

REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE NOTES

- A representation can be made against an application for a premise to carry on a licensable activity within the 28 day consultation period. Representations can also be made on premises that are making variations to an existing licence.
- Representations are made by:
 - Responsible authorities
 - Other persons
- Fill in the appropriate form and send to Licensing Team, Business and Consumer Protection Service, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

PLEASE NOTE: The representation form must be received by the Licensing Team before the end of the consultation period or it will not be accepted.

**LICENSING ACT 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM**

Other Persons

Name/Company Name/Name of Body you represent	Alastair Flint Ludlow Castle Bowling and Tennis Club
Postal & email address	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name & Address of premises for which the representation is being made

Ludlow Rugby Club, Linney, Ludlow.

Your representation must relate to one of the following four Licensing Objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.

THE PREVENTION OF HARM TO CHILDREN

The playground and football field on Linney are popular with children of all ages. The vast increase in traffic which would follow from this proposal would produce a greatly increased risk to the safety of children walking to the playground. Linney lacks pavements along parts of its length, which further increases the risks to pedestrians, especially children.

Junior Members of Ludlow Castle Bowls and Tennis Club would be placed at greater risk by the additional traffic, particularly those young people who walk to the Club.

The excessively long hours during which alcohol sales could be made will place children at risk; there is a real danger of children obtaining alcohol and other substances whilst events are taking place.

TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

This type of application is inappropriate for a small sports club in a residential area, which is also a Conservation Area. The application would allow the Rugby Club to fundamentally change its nature from a sports facility to a permanent entertainment venue, with outside events 365 days a year.AA

The excessive noise, particularly late at night, would cause a public nuisance to members of the Club, residents and visitors to this peaceful corner of the town. There is a distinct likelihood that the Rugby Club will franchise out many of the events, and thereby losing direct control of the management of the events themselves. This will lead to greater public nuisance, to the detriment of local residents' quality of life.

TO PREVENT CRIME & DISORDER

The number of people attending the events at the Rugby Club would be bound to have an adverse effect on the local environment, and in turn, increase the likelihood of disorder and possibly crime. If alcohol is served during such extensive periods of the day and night, it is inevitable that the risk of crime and disorder will rise.

The location is not at all suitable for the 'blanket' licence which is being applied for. The scope of this application is far too wide for the premises, taking into account its location.

Any disorder could easily spill over into the premises of Ludlow Castle Tennis Club, having a damaging effect on the Club and its members.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The narrow access road leading from Linney to the Rugby Club is the sole means of access to the Club. It is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass – in effect it's a single track road, and totally insufficient to cater for the extra amount of traffic which would be generated. Parked cars on one side of the road already restrict the width of the road; public safety would be seriously affected by this proposal.

There is already congestion on Linney, as a result of the narrow road, with blind corners, and shared pavements. The increase in traffic entering the narrow single-track road would undoubtedly be a threat to public safety.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary - refer to checklist.

It is understood that the existing licence permits the use of the Rugby Club for weddings. But there is a vast difference between the existing licence and the proposed extension, in terms of permitted hours, type and frequency of event.

Ludlow is blessed with several other excellent venues in the town centre, which would be much more suitable for the types of activity proposed. These alternative venues include the Castle grounds, Ludlow Assembly Rooms and many public houses and restaurants.

Generally, if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the sub-committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal process. All representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and any other interested parties. If all parties agree,

the application can be dealt with without holding a hearing.

Signed: Alastair Flint, on behalf of Ludlow Castle Bowls and Tennis Club **Date:** 12 January 2023

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the address below:

Licensing Team
Business and Consumer Protection Service
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

This form must be returned within the statutory period, which is generally 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the newspaper advert.

For confirmation on this date please contact the Licensing Team on 0345 678 9026