

22 July 2020

## PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF MEETING

New regulations came into effect on 4 April 2020 to allow Councils to hold meetings remotely via electronic means. As such, Council and Committee meetings will occur with appropriate Councillors participating via a remote video link, and public access via a live stream video through the [Mid Sussex District Council's YouTube channel](#).

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of **LIQUOR LICENSING COMMITTEE** will be held via **Remote Video Link** on **THURSDAY, 30TH JULY, 2020 at 10.00 am** when your attendance is requested.

Yours sincerely,  
KATHRYN HALL  
Chief Executive

### A G E N D A

1. Roll call and Virtual Meetings explanation.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. To receive Declaration of Interests from Members in respect of any matter on the Agenda.

The procedure the Licensing Panel will follow in considering the application is set out in the Licensing Act 2003, its attendant Regulations and was agreed by the Licensing Committee on 2nd February 2005. The Licensing Panel, in accordance with rule 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 decide to exclude the public from all or part of the hearing where the Licensing Panel considers that it is in the public interest to do so.

4. Application for a Variation to a Club Premises Licence.

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## Human Rights Act Implications

### Licensing Act 2003

A licensing authority must carry out its function under the Licensing Act 2003 with a view of promoting the licensing objectives.

The Licensing objectives are:-

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

In carrying out its licensing functions a licensing authority must also have regard to:-

- (a) its licensing statement published under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (this may be viewed on the Mid Sussex District Council website);

and

- (b) any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act (this may be viewed on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport website).

Members are asked to consider the human rights implications for both the licensee who has rights under Article 1 of the First Protocol, the Right to Property (which includes the licence):and the objectors who have rights under Article 8 to Respect for Private and Family Life, and Article 1 of the First Protocol, their right to enjoy peaceful use of their possessions.

To: **Members of Liquor Licensing Committee:** Councillors J Dabell, N Webster and L Gibbs

## APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO A CLUB PREMISES LICENCE

REPORT OF: Tom Clark, Head of Regulatory Services

Contact Officer: Jon Bryant, Senior Licensing Officer  
Email: [jon.bryant@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jon.bryant@midsussex.gov.uk) Tel: 01444 477076

Wards Affected: Haywards Heath

Key Decision No

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### Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide information in order that the Licensing Committee can determine an application to vary a Club Premises Certificate.

### Summary

- 2 An application pursuant to Section 84 Licensing Act 2003 has been made on behalf of St Francis Social and Sports Club, Princess Royal Hospital, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4EX to vary their Club Premises Certificate. Representations against the grant have been made by Haywards Heath Town Council and Chalkhill Hospital.
  - 3 The Committee is asked to determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, MSDC Licensing Policy and the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003, whilst having due regard to the applicant's submissions and relevant representation.
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### Background

- 4 St Francis Social and Sports Club is a long established (since 1959) members club situated in the grounds of the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.
- 5 It is run and governed on behalf of the members by a Committee.
- 6 The club has a Club Premises Certificate (CPC) authorising the following qualifying club activities;

Films Live Music Recorded Music Indoor Sporting Event	Sunday 19:00 - 23:00 Monday to Thursday 19:00 - 23:00 Friday and Saturday 19:00 - 00:00
Supply of Alcohol	Sunday 11:00 - 23:00 Monday to Thursday 11:00 - 23:00 Friday to Saturday 11:00 - 00:00

- 7 The plan of the club for the current CPC does not include outside areas. This

means that the activities outlined above are only authorised for inside the confines of the building itself.

- 8 The CPC authorises supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises. Significantly however, it does not allow alcohol supplied for consumption off the premises to be provided in an open container. This prohibits alcoholic drinks in glasses (open containers) being taken from the bar to any outside area of the club.
- 9 The application seeks to include in its licensed area a patio area adjacent to the car park and a larger garden area to the side of the premises.
- 10 The Operating Schedule submitted by the club (under the heading 'Licensing Objectives') indicates what measures the club intends to take in support of the application. This includes;
  - a. The patio area and garden area will not be used after 2000 hours on any day.
  - b. The licensing objectives will be supported through staff training and the use of a Challenge 25 scheme.
  - c. Children not allowed in the club after 2000 hours (October to March) and 2100 hours (April to September).
  - d. Prominent, clear and legible notices will be displayed requesting members and their guests respect the needs of nearby residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
  - e. An updated noise management plan has been supplied with the application.
  - f. The Beer Garden and the outside patio area would be monitored, and the time restrictions strictly enforced. Further training for staff to manage noise would be compulsory and evidenced.
- 11 Should the Committee grant the licence I respectfully request that a number of conditions detailed in the appendices to this report be included to take into account the matters mentioned in paragraphs 9 and 10.

## **Representations**

- 12 Representations have been received from the Ward Manager at Chalkhill Children's Hospital which is adjacent to the club's beer garden and Haywards Heath Town Council.
  - a. Chalkhill Hospital – Chalkhill is a hospital ward that provides a service to children aged 12-17 years with emotional and mental health problems and are located adjacent to the social club. They cite that the impact associated noise levels in relation to people congregating outdoors or providing live music, at any time of day or night, is as follows: Their garden area is adjacent to the social club's outdoor space. It is in use all year round. Some of their children are detained and may be unable to leave the hospital premises and therefore must have access to a calm and quiet outdoor space to be able to access fresh air. It would be totally inappropriate to subject our children to noise from a drinking establishment. For many of our children, evening is the most difficult part of the day. They see a significant rise in distress and self-harm incidents from 6pm onwards. It is vital that they can provide a quiet, calm, and

therapeutic environment for them. Many of their children have experienced trauma and may be children of parents with alcohol problems so noise generated from drinking establishments and / or intoxicated people can evoke distressing memories for them. A significant number of their children have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder and have sensory issues; many are extremely sensitive to any noise within the existing environment and often have to wear ear defenders to manage this. Any additional external noise would exacerbate their distress. They treat young people with eating disorders who struggle most around meal times. The kitchen / dining room is in closest proximity to the beer garden. They often keep the external doors open for ventilation and would be impacted significantly by increased noise that prevents the young patients from sleeping.

b. Haywards Heath Town Council – their report states and the beer garden borders Chalkhill, one of the country's leading hospitals for treating children and young people with acute mental health problems and eating disorders. Members are concerned that potentially highly vulnerable children/young people with mental health challenges will be accommodated next to what may, understandably, become a noisy and boisterous outdoor area. This may become a focal point for their interest or concerns, which could have an adverse effect on their well-being.

They also state that Members are concerned that the consumption of alcohol and beverages in both the beer garden and the patio area until 20:00 would be detrimental to the social well-being of residents living in the immediate vicinity.

- 13 The consultation period took place between 13th June and 10th July 2020. It was correctly advertised at the site during this period and in the Mid Sussex Times on the 25<sup>th</sup> June

## **Policy Context**

- 14 Relevant Representations –

The Licensing Act 2003 requires representations to address the four licensing Objectives which are

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Promotion of Public Safety
3. Prevention of Public Nuisance
4. Prevention of Harm to children and young persons

- 15 A representation is a 'relevant representation' if it is about the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives. Section 85(5)(a) Licensing Act 2003.

- 16 The Committee must determine the matter in accordance with Section 85 Licensing Act 2003.

- 17 Section 85 Determination of application under section 84 –

(1) This section applies where the relevant licensing authority—

(a) receives an application, made in accordance with section 84, to vary a club premises certificate, and

(b) is satisfied that the applicant has complied with any requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (4) of that section.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) and section 86(6), the authority must grant the application.

(3) Where relevant representations are made, the authority must—

(a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and

(b) having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

(4) The steps are—

(a) to modify the conditions of the certificate;

(b) to reject the whole or part of the application; and for this purpose the conditions of the certificate are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

(5) In this section “relevant representations” means representations which—

(a) are about the likely effect of the grant of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives, and

(b) meet the requirements of subsection (6).

(6) The requirements are—

(a) that the representations are made by a responsible authority or other person within the period prescribed under section 71(6)(c) by virtue of section 84(4),

(b) that they have not been withdrawn, and

(c) in the case of representations made by a person who is not a responsible authority, that they are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.

(7) Subsections (2) and (3) are subject to sections 73 to 74 (mandatory conditions relating to alcohol and to exhibition of films).

## **Financial Implications**

- 18 A decision made by the Committee is subject to appeal at the Magistrates Court by the applicant or those making representations.

## **Background Papers**

Appendix 1 Application form and plan of premises  
Appendix 2 Noise Management Plan  
Appendix 3 Index and Photos of Site

## **Representations**

Appendix 4 Vicki Barwood- Chalkhill Hospital  
Appendix 5 Haywards Heath Town Council

## **Other Documents**

Appendix 6 Conditions from Operating Schedule

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**Part 1**

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

Serial Number:

824199

I/We being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Name(s) of applicant(s):

John Donohoe

Premises licence number

CWA0053

**The Premises**

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

Princess Royal Hospital, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath West Sussex

Postcode:

RH16 4EX

Tel: (at premises)

01444 458609

Email:

sfsc@hotmail.co.uk

Non-domestic rateable value of club premises.

£4301 - £33000

**The Current Premises Licence**

Please describe briefly, the nature of the proposed variation

The Club would like to consume alcohol in the Beer Garden and the Patio Area until 20:00 hours.

I have attached the premises licence (or relevant part of it)

No

Reasons why you have failed to attach the premises licence or relevant part of it:

Please see Club Premises Certificate CWA0053

## Part 2

### Applicant Details

Current postal address if different from premises address:

60A Gower Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex

Postcode:

RH16 4PN

Tel:

07764784731

Email:

john.donohoe@hotmail.co.uk

## Part 3

### Operating Schedule

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

Yes

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

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Description:

The Club would like to supply alcohol and beverages to its members and guests to be consumed in either the Beer Garden or the Patio Area adjacent to the main car park. These are 2 areas defined by fencing that can be viewed in the plans of the Club supplied to MSDC.

**Activities**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

- a) plays ☐
- b) films ☐
- c) indoor sporting events ☐
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainments ☐
- e) live music ☐
- f) recorded music ☐
- g) performances of dance ☐
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) ☐

**Provision of late night refreshment** ☐

**Supply of alcohol** ☐

**Open Hours**

Hours club premises are open to the public

**Standard days and timings****Monday**

Start 11:00

Finish 23:00

**Tuesday**

Start 11:00

Finish 23:00

**Wednesday**

Start 11:00

Finish 23:00

**Thursday**

Start 11:00

Finish 23:00

**Friday**

Start 11:00

Finish 00:00

**Saturday**

Start 11:00

Finish 00:00

**Sunday**

Start 11:00

Finish 23:00

State any seasonal variations :  
For example (but not exclusively) where the supply of alcohol will occur on additional days during the summer months.

The Club hours of opening would be as per the current Premises Licence.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, please list:  
For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

The Beer Garden and the Patio Area adjacent to the Car Park would be open until 20.00 hours maximum for the consumption of alcohol.

There will be clear signage advising members to ensure hat noise is kept to a minimum. Staff are trained to monitor and control noise levels.

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

## Adult Entertainment

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

## Licensing Objectives

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

General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e):  
Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

The Club is a not for profit organisation that operates for NHS staff and the local community.

Members are all over 18 years old and they go through a simple membership approval process to join. This involves two members proposing them and the Club approving them. (There are only a few people that do not get their membership approved because they are known to have been on pubwatch or similar)

Members entry to the Club is controlled using membership cards that are renewed annually.

Non members must be signed in to the Club by a member.

Bar Staff and door persons are used to monitor and restrict entry to members and their guests.

The Club Committee Structure has a House and Bar Committee that ensures there is strong management control and ongoing training provided to all staff through regular Committee meetings and staff training sessions. This ensures staff are aware of the requirements to meet the four licensing objectives with particular attention to:

- a, no selling of alcohol to underage people.
- b. no drunk and disorderly behaviour on the premises area.
- c. vigilance in preventing the use and sale of illegal drugs.
- d. no violent and anti social behaviour.
- e. no harm to children

As a Licensed Club Premises the Club are aware of promoting these objectives through staff training, policies and staff meetings.

The prevention of crime and disorder:

The Club Premises Licence is placed on the Club's main notice board providing the hours of operation and licensable activities .

Staff are trained on the Licencing Act, and there is clear "Challenge 25" information to prevent the supply of alcohol to under age drinkers.

An up to date CCTV system was recently installed with a recording option available, inside and outside the Club to assist with the detection and prevention of crime.

Alcohol will not be sold to drunk or intoxicated customers.

Prevention and vigilance in illegal drug use on the premises. Staff have been trained to ask customers to use the premises in an orderly and respectful manner.

## Public safety:

Internal and external lighting is installed to promote the public safety objective.

Staff are trained in health and safety matters and fire safety training has recently been provided.

Staff have received training on the need to undertake ID checks.

The Club premises, and its fittings and apparatus are checked and maintained appropriately in line with legislation and the Club's maintenance programmes.

## The prevention of public nuisance:

The Club formulated a Noise Management Plan (NMP) in April 2019. (Copy to be forwarded to MSDC)

The Club's Committees and their staff are aware of its importance and the need for its ongoing review and monitoring.

Within the NMP is a "Community Notification and Complaint Process" enabling the local community to contact the Club immediately should the need occur. The Club will aim to deal with any complaints immediately, and any complaint received will be reviewed and acted upon by then Club's Executive Committee and its Officers.

When the the NMP was compiled the Club sought professional advice from a member of the Institute of Acoustics to assist with the management of noise when using Public Address Systems (PA's) and holding events with Live Music. A range of actions have been taken to reduce noise, including noise limiters and an air conditioning system.

Staff management has been enhanced and staff understand the importance of noise management following staff meetings and one to one meetings.

The Beer Garden and the outside patio area would be monitored and the time restrictions strictly enforced. Additional signage outlining the Club's requirement to respect our neighbours will be installed. Further training for staff to manage noise would be compulsory and evidenced.

## The protection of children from harm:

Children are not allowed entry to the Club unless accompanied by an adult. Members are required to supervise accompanying children when in the Club. Children are not allowed in the Club after 8.00pm (October to March) and 9.00pm in then summer months (April to September)

"Challenge 25" that encourages anyone who is over 18 but looks under 25 to carry acceptable ID (a card bearing the PSS hologram, a photographic driving licence or a passport) if they wish to buy alcohol.

Staff are trained on the requirements of persons identification age establishment etc

**Submit & Pay**

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

Address for correspondence  
associated with this application

60A Gower Road Haywards Heath West Sussex

Postcode:

RH16 4PN

Tel:

07764784731

**The email address provided below will receive a copy of this completed application form.**

Email:

john.donohoe@hotmail.co.uk

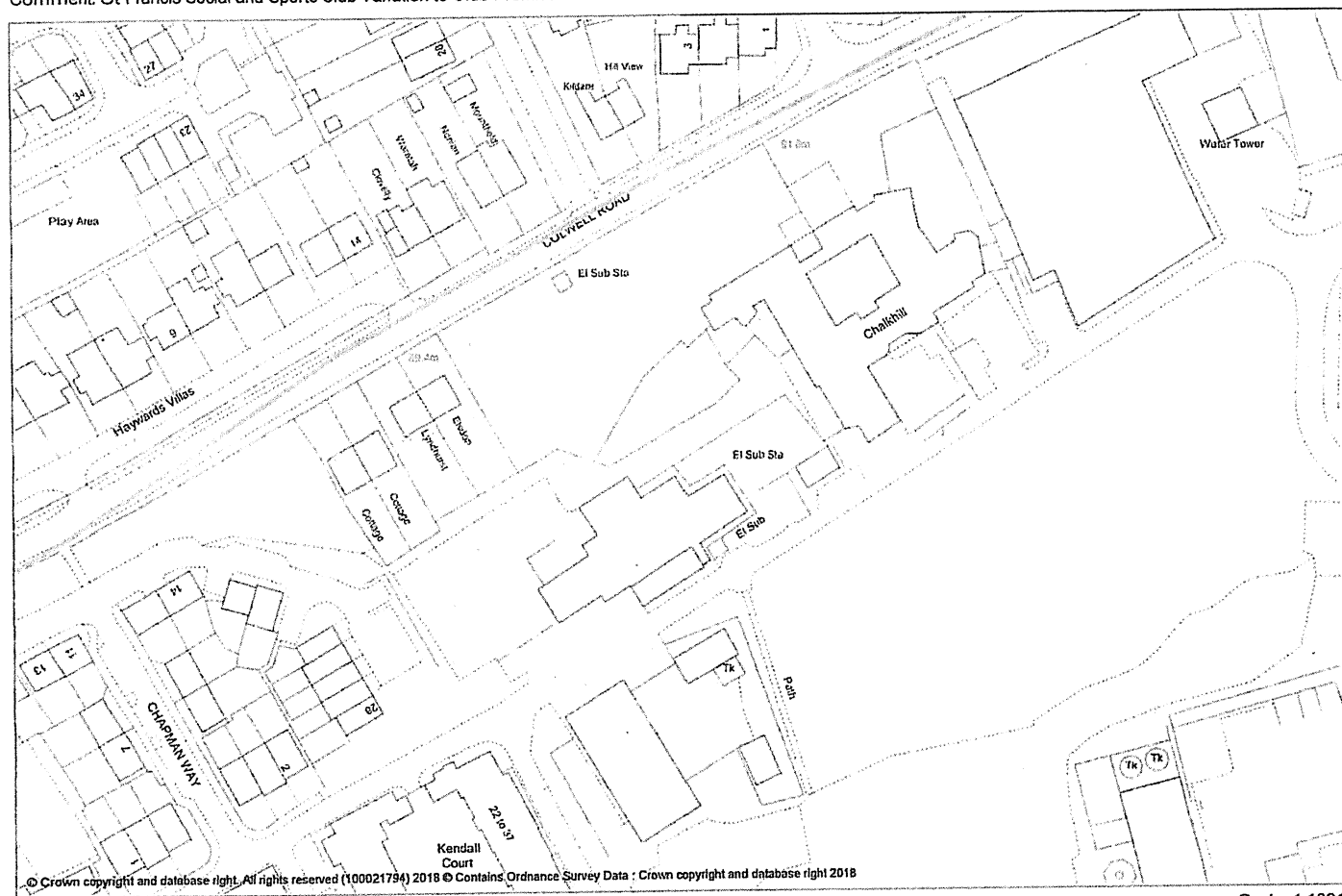
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**Title: St Francis SSC**  
**Comment: St Francis Social and Sports Club Variation to Club Premises Certificate**

**MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL**



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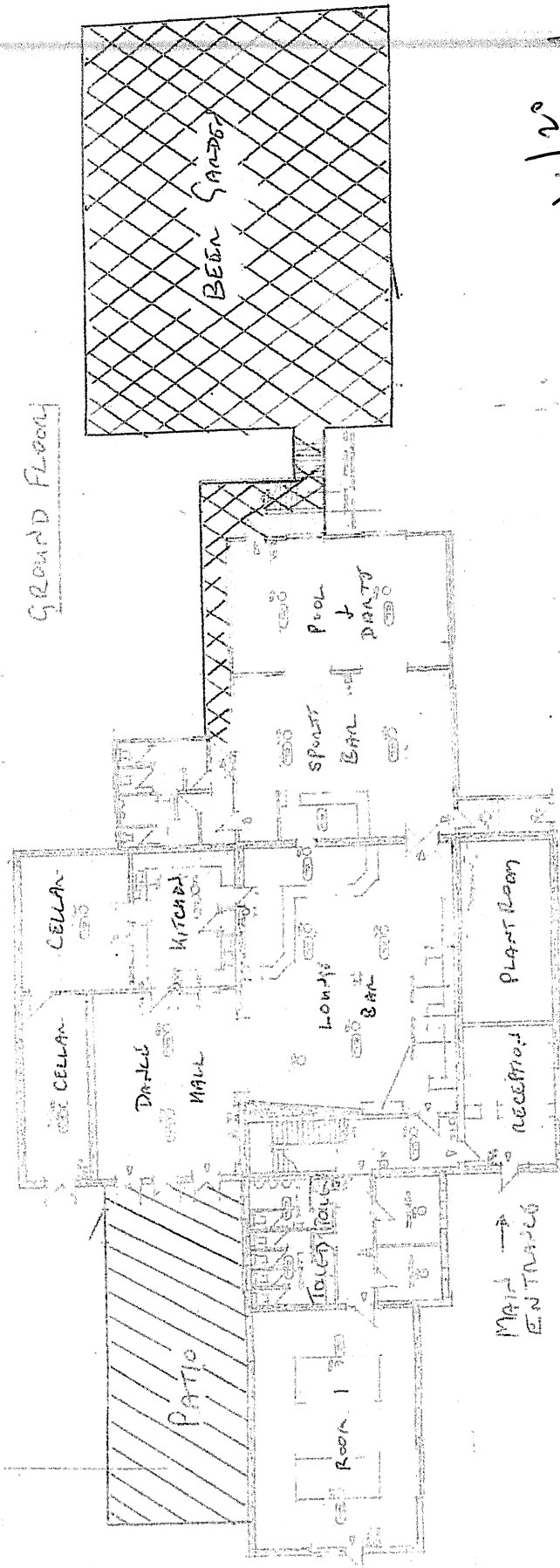
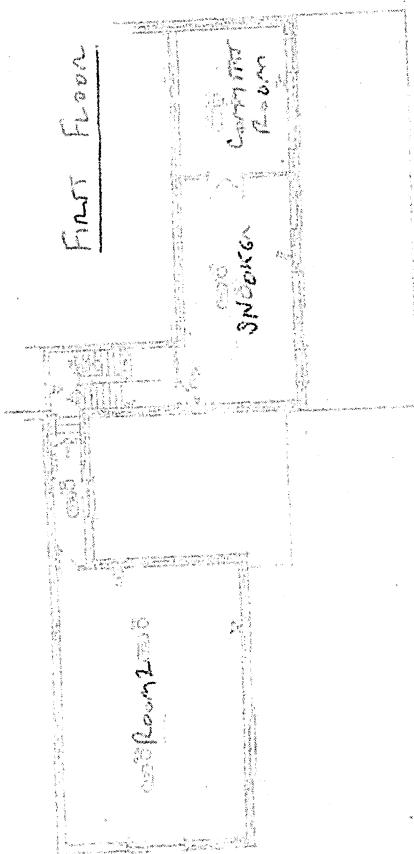
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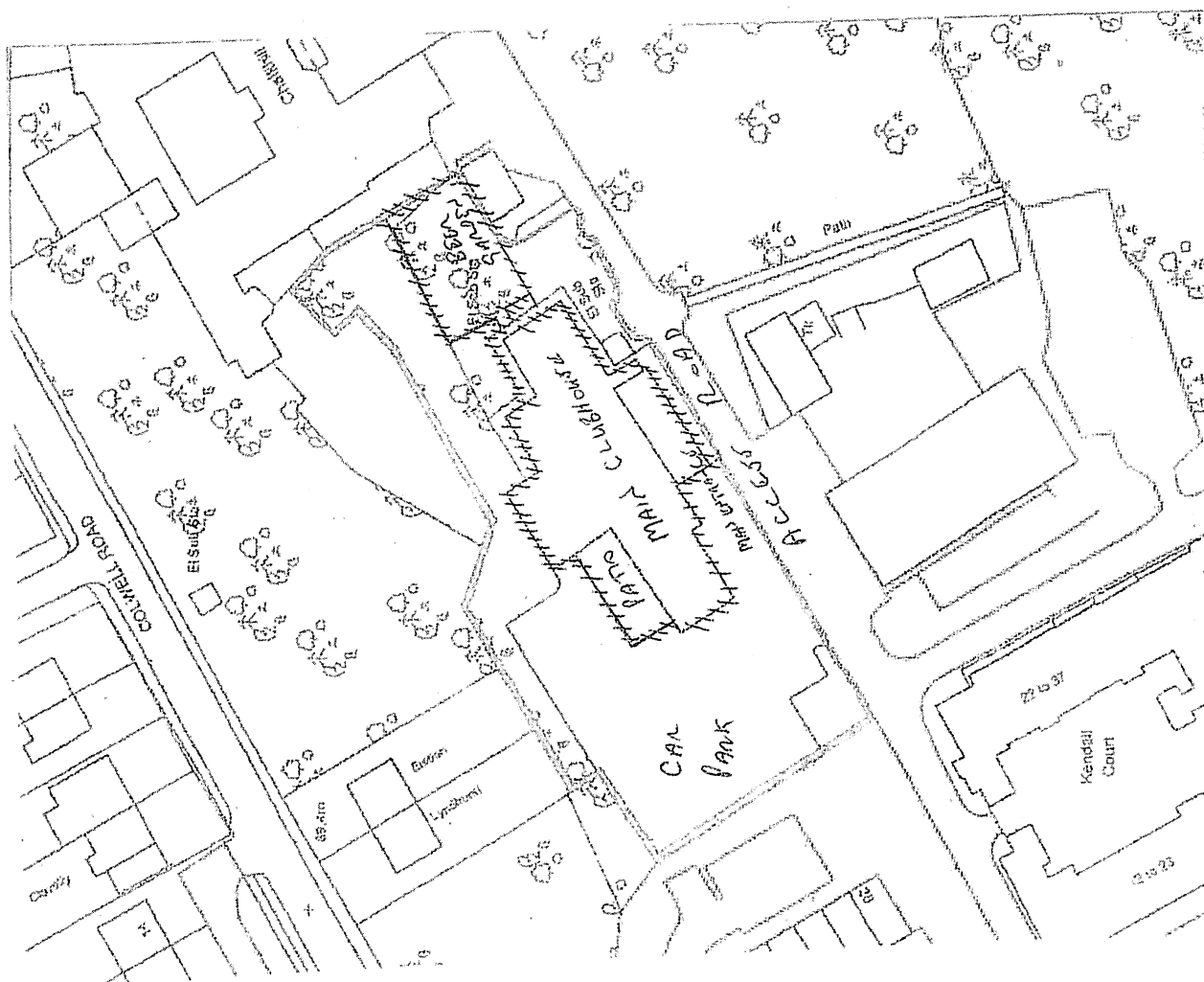
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## St Francis Social and Sports Club

Princess Royal Hospital, Lewes Road,  
Haywards Heath,  
West Sussex  
RH16 4EX



# **Noise Management Plan**

## **Introduction**

The Club has been functioning for the benefit of Health Authority Staff and the Local Community for 60 years. The Club is, however, mindful that the physical environment surrounding the main Club House has changed dramatically in recent years, with the volume of residential housing in the area increasing, as well as the opening of a Children's Unit nearby.

The Club has produced this Noise Management Plan (the Plan) to record its approach to managing noise that emanates from the Club as a result of its diverse range of activities.

The aim of the Plan is to inform the Club's members and the local community that the Club considers noise to be a serious matter and will do its utmost to monitor and control the levels of noise for all, so that it operates harmoniously within the local community.

The Club has sought professional advice from a member of the Institute of Acoustics to assist with the management of noise when using Public Address Systems (PA's) and holding events with Live Music.

There are three basic concepts to managing noise:-

- Reduce noise at source;
- Prevent noise escaping; and
- Noise Management.

The following sections outline the Club's plan to control and manage noise.

## **Members and Staff**

All staff (including current and new staff) will be trained on all aspects of Noise Management in their roles to ensure that the Plan is fully and successfully implemented. The Club aim to increase and maintain staff awareness relating to noise management issues by inclusion in their regular training and updates at Staff Meetings.

The Club will ensure that notices are prominent on all exit doors asking customers to keep the noise down and respect our neighbours.

### **The Use of PA's and Live Music**

The Club engaged an independent sound specialist to assist with noise management relating to the use of PA's and Live Music (a copy of this report is attached).

As a result of this, live bands and DJ's /Discos will now be situated in front of the fireplace facing towards the bar in the lounge bar. Any deviation from this policy will require House and Bar Committee agreement. The Club will be installing triple glazing to the top windows in the main hall area.

The car park doors are alarmed and are not in use after 20:00. Heavy curtains will be drawn across these doors to further reduce the level of noise leaving the building.

Staff will carry out checks at the boundary of the nearest noise sensitive properties.

The Club have installed a Noise Limiter that cuts off power to PA's if a certain level of noise is sustained for more than approximately one minute. Bands and discos will be enforced to use the designated electrical plugs that enable this noise monitoring system to function correctly.

The Club have a licence to sell alcohol and play music between the following hours

12:00 to 23:00 Monday to Thursday

12:00 to 24:00 Friday and Saturday

12:00 to 22:30 Sunday

However, the Club has decided that it will not play live music or have live bands that play after 23.30 which is generally Fridays and Saturdays.

### **Rental Of Halls**

The Club rents two halls to local community groups for a wide range of activities relating to health and well-being such as slimming, heart health, aikido, and fitness classes.

Within the terms and conditions of these rental agreements the Club have required that any amplified music is kept to an appropriate low level.

### **Delivery of Goods, Collection of Waste, Cleaning and Bottling Out**

Deliveries from suppliers will be restricted to between 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday, not on Public Holidays.

Bottle emptying will be undertaken between 08:00 and 19:00 Monday to Friday.

If required at the weekend this will be between 10:00 and 16:00

### **Outside Areas and Smoking Areas**

The Car Park Patio area and the rear Beer Garden are used for outside seating but the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in these areas. Notices are in place in these areas to remind our members and customers that they should respect our neighbours and keep noise to a minimum. These areas will not be used after 20:00.

Smoking areas are to the front and rear of the building. Notices are in place in these areas to remind members and customers to respect our neighbours and keep noise to a minimum.

No music is played in these areas.

The Club's car park is locked after closing times on Sunday to Thursday evening for security reasons and to reduce vehicle movements overnight. This reduces potential for noise.

### **Community Notification and Complaint Process**

If you have any concerns about noise please contact the Club in one of the following ways:-

**Phone** : 01444 458609 (and ask for the senior member of staff on duty)

**Email** : info@stfrancissocialclub.com or

**Write to** : St Francis Social Club at the address above

Noise complaints will be dealt with by the Chairman of the Club or the Honorary General Secretary and all complaints received will be reported and minuted at the following Executive Committee Meeting.

### **Ongoing Review**

The Noise Management Plan will be reviewed and updated regularly, not least in the following circumstances:-

- Following a complaint
- Prior to launching new entertainment
- When alterations to the Main Club House are proposed
- When monitoring procedures identify that controls are inadequate

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St Francis Social and Sports Club,  
Princess Royal hospital  
Lewes Road  
Haywards Heath

Index to photographs of site

1. Front of Premises
2. Patio Area from Building
3. Patio Area from Car Park
4. Beer Garden facing from steps from main building
5. Steps to Beer Garden
6. Beer Garden area from Chalkhill Hospital













MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**From:** [Barwood Vicki \(Sussex Partnership Trust\)](#)  
**To:** [licensing](#)  
**Cc:** [Mansfield Nik \(Sussex Partnership Trust\)](#)  
**Subject:** St Francis Social Club CWA0053  
**Date:** 05 July 2020 00:02:16  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object about the Licensing Application made by St Francis Social Club in which they request to:

- supply alcohol and beverages to its members and guests to be consumed in either the Beer Garden or the Patio Area adjacent to the main car park until 20:00 hours.

Chalkhill is a hospital ward that provides a service to children aged 12-17 years with emotional and mental health problems. We are located adjacent to the social club.

The impact of associated noise levels in relation to people congregating outdoors or providing live music, at any time of day or night, is as follows:

- Our garden area is adjacent to the social club's outdoor space. We use this all year round. Some of our children are detained and may be unable to leave the hospital premises. We must have access to a calm and quiet outdoor space to be able to access fresh air. It would be totally inappropriate to subject our children to noise from a drinking establishment.
- For many of our children, evening is the most difficult part of the day. We see a significant rise in distress and self-harm incidents from 6pm onwards. It is vital that we can provide a quiet, calm, and therapeutic environment for them.
- Many of our children have experienced trauma, and may be children of parents with alcohol problems so noise generated from drinking establishments and / or intoxicated people can evoke distressing memories for them.
- A significant number of our children have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder and have sensory issues; many are extremely sensitive to any noise within the existing environment and often have to wear ear defenders to manage this. Any additional external noise would exacerbate their distress.
- We treat young people with eating disorders who struggle most around meal times. The kitchen / dining room is in closest proximity to the beer garden. We often keep our external doors open for ventilation and would be impacted significantly by increased noise.

In addition to problems associated with noise:

- Chalkhill and the Princess Royal Hospital Site are both smoke free. I am concerned that patrons of the social club smoking in their outdoor space will pollute our environment.
- We need to be able to protect our children's privacy and dignity in the event they become distressed; having people congregated in adjoining external space potentially compromises this.

We do apologise that, once again, we need to object to a licensing application from our neighbours. We appreciate that St Francis have adjusted the proposed timings since their last application. It is unfortunate that, due to our close proximity, our functions are completely incompatible with each other. The safety and wellbeing of the children in our care remains paramount.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Vicki

*Vicki Barwood  
 Ward Manager  
 Chalkhill Hospital  
 Princess Royal Hospital Site  
 Lewes Rd  
 Haywards heath  
 Sussex  
 RH16 4NQ*

Tel: 01444 472670

**NB: Working days are Tues – Fri**

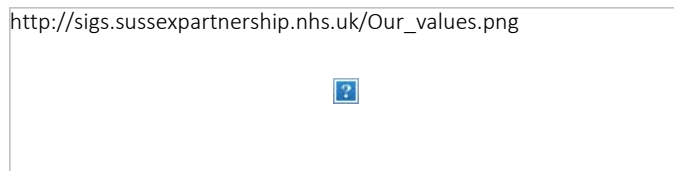
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**Preferred pronouns: She / her**

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**From:** [Andrew Sturgeon](#)  
**To:** [licensing](#)  
**Subject:** RE LI/20/0633 - ST. FRANCIS SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB, HAYWARDS HEATH  
**Date:** 09 July 2020 10:08:19

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Dear Licensing Team,

The above mentioned application to vary the Club Premises Certificate for St. Francis Social and Sports Club was considered at a meeting of the Town Council's Planning Committee on Monday, 6 July 2020. It was agreed that the following representation should be made and I should be grateful if you would take this into account when determining the application:

'The Town Council **OBJECTS** to this application to vary a Club Premises Certificate on the grounds that the Club would not be able to fulfil its responsibilities regarding the promotion of the licensing objectives of **a)** the prevention of public nuisance and **b)** the protection of children from harm.

**a) The prevention of public nuisance**

Members are concerned that the consumption of alcohol and beverages in both the beer garden and the patio area until 20:00 would be detrimental to the social well-being of residents living in the immediate vicinity;

**b) The protection of children from harm**

The beer garden borders Chalkhill, one of the country's leading hospitals for treating children and young people with acute mental health problems and eating disorders. Members are concerned that potentially highly vulnerable children/young people with mental health challenges will be accommodated next to what may, understandably, become a noisy and boisterous outdoor area. This may become a focal point for their interest or concerns, which could have an adverse effect on their well-being.'

With many thanks and kind regards,

Andrew

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## **St Francis Social and Sports Club**

### **Conditions from Operating Schedule**

1. The patio area and Beer Garden will be closed and not used by patrons of the club after 2000hours every day.
2. The licensing objectives will be supported through staff training and the use of a Challenge 25 scheme. Whereby any person attempting to buy alcohol who appears to be under 25 will be asked for photographic ID to prove their age. Signage advertising the policy will be displayed at the point of sale as a minimum.
3. Prominent, clear and legible notices will be displayed requesting members and their guests respect the needs of nearby residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
4. Use of the Beer Garden and the outside patio area would be monitored, and the time restrictions strictly enforced. Further training for staff to manage noise would be compulsory and evidenced in staff training records.

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