

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	<b>Cameron's Club and Lounge, 29-31 Bargates, Christchurch BH23 1QD</b>
Meeting date	27 March 2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Mr Jon Wallsgrove of John Gaunt &amp; Partners has made an application to vary the premises licence at Cameron's Club and Lounge, 29-31 Bargates, Christchurch, on behalf of Esmecam Limited.</p> <p>The current licence permits: -</p> <p>Recorded Music and Supply of Alcohol Sunday to Thursday 10:00 to 02:00 and Friday and Saturday, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday 10:00 to 03:00.</p> <p>Late Night Refreshment Sunday to Thursday 23:00 to 02:30 and Friday, Saturday, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday - 23:00 to 03:00.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking to extend the hours for licensable activities on Fridays and Saturdays, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday until 04:00 and to update conditions 2.1, 2.8 and 3.1 and to remove condition 2.8.</p>
Recommendations	<p><b>It is RECOMMENDED that:</b></p> <p><b>Members are asked to decide whether to: -</b></p> <p><b>a) Grant the application for variation as made;</b></p> <p><b>b) Refuse the application, or part of, for variation to the premises licence;</b></p> <p><b>c) Grant the application, or part of, subject to additional conditions.</b></p> <p><b>Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to make a decision at the end of the hearing after all relevant parties have been given the opportunity to speak. Members must give full reasons for their decision.</b></p>
Reason for recommendations	The Licensing Authority has received a representation from Dorset Police on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and

	<p>Public Safety licensing objectives.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in the representation. Where representations have been received from a responsible authority or any other person, and the concerns have not been resolved through mediation between all parties, the Scheme of Delegation, set out in the Council's Constitution states that the application should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.</p>
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Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Kieron Wilson – Portfolio Holder for Housing, and Regulatory Services.
Corporate Director	Jillian Kay – Corporate Director for Wellbeing
Report Authors	Tania Jardim – Licensing Officer
Wards	Christchurch Town
Classification	For Decision

## Background

1. The premises benefit from a premises licence that was issued by Christchurch legacy authority on 13 December 2013. The current operators have held the premises licence since March 2020, initially as Rencam Group Limited and as Esmecam Limited since 29 March 2023.
2. The current premises licence permits the following activities and timings: -

### Recorded Music (Indoors)

Monday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Tuesday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Wednesday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Thursday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Friday - 10:00 to 03:00  
Saturday - 10:00 to 03:00  
Sunday - 10:00 to 02:00

### Late Night Refreshment (Indoors)

Monday - 23:00 to 02:30  
Tuesday - 23:00 to 02:30  
Wednesday - 23:00 to 02:30  
Thursday - 23:00 to 02:30  
Friday - 23:00 to 03:00  
Saturday - 23:00 to 3:00  
Sunday - 23:00 to 02:30

### Supply of Alcohol (On & Off)

Monday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Tuesday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Wednesday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Thursday - 10:00 to 02:00  
Friday - 10:00 to 03:00  
Saturday - 10:00 to 03:00  
Sunday - 10:00 to 02:00

### Non-standard timings for licensable activities

Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Bank Holiday Sundays - 10:00 to 03:00.

A copy of the current premises licence is attached at Appendix 1.

3. The variation application is to extend the hours for licensable activities on Fridays and Saturdays, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday from 03:00 until 04:00, which represents an extra hour, and to update the following conditions: -

2.1 To amend last entry on Friday, Saturday, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday to 03:00.

2.8 To amend the time from which a personal licence holder is at the premises from 22:00 to 23:00 hours.

2.10 To be removed, as it refers to COVID regulations.

3.1 To read - *On Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays falling on Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, a minimum of two SIA door supervisors shall be deployed from 22:30 hours. At midnight on those days a further 1 SIA door supervisor shall be deployed (a total of 3). If the number of customers exceeds 150 on those days then a further 1 SIA door supervisors shall be deployed from midnight (a total of 4). The SIA door supervisors shall be deployed until the premises are closed and the last customer has been dispersed from the immediate area of the premises. Every door supervisor employed at the premises will have body worn video cameras.*

A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 2.

### **Consultation**

4. The application was served on all responsible authorities and the applicant has confirmed that the statutory notices were displayed on site and published in the newspaper.
5. Dorset Police submitted a representation on the grounds that to grant the variation as applied for would undermine the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives. Copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 3.
6. No other representations were received.
7. On reviewing the licensing application records, it has been noted that the licence holder has given various Temporary Event Notices in 2023 to extend the licensable hours until 04:00, the most recent being every weekend in December 2023. There are no records of complaints relating to these.

### **Options Appraisal**

8. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -
  - The representation made by Dorset Police.
  - The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.
  - The Licensing Act 2003, appropriate Regulations, Statutory Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (December 2023) and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

### **Summary of financial implications**

9. An appeal may be made against the decision of Members by the applicant or holder of the licence to the Magistrates' Court which could have a financial impact on the Council.

### **Summary of legal implications**

10. If Members decide to refuse the application or attach conditions to the licence which the applicant does not agree to, the applicant may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day that the applicant is notified, in writing, of the decision.

### **Summary of human resources implications**

11. There are no human resources implications.

### **Summary of sustainability impact**

12. There are no sustainability impact implications.

### **Summary of public health implications**

13. There are no public health implications.

### **Summary of equality implications**

14. There are no equality implications.

### **Summary of risk assessment**

15. There are no risk assessment implications.

### **Background papers**

#### **BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy**

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/documents/s21122/Statement%20of%20Licensing%20Policy.pdf>

### **Hearing Regulations**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2005/44/made>

### **Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (December 2023)**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6579dec8095987000d95e063/Revised\\_guidance\\_issued\\_under\\_section\\_182\\_of\\_the\\_Licensing\\_Act\\_2003\\_-\\_December\\_2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6579dec8095987000d95e063/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_-_December_2023.pdf)

### **Appendices**

- 1 – Copy Premises Licence.
- 2 – Copy Variation Application.
- 3 – Copy Representation from Dorset Police.