



## RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY (Please delete as applicable) – Licensing

<b>Name and Address of Applicant</b>	Wattsville Community Group
<b>Premises</b>	Sports Ground Pavilion, Wattsville Recreational Ground, Islwyn Road, South Lane, Wattsville

<b>Your Name</b>	Annette Dicks
<b>Date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
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<b>Which of the four Licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</b>	✓
<b>The Prevention of Crime and Disorder</b>	✓
<b>Public Safety</b>	
<b>The Prevention of Public Nuisance</b>	✓
<b>The Protection of Children from Harm</b>	

<b>Please outline the reasons for your Representations</b>
<p>The application seeks to vary the hours of supply of alcohol from 12:00 to 23:00 Monday to Friday (currently 19:00 to 23:00), 20:00 to 22:00 on Sunday and to include New Year's Eve from 12:00 to 02:00, and from 12:00 to 00:00 on Bank Holidays and Saturday and Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday for both on and off sales (currently on sales only). The application also seeks to include live music both indoors and outdoors from 12:00 to 23:00, for which a premises licence is not required during these times, providing that the audience does not exceed 500. Non standard timings for live music however until 02:00 on New Year's and till midnight on Bank Holidays and Saturdays and Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday, have also been applied for, for which a licence would be required from 23:00 and where conditions, if granted, can be imposed on the premises licence. Similarly the applicant has also requested recorded music (indoors only) for the above non standard timings. The premise currently provides recorded music under the exemptions as detailed above. The application also seeks to include the external compound area situated to the rear of the building.</p> <p>The premise has been visited by myself together with the Police and Environmental Health, as Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act, and discussions undertaken with a member of the Community Group, as the premises licence holder. Given that the premises is situated in a residential area, and given its close proximity to residential properties, the Licensing Authority has concerns regarding the potential public nuisance that may arise from these activities to persons within the vicinity. The attached</p>

photos illustrate the close proximity to residential properties. The Licensing Authority would therefore support the representations submitted by the Police in relation to the restriction of the use of the outdoor area after 22:00. The Licensing Authority has some concerns regarding the extension of hours on New Year's Eve till 02:00, Bank Holidays and Saturday & Sundays preceding bank holidays to 00:00, for the provision of live and recorded music inside the premise, due to its close proximity to residents. Given that the premise has only been licensed for a number of months, the majority of which the premise has not been able to trade due to Covid 19 restrictions, the impact of its use on neighbouring properties is therefore unknown. Having regard to the above, the licensing authority would not support the application for non standard timings for live and recorded music and would suggest these be restricted to 00:00 on New Year's Eve and 23:00 on Bank Holidays and Saturday and Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday.

It is noted that the applicant has not offered any mitigation in respect of the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective. To promote the licensing objectives in respect of this application, the licensing authority would advocate the following conditions in addition to those submitted by the Council's Child Protection Officer and where appropriate Heddle Gwent Police, subject to those conditions already imposed on the premise licence:

<p><b>What conditions could be added to the licence to remedy your representation that the Licensing Sub-Committee could take into account</b></p>	<p>The suggested conditions are as follows:</p> <p>The use of the outside licensed area of the premises is not permitted after 22:00. Adequate notices shall be displayed in appropriate locations to ensure that this information is brought to the attention of patrons.</p> <p>The premises supervisor, manager or other competent person shall manage the outdoor areas to ensure that customers do not behave in a noisy, rowdy or offensive manner, and measures are put in place for staff to monitor the external areas on a regular basis.</p> <p>The premises shall be cleared of customers within 30 minutes of the last supply of alcohol on any day.</p>
<p><b>Are you prepared to discuss these representations with the applicant by way of mediation?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>

**N.B.** If you make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

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