

Licensing Act 2003 Responsible authority representation form

Police/fire/environmental health/health and safety/child protection/trading standards/planning authority/Health and Safety Executive/vessels (Please delete as applicable)

Name	Anne & Tony Robinson
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Name and address of premises for which the representation is being made:

Ludlow Rugby Club Linney Ludlow SY8 1EE 22/04161/LPREM

Which of the four licensing objectives does it relate to?

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 *
To prevent public nuisance *
To prevent crime and disorder *
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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.

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Signed:

Date: 16th Jan. 2023.

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

Licensing Department Public Protection Shropshire Council Shirehall

Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

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Ref: Ludlow Rugby Club 22/04161/LPREM

Dr Tony Robinson [REDACTED]

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Preventing harm to children & Public Safety

*Parts of Linney do not have footpaths or street lighting, therefore pose a risk to children due to exposure to vehicles. Particularly if there is an increase in traffic as would be the case if large events such as the Spring Festival were to go ahead at the rugby club.

Traffic flow along the narrow part of Linney should be reduced to protect pedestrians, currently the rugby club directs festival traffic this way.

*There has been an historical problem with regard to dog fouling in and around Linney, this would be greatly increased should events such as the Spring Festival go ahead at the rugby club. Many people bring their pet dogs with them and not all are responsible owners.

Dog fouling is a major concern to many people, not just because of the mess it causes, but because it can be a health risk. **Dogs may deposit amongst other pathogens, roundworm eggs (toxocara canis) in their faeces, which become infectious after about 3 weeks, and can remain so for up to 2 years.**

The rugby club will need to undertake measures to clean up any dog fouling in and around the festival area.

Preventing public nuisance & prevent crime and disorder

Littering along Linney and in particular Linney playing field has been a problem for many years. Residents frequently remove from the field but also from gardens and hedges bottles, cans, takeaway food boxes even soiled nappies. This problem would be vastly increased during large events where up to 6000 people may attend.

The rugby club must undertake to clear away any litter and dispose of it correctly in and around the club and other parts of the Linney
There have been historical problems whereby intoxicated people have damaged property and antisocial behaviour has disturbed residents particularly at night. Extending the licencing hours potentially will increase this.

The rugby club must undertake to provide marshals along the route to discourage people damaging residents property, hanging baskets, cars windows & gardens etc.

CCTV would be useful during festivals

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Name	Pricklebums Hedgehog Rescue
Job title	██████████
Postal and email address	██
Telephone	██████████

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Pricklebums Hedgehog Rescue C/O Meadowsweet, Linney, SY8

REF: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 & Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

Species *Erinaceus europaeus* Linnaeus 1758 – European Hedgehog

There is a thriving population of hedgehogs living in and around the Ludlow rugby club, particularly in the old hedges that border the driveway.

This native mammal was added to the red list of vulnerable species on 30th July 2022. Any increase in human activity poses a threat to this protected species, therefore responsibility under the acts to mitigate any threat lies with the license holder.

Currently users of Linney Playing Fields frequently pick up litter left behind by thoughtless people. An influx of approximately 6000 people attending the spring Festival for example has the potential to increase this risk exponentially.

Dog attacks are a frequent cause of injury to hedgehogs, the rugby club currently bans dogs from its' grounds. However, during the Spring Festival it is common practice for family dogs to attend too, steps will need to be taken to ensure that wildlife is not disturbed.

Nesting hedgehog mothers will abandon or even eat their young if the nest is disturbed or if she feels threatened.

Not only will staff need to safely dispose of the dog waste but also the increased risk of injury or disturbance to hedgehogs has to be addressed. Failure to do so could bring a case for prosecution under the Acts.

Advise from British Hedgehog Preservation Society

During the event, warning signs on the approaches to the site saying "slow, hedgehogs" and perhaps friendly signs near the hedges on site alerting people to the likely presence of hedgehogs would help. Perhaps Pricklebums could even have a stall with information to hand out?

Also, those setting up the lighting, power cables etc should be made aware of hedgehog presence in the hedges in daytime, and asked for positioning of lighting to be carefully thought through.