



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

17 JAN 2023

- 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.

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LICENSING ACT
2003
REPRESENTATION
FORM

Other Persons

Name/Company Name/Name of Body you represent
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Mr. John Nash

Postal & email address
Telephone number

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[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 Rugby Club is situated adjacent to the Linney Playground, which is in constant use by children of all ages. In the summer it is not unusual for groups of teenagers to meet in the area, often with a box of beer and engage in underage drinking. It is likely that the presence of a venue, open until 01.00 to sell alcohol will attract even more late night underage drinking. The playing of music in the open air will act as a further attraction to encourage children to stay until late with inevitable consequences. It is likely that the Council car park will be filled by visitors to the Rugby Club and prevent its use by parents and children who just wish to use the play ground.

To prevent public nuisance

The Linney area is a flat field, part enclosed by steep land on which the Castle is built and on which the Town Wall stands. This creates a 'bowl' which reflects and amplifies sound and is already noticeable during current events at the Rugby Club. The holding of events outside of the Clubhouse, will lead to a major public nuisance and the playing of music until the early hours will ruin the peace of local residents and disturb the ability to sleep. Equally, people drinking outside until late at night will lead to loud voices which will be easily heard by Linney residents. It is not unusual for fireworks to be used during some events and again the land-form serves to amplify the noise nuisance.

The access to the Rugby Club is via narrow roads, often where cars cannot pass each other, it is totally unsuitable for high volumes of traffic or large vehicles. Traffic jams are not infrequent now, where cars cannot pass and the increase in traffic arising from this licence application will only make this much worse and create a nuisance.

To prevent crime and disorder

Low level crime and disorder is already not uncommon and seems associated with late night activity down by the river and play area it is likely that people leaving the Rugby Club late at night will be the worse for wear and some will add to this problem. The houses on Upper Linney are built without pavements adjacent to a narrow road leading to the Town Centre and are very susceptible to minor acts of vandalism and noise disorder. The access to and from the Rugby Club will inevitably result in a greater footfall along the Upper Linney.

Public Safety

Already in recent times there have been late night car crashes in the Linney, with a car written off, having hit a parked car and another written off having impaled itself on to the end of a resident's wall. The increase in traffic resulting from this application will doubtless result in more such accidents and be a danger to public safety.

The pavements in the Linney, where they exist at all, are narrow and poorly lit and it is not unusual for cars to mount them, particularly where they encounter a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction. The increase in traffic will only serve to increase greatly the danger 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.

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:
Date:

[Redacted signature]

13/1/23

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

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Licensing Responses

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