversham"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text" value="Berkshire"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="RG4 8EX"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)



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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company / limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Name

Is the name the same as (or similar to) the details given in section one?

- Yes No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

First name

Family name

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- Yes No

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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.

Charles Cooper Henderson, a 41 foot luxury boat moored at the location. Sales from and on the boat for consumption on board and on the island it is moored on.

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

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

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MONDAY

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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.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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End

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End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start 18:00

End 21:00

SATURDAY

Start 12:00

End 21:00

Start

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SUNDAY

Start 12:00

End 21:00

Start

End

Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other
structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may
include a tent.

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.

Up market small group trios etc playing period music such as jazz, swing etc.
If amplified to a very low level as background music

State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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End

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End

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.

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors Outdoors Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

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.

Low level volume period music for small audience at tables

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

- Yes No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

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SATURDAY

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Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

- On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on
the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol
is for consumption away from the premises
select off. If the sale of alcohol is for
consumption on the premises and away
from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name

First name

Family name

Date of birth

Enter the contact's address

Building number or name

PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- As an attachment to this application

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Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

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 etc gambling machines etc.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

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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.

TUESDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

These times represent times small groups have booked high end private cruises on board along the river. It is not all the times the licensed premises is open to visitors

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Small numbers, exclusive clientele.

Had similar license within South Oxfordshire District Council for a number of years without incident

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

c) Public safety

Non private BSS safety on boat ie health, safety, fire

d) The prevention of public nuisance

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e) The protection of children from harm

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

The fee payable will be based on the rateable value of the property. Band A - 0 - 4300 - Fee Payable - 100 Band B - 4301 - 33,000 - Fee Payable - 190 Band C - 33,001 - 87,000 - Fee Payable - 315 Band D - 87,001 - 125,000 - Fee payable - 450 Band E - 125,001 and over - Fee payable - 635 Additional fees apply to outdoor events.

* Fee amount (£)

100.00

DECLARATION

Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

Richard Prunier

* Capacity

Business Owner

* Date

23 / 08 / 2023
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Photographs of the Charles Cooper Henderson – Appendix LIC – 2







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LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSING TEAM
THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Grant Application

<https://vintagedaysout.com/our-fleet-boats-cars/>

Applicant - Mr Richard Prunier

Consultation period from 23.08.2023 to 28.09.2023

Premises Address

Charles Cooper Henderson

Island of Better Boating, Mill Green, Caversham, Reading RG4 8EX

Licensable Activities and Hours

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday from 0900hrs to 2300hrs

Recorded Music

Monday to Sunday from 0900hrs to 2300hrs

Provision of Live Music

Friday from 1800hrs until 2100hrs

Saturday to Sunday from 1200hrs to 2100hrs

Other

Hours Open to the Public

Monday to Sunday from 0900hrs until 2300hrs

General

The proposed conditions (based on the Licensing Objectives) below to operate a water vessel selling alcohol to the public up to 2300hours and are based on the applicant's own submitted operating schedule and additional information, discussions with Thames Valley Police, Reading Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Secretary of State's Guidance (s182), local crime statistics, and officers' knowledge of the local area the premises is situated within.

1. Staff employed to sell alcohol shall undergo documented training upon induction in relation to the sale of age restricted products. Such training sessions are to be documented and refreshed every six months. Records of training shall be kept for a minimum of one year and be made available to an authorised officer of Reading Borough Council or Thames Valley Police and upon request.

2. All staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall be trained to record refusals of sales of alcohol and any incidents in a combined refusals/incident log (whether written or electronic). The log shall contain:

Refusals

- Details of the time and date the refusal was made;
- The identity of the staff member refusing the sale;
- Any detail or description of the person refused and the reason why

Incidents

It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following:

- all crimes relating to the premises
- all ejections of persons
- any complaints received
- any incidents of disorder
- any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

This book /register will be available for inspection by an officer of Reading Borough Council or Thames Valley Police.

3. The premises shall at all times operate an age verification policy of at least Challenge 25 to prevent any customers who appear to staff members to be under the age of 25 years from purchasing alcohol

without having first provided identification. Only a valid driver's licence showing a photograph of the person, a valid passport, national identity card or proof of age card showing the "PASS" hologram are to be accepted as identification. Notices advertising the Challenge 25 and proof of age policies shall be displayed in prominent positions on the premises.

4. Any amplified music shall be reduced to background levels whilst the boat is moored at its registered home base and at any other place where the boat is docked to pick up passengers. At all other times, any amplified music shall be kept at a level so as not to disturb residents and reduced to background levels when passing through any lock.
5. Clearly legible and suitable notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly. At termination of booking, staff shall be available to ensure that customers disperse quietly.
6. No music or speech shall be relayed via external speakers that causes undue disturbance to local residents. All amplified music shall only take place inside the boat while on the move. The premises licence holder shall ensure no noise or vibration being transmitted in the vessel to the detriment of local residents.
7. No unaccompanied children shall be permitted on the premises at any time. Any child who is accompanied should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
8. The premises licence holder shall at all times, follow all relevant regulations relating to the safe operation of this licensed vessel while operating on the river (e.g non-private Boat Safety Scheme [BSS] certificate).

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Groves, Mark

From: Moon, Rebecca
Sent: 18 September 2023 14:53
To: Licensing
Cc: 'richardprunier'
Subject: Mill Green Boathouse, Charles Cooper Henderson, Representation
Attachments: RM103264.doc

Hi

Please see attached representation regarding the above licence application.

Thanks
Rebecca

Rebecca Moon
Principal Environmental Health Officer
Environmental Protection & Nuisance Team
Regulatory Services|Directorate of Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services

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Appendix LIC-6

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel moored at Mill Green
Date: 06 September 2023 16:47:43

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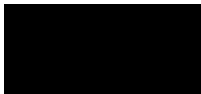
Hello,

Please could I register my sincere objection to the licensing application to sell alcohol and play music from the above? As a resident of Heron Island we will be deeply impacted by granting of such a license as it would make our lives a misery.

Is there a form or some other official objection process we should follow please?

Many thanks,

Ian Dean



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Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 September 2023 13:58
To: Richards, Sian
Subject: Re: Additional information Grant premises licence application - Charles Cooper Henderson

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Hello Sian,

Some information for you in return.

I spoke to Better Boating where the boat has a private mooring right now. The owner of Better Boating (John) has told me that he does not consent to his yard / moorings being used in this regard and is serving notice on the individual. This leads me to believe the application made is not accurate and therefore I do not retract my objection.

Furthermore, I understand notices were put up around Better Boating, without the owners knowledge or consent, saying music would be played in this area. If it is only for staff to board and disembark around Mill Green then I do not see why it should be mentioned in the license application and the application itself should be updated accordingly, with a specific provision that states the boat will not be moored there with passengers aboard and there will be no alcohol served or music played around the area.

Living on the river is a lifestyle choice which residents pay a premium for. This is done on the basis of the love of nature and a tranquil environment. We already have a number of sporadic issues with noise from fisherman and people partying in Kings Meadow, not to mention Reading Festival each year. I believe having this "party" atmosphere will be exacerbated by having a boat playing music, whatever that music might be.

None of the residents of this area want this disruption and there are others trying to get planning for coffee shops and bars in the Mill Green area. One will feed off the other by setting a precedent that it is acceptable in this area.

Aside from the inevitable disruption from noise, granting such a license will have a detrimental impact on the value of homes in the immediate area. Not something I would be prepared to accept.

It is impossible to keep drunk people quiet no matter what measures are put in place.

Finally, there are a number of residents living on boats at the Better Boating area. I cannot imagine they would be happy with a boat returning after dark. It is also not safe to travel on this stretch of the Thames after dark.

The license request is for music to 11pm from memory.

If it was to 9pm latest with the above caveats around no music or alcohol in the Mill Green vicinity then I would have no reason to object.

As it stands, the information below and the license application itself are not aligned.

Many thanks,

Ian

[REDACTED]

On Monday, September 18, 2023, 10:09, Richards, Sian <Sian.Richards@reading.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning,

Please find further information below received in respect of the above application that you have submitted concerns or a representation to object against.

If this has clarified the matter and your concerns; and if you wish to withdraw your representation, please inform the licensing team via email licensing@reading.gov.uk

Should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Sian Richards

Business Support Officer

Licensing | Directorate for Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

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Dear Mr. Narancic,

Some additional information that I feel will be useful in clarifying our application.

We are a luxury operator offering luxury private cruises for small groups (12 maximum) aboard our very special boat Charles Cooper Henderson.

A 41ft wooden boat that has been on the river for some time, we are looking at the possibility of mooring her at Mill Green. We do not collect any guests from there, only the crew would go there to take the boat and return her.

Any music we play whilst the boat is travelling is very low level background music of the period. This has never been remarked upon by any officials/lock keepers or any other river user as inappropriate.

We have no unaccompanied minors on board at any time.

I attach some more images of the boat to show the scale and layout, although you should already have a plan sent previously.

To describe her as a 'party boat' is quite simply inaccurate.

I am happy for this additional information to be passed on to others to assist with clarifying our application, and to be contacted by anyone who may have made representations.

I am also happy to meet directly with anyone with concerns.

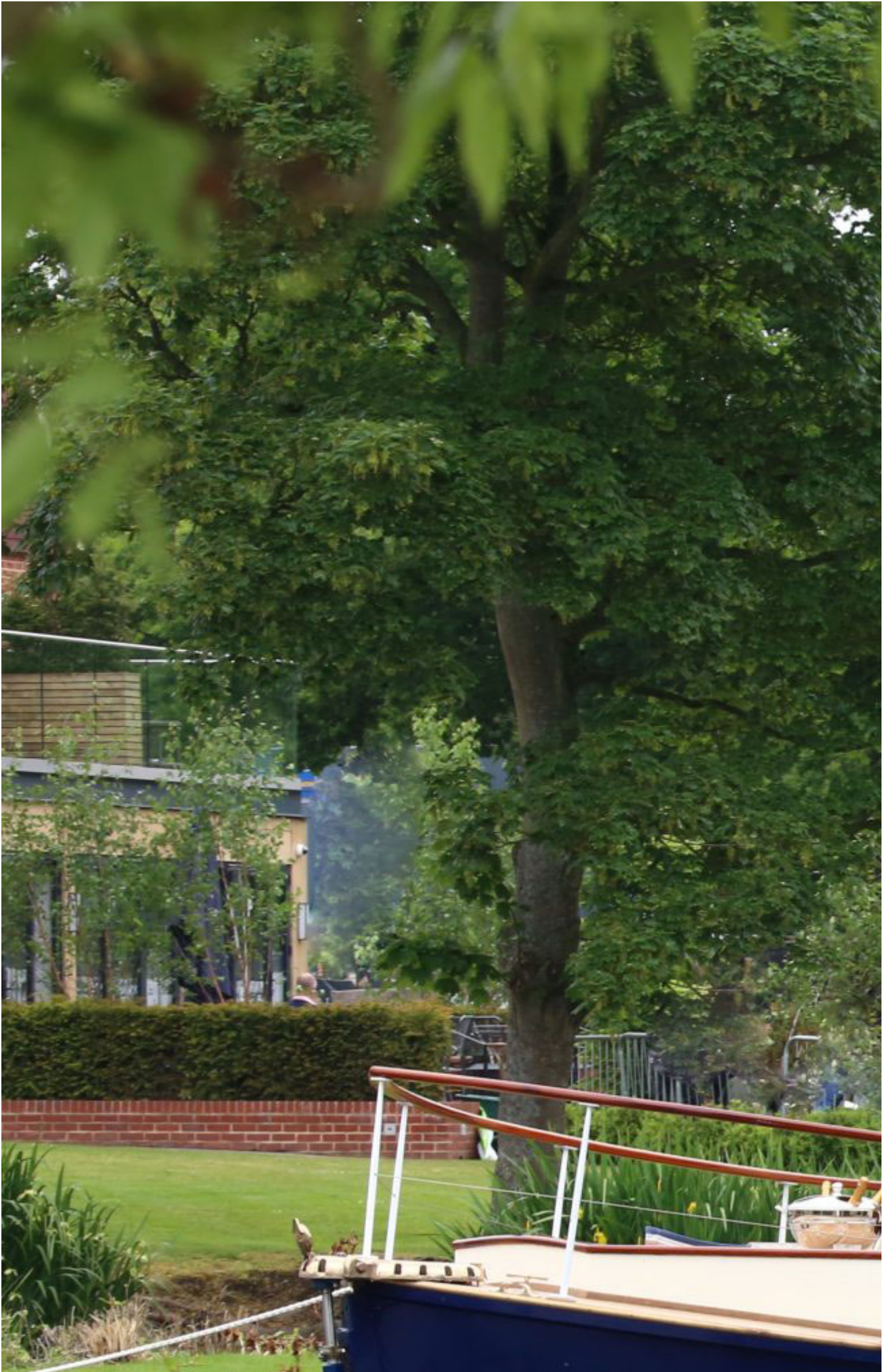
Kindest regards, Richard Prunier











Appendix LIC-7

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: Application by Richard Prunier for Premises Licence, Mill Green, Caversham
Date: 27 September 2023 12:30:00

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I wish to object to the application by Richard Prunier for a premises licence for Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green, Caversham, Reading RG4 8EX for the following reasons:

- 1) This change of use to a venue providing daily music and alcohol until late at night is not appropriate for a quiet residential area. It would disturb local residents and also those walkers who currently enjoy the peace of the riverside. It would also disturb wildlife in the area which is currently frequented by badgers, foxes and bats.
- 2) There is no parking near the site. There is limited access to the site as the footpath is regularly flooded for several weeks each year.
- 3) The sale of alcohol would increase anti-social behaviour in an isolated area which is not usually patrolled by police.

I would like my personal details to be withheld.

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Appendix LIC-8

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Licensing](#)
Subject: sr fwd ms 11.9.23 Charles Cooper Henderson Music & Alcohol licensing Application
Date: 10 September 2023 10:28:56

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned about the application to play music and sale of alcohol on the premises from the application by Richard Prunier on Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green RG4 8EX.

Yours faithfully

Miss Phoon

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 21 September 2023 17:36
To: Licensing
Subject: Comments on Licence Application 127718

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I object to this licence application for the following two reasons:

1. Section 5 Operating Schedule – The owner of Better Boating has made it quite clear to me that he will under no circumstances allow Mr Prunier to make ‘sales from and on the boat for consumption on board and the island it is moored on’.
2. I am concerned that after all the trouble we had with Mr Carter and the Moorings you could be issuing Mr Prunier with a licence to moor up and use the Moorings land for his provision of drinks, food, live music and entertainment. If this were to happen it would create a great deal of stress and disturbance to the Mill Green residents. It would also play nicely into the hands of Mr Carter who could then (in the future) claim that his Moorings land is used for commercial purposes.

As long as the Vintage Days Out business only uses the Better Boating Island as its ‘off duty’ mooring and only operates its cruising, food, drinks and entertainment business away from the Mill Green domestic areas, I have no objection.

Kind Regards

[Redacted Signature]

Kind Regards

[Redacted Signature]

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Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 September 2023 19:05
To: Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Objection to application by Richard Prunier, Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green, RG4 8EX

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A couple of additional points are:

The risk of dispersal of inebriated people leaving the boat along the water.

The loss of the amenity of a quiet, peaceful area (Heron Island and View Island) to Reading residents who may not have access to quiet places where they live. We often see mothers pushing prams who stop at the planted boats outside Heron Island and enjoy the view and the tranquility.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, 27 Sept 2023 at 17:12
Subject: Objection to application by Richard Prunier, Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green, RG4 8EX
To: <licensing@reading.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]

We are writing to object formally to the above application, which involves using a boat on the Thames in a quiet, residential part of Caversham to:

- provide live music, indoors and outdoors, between 6pm and 9pm every Friday, and between midday and 9pm on Saturdays and Sundays;
- provide recorded music indoors and outdoors, between **9am and 11pm** every day of the week; and
- serve alcohol on the premises between 9am and 11pm every day of the week.

As the music will be played on a boat, the sound will travel over the water without interruption, affecting those in a wider area than would be the case in the middle of a fully built-up area.

We have ourselves lived in London where, for a period, we were badly affected by noise nuisance, and can assure you that people who have not had the experience cannot imagine the levels of distress, desperation, sleeplessness and anger that it can cause.

As residents of Heron Island, we have heard music from party boats cruising on the river from further away than where this vessel is to be based (in Mill Green).

The prospect of potentially hearing amplified music for 14 hours of the day, every day of every year, if this application goes ahead, is extremely upsetting for us. We therefore wish to object on the grounds of public nuisance.

The sale of alcohol risks the further nuisance of drunken behaviour (including - among other things - more noise) in the neighbourhood. Drunken driving is of course a risk to pedestrians, including children, as well as to property, cyclists and other drivers, particularly on the narrow roads in the vicinity. It may be worth mentioning that Mill Road itself - which leads to Heron Island and includes one of the access roads to Mill Green - is often walked along by families with pushchairs or toddlers because of the narrow pavements.

Visitors from outside the area will also increase the strain on parking. Although this is in theory restricted, in at least some of the roads nearby, visitors from outside the area are clearly often unaware of the restrictions (which are not very well signposted).

These additional factors raise the issue of public nuisance.

Julia and Jonathan Moody, [REDACTED]

Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2023 20:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence for Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel

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Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to register my concern regarding the current premises licence for the Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, to be based at Mill Green, Caversham.

Whilst I am pleased to see that a historic Dunkirk "Little Ship" will be coming to our stretch of the Thames, I am somewhat concerned by the details of the licence application which would permit the playing of outdoor music from 9am to 11pm seven days a week.

Lower Caversham is a residential area, which already puts up with music from Oktoberfest, Winter Wonderland (now licenced for three months!) and of course Reading Festival. Yet now we have a proposal that could potentially mean local residents being forced to listen to other people's music from just after breakfast until bed time - every day! Many families in the area have young children who have early bed times and will now be kept awake. The music will also disturb the tranquility of King's Meadow.

If the licence is to be granted, I would request that it be for significantly fewer hours and limited to a small number of days per year.

Kind regards

Richard Standing
[REDACTED]

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Groves, Mark

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 September 2023 14:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Premises licence for Richard Prunier, Mill Green

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your representation in relation to the above application.

In some exceptional and isolated circumstances interested parties may be reluctant to make representations because of fears of violence or intimidation if their personal details such as name and address are divulged to the applicant. The Licensing Act requires local authorities to provide to the applicant copies of all representations made in relation to an application. As standard, no written representations will have personal details removed unless the licensing authority deems it appropriate to do so. Any request for personal details to be removed and the justification for such a request should be notified to the Licensing Authority at the time of making the representation, or in response to this message if a representation has already been submitted.

If you have any questions, please send them to licensing@reading.gov.uk

Kind regards

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2023 13:58
To: Licensing <Licensing@reading.gov.uk>
Subject: Premises licence for Richard Prunier, Mill Green

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Dear RBC.

On contacting Mr Prunier, I was told permission is sought to run daytime trips only from Better Boating. It is not clear from the application whether serving alcohol and playing music would continue at night nor whether any neighbouring properties would be used. If this is the case, I object.

To be clear, no activity should involve any neighbouring properties.

Sincerely,

Graham Bates

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Licensing](#)
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: Premises licence objection
 Date: 06 September 2023 19:54:52

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Dear Sirs,

Further to my note below, I have just walked round to Mill Green and note that no public notices have been displayed anywhere in the vicinity.

Can I ask that such notices be displayed, and that as a consequence of them not being so far displayed, that the consultation period is extended?

Furthermore, I am interested in how far and wide the Council informed householders of the application. For the reasons indicated in my note below about noise and it travelling over water, I do consider that letters should have been sent to all households on Heron Island as a minimum. (We are always informed about events in Kings Meadow, even though that is geographically further).

Regards

Daniel Cameron

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 06 September 2023 19:42
 To: licensing@reading.gov.uk
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Premises licence objection

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the licence application as follows:

Applicant	Premises	Application type	Licensable activities	Licensable days and hours	Received on	Closing date for representations
Richard Prunier	Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green, Caversham, Reading, RG4 8EX	Grant of a premises licence	1.Provision of Live Music – indoor and outdoor 2.Provision of Recorded Music – indoor & outdoor 3.Sale of Alcohol – On the			

I can only assume this vessel will be moored at The Moorings at Mill Green (please confirm) —an address that has already had a planning application to act as a commercial boatyard, rejected and which is currently subject to appeal.

The owner has also previously attempted to open a Coffee Shop with no hygiene or food and drink licence or accreditation. I also think he is currently commercially renting out mooring space at the yard without the Business Planning permission having been granted, judging by the range of boats moored there.

This current application is unacceptable for a number of reasons.

With the exception of Better Boats next door, which is a quiet boatyard operation and only operates during daylight hours, this is a solely residential area.

Entertainment and music, recorded or live, would be intrusive to houses on Mill Green, Monkley Court and where I live, Heron Island. It is not clear from the application whether the boat would be static or would cruise the river whilst playing music. But even if the music is only played when underway there would still be noise and disruption as clients arrive and depart in this residential area. Furthermore, loud noise travels much further over water than over land—we hear the “Disco Boats” from Thames Cruisers very loudly even when they are hundreds of yards away!

Furthermore clients joining the boat at Mill Green would have nowhere to park. The Moorings is on a footpath with no parking outside, and the only places clients could park would be Champion Road/ Mill Road (which is a 24 hour controlled parking zone), Mill Green which is rough ground and a Private Road or Star Road—which is inappropriate and has no space.

I wish to object to this application in the strongest terms and ask for it to be rejected.

Can you please keep me informed of developments and if/when a licensing hearing will be held.

Regards

Daniel Cameron
 [REDACTED]

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I would like to object to the request for a live music, recorded music and alcohol licence submitted by Mr Prunier for a vessel to be moored in Mill Green.

Mill Green is a part of Caversham where there is nature and calm. This request to have continuous music (live or not) during the whole week until 9/11 pm and weekends would turn this part of Caversham into a continuous Funpark. There are more appropriate places along the river and in the middle of the countryside for this type of project which does not impinge on the lives of the local community.

This project would impose constant music with only a few hours of peace and quiet for the local inhabitants.

It would scare the wildlife away which is still plentiful in this area and would destroy the river in its calm and relaxing atmosphere.

This project would completely change this part of the river and destroy one of the pieces of the river which has resisted human intervention and damage.

Let's keep this part of the river free of human noise and allow nature to rule. Human light and noise are destroying enough environments and I hope that the licence team will reject this selfish and profit driven request for the harm it will do to the local wildlife and human community who enjoy this neighbourhood for its peace and quiet and its relationship with nature.

Richard Prunier Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel,

Mill Green, Caversham, Reading, RG4 8EX

Grant of a premises licence

1.Provision of Live

Music – indoor

and outdoor

2.Provision of Recorded Music –

indoor & outdoor

3.Sale of Alcohol – On the

premises 1.Friday 1800hrs to 2100hrs,

Saturday & Sunday 1200hrs to 2100hrs

2.Monday to Sunday 0900hrs to 2300hrs

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Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 September 2023 19:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Richard Prunier , Mill Green, Caversham. License for alcohol and music

Warning!
For the attention of
RBC, BFC Staff and Councillors

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I would like to strongly object to this request.

I have lived in Mill Green since 1965 and so far we have been able to maintain the quiet, natural environment of the area. Mill Green has been designated in the past as a calm natural reserve, with beautiful trees, plenty of wild life (squirrels, Badgers, moon jacks, Deers, birds of all species etc.), and easy pedestrian walks.

This why I think that it is not the right location for all-day recorded music or live music at week-ends. The noise which it would create would be disastrous and would disturb the residents and the passers-by.

Secundly, it would create a precedent: one boat, then a leisure riverside playground and so on..

You should visit the site to see how unsuitable the site is. Better Boating is a working site busy during the day but not noisy at all, especially in the evening or week-ends.

Furthermore, where would the visitors park their cars?

Mrs MP Allum,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 September 2023 09:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Richard Prunier) Vintage Days Out

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I strongly object the music & alcohol for this application
I'm a resident of Mill Green and object to loud music being played night & day

Mrs Denise Holt

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Groves, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2023 19:06
To: Licensing
Subject: SR DONE 25.9.23 Richard Prunier Licence application received on the31/08/2023

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RBC, BfC Staff and Councillors

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Dear Sir

We strongly object to the application for the following reasons

A The address is not clearly given apart from Mill Green

B We are concerned that the sale of alcohol will not be just on the boat While moving but also moored up on any part of the river

C There is no parking area anywhere in the area of Mill Green, Vintage Days out cater for weddings and special days out which would involve a Fair number of people with cars

D Licensable hours are far to late in the evenings on all days

Kind Regards

David Neal & Angela Neal

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From: Groves, Mark
Sent: 04 October 2023 15:49
To: Richards, Sian
Subject: Charles Cooper Henderson - Application
Attachments: Charles Cooper Henderson.jpg; Charles Cooper Henderson 1.jpg; Charles cCooper Henderson 2.png; Charles Cooper Henderson 3.jpg; Charles Cooper Henderson 4.jpg; Charles Cooper Hnederson 5.jpg

Importance: High

Dear all,

Thank you for taking the time to contact the licensing authority with your concerns regarding the application for a premise licence by Mr Prunier for the Charles Cooper Henderson. I am going to try address and ally any concerns you have regarding this application from answers supplied by Mr Prunier but I will not be referring to individual objections but will answer them in a generic format.

I have attached photographs of the Charles Cooper Henderson for your information. As you can see it is a converted Watson Beach Class RNLI lifeboat (41ft in length) which was used to evacuate the troops from Dunkirk in 1940 as a Dunkirk Little Ship. The Charles Cooper Henderson was built in 1933 and served as a lifeboat until she was sold out of service in 1974. She was the longest serving RNLI motor lifeboat.

Mr Prunier will be offering luxury private cruises and the Charles Cooper Henderson will only have 12 (twelve) guests on board at any one time and any music played will be low level background music of the period by small trios playing such as jazz, swing or similar.

The Charles Cooper Henderson will NOT be used as has been described in some objections as a party/disco boat similar to others already in operation along the River Thames as shown in the above comments and photographs.

I would also like to bring to your attention, if you were following this email to withdraw your objections regarding this application that if the Licensing Authority were to grant a licence to Mr Prunier you are entitled as a member of the public to review the licence as a collective body or as an individual at any time.

Mooring

The Charles Cooper Henderson will only be moored on the Island owned by 'Better Boating' whilst it is not being operated, no activities will take place whilst it is moored at this location.

Guests

No Guests will be collected or able to alight from the boat whilst it is moored on the Island of Better Boating, this will only be for members of staff to access the boat.

Parking

Parking will only be required by members of staff to access the boat at Better Boating.

The sale of Alcohol

No alcohol will be sold or consumed whilst the boat is moored on the Island at Better Boating

Music (pre-recorded or live)

There will be no music played live or recorded whilst the boat is moored on the Island at Better Boating.

Licensable hours

The licensable hours have been requested by Mr Prunier for him to be able to operate his business and the needs of his customers.

Collection of customers

The collection and alighting of customers will only be carried out along the non-tidal part of the River Thames, the nearest to Better Boating would be from public areas where boats that use the River Thames are permitted to stop, such as the Salters Steamers Mooring and anywhere else they are permitted to, or have arrangements with the owners to do so.

Also to allay your concerns along with a number of other conditions the following has been agreed with Mr Prunier which will be attached to the licence if granted.

Any amplified music shall be reduced to background levels whilst the boat is moored at its registered home base and at any other place where the boat is docked to pick up passengers. At all other times, any amplified music shall be kept at a level so as not to disturb residents and reduced to background levels when passing through any lock. (it has been agreed as mentioned that no music will be played whilst it is moored at Better Boating)

Clearly legible and suitable notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly. At termination of booking, staff shall be available to ensure that customers disperse quietly.

No music or speech shall be relayed via external speakers that causes undue disturbance to local residents. All amplified music shall only take place inside the boat while on the move. The premises licence holder shall ensure no noise or vibration being transmitted in the vessel to the detriment of local residents.

Following the deregulation of parts of the Licensing Act 2003 Mr Prunier would not require a licence for the following:

Live music - no licence is required for a performance of unamplified live music between 0800hrs and 2300hrs on any premises. Further, no licence is required for a performance of amplified live music between 0800hrs and 2300hrs on premises that have a licence to sell alcohol on the premises (subject to other criteria).

Recorded music – no licence is required for a performance of recorded music between 0800hrs and 2300hrs on any day on premises that have a licence to sell alcohol on the premises and is performed to an audience of no more than 500 persons.

I hope that I have been able to allay your concerns regarding this application and if following this email you decide to either withdraw or continue with your representations could you please email the licensing team at licensing@reading.gov.uk by this Friday 6th October 23.

Regards

Mark Groves

Senior Licensing & Enforcement Officer

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