



**Licensing Sub -
Committee
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Item

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LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

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1. Summary

To consider an application for a new Premises Licence.

Premises: Morris Hall, Bellstone Court, Bellstone, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JB

Shropshire Council being the authorised licensing authority for the above premises has received an application for a new premises licence.

The application has been accepted as a valid application and during the statutory consultation period relevant representations were made. The application is therefore required to be determined by way of a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

In determining the application the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:

- the steps that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives;
- the representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties;
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003;
- Shropshire Council's Licensing Policy 2024 - 2029.

After considering all the relevant issues the licensing authority may grant the application in full or in part, subject to such conditions that are deemed necessary and appropriate. Any conditions imposed must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Alternatively the application can be refused if it is considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Following a hearing, the licensing authority should give its decision and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties.

All parties are required to be notified of a decision and that decision should be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal.

2. Recommendations

That the Sub-Committee determines the application in accordance with the Statutory Guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the information contained within this report, supporting documentation and having had due regard to the applicant and the parties/authorised bodies making relevant representations.

That the Sub-Committee determines the application in accordance with the options in paragraph 11.

That the Sub-Committee provides the reasons for its decision.

Report

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The Committee is required to consider the consequences of refusal or approval on the applicant's human rights.

4. Financial Implications

None.

5. Climate Change Appraisal

No effect.

6. Purpose of report

To consider an application for a new Premises Licence for Morris Hal, Bellstone, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JB (A copy of the location map and location photographs can be found at **Appendix A and B**).

7. Background

- 7.1 Bellstone Live Limited have applied for a new premises licence to allow the sale of alcohol at the premises, trading as 'Live in the House', who host events in and around Shrewsbury (A copy of the original application and original plan can be found at **Appendix C and D**).

The applicant would like to hold events at the premises, with the operating hours to allow flexibility for event organisers. Morris Hall is set behind commercial premises in the town centre and accessed through an archway.

- 7.2 The requested licensable activities and opening hours:

Supply of Alcohol (Consumption on the premises)

Monday to Sunday 12:00 till 22:30

Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday 12:00 till 23:00

- 7.3 For a new application, applicants are required to submit an operating schedule detailing how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives, these are the prevention of crime and disorder, promotion of public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. The applicant has indicated those steps on their application within section M of the application.

Representations were received off responsible authorities, namely Trading Standard's and Environmental Protection. They subsequently withdraw their representations after agreeing addition conditions for the licence with the applicant.

8. Representations received (Responsible Authorities)

- 8.1 Trading Standard's agreed:

Protection of Children from Harm

1. A Challenge 25 Policy will be implemented with appropriate signage displayed at points of sale.

2. A challenge log for Challenge 25 and refusals will be maintained and made available to any authorised authority on request. The challenge log can be kept either electronically or in a hard backed/bound book.

3. Training on Challenge 25 procedures, proxy sales and individuals' responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 will be held for all persons involved

in the supply of alcohol, prior to engaging in the serving of alcohol and within 14 days of them commencing this role.

4. Refresher training on Challenge 25, proxy sales and their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 to be provided no less than annually. Training records retained and available at the premises to any authorised authority on request.

8.2 Environmental Protection agreed:

Public Nuisance

1. A Noise Management Plan shall be implemented in full, adhered to at all times, and reviewed as required by the Premises Licence Holder or at the request of Shropshire Council's Environmental Protection team. A copy of the approved Noise Management Plan shall be made available to, and its requirements drawn to the attention of, any person or organisation hiring the premises.

9. Representations received (Other Persons)

- 9.1 One representation has been received against the application, who has concerns in relation to public nuisance. The representation map displays the general location of representation in relation to the premises. (A copy of the general location of representations map can be found at **Appendix E**).
- 9.2 Principally concerns are in relation to noise that will be caused and has been caused from the premises previously. Although the applicant is for alcohol sales only, if granted any playing of recorded music will also be authorised at the premises between 12:00 and 22:30 daily. (Outstanding representations can be found at **Appendix F**).
- 9.3 All aspects of representations have been accepted, for consideration, giving the benefit of the doubt to the person/s making the representation to allow them to amplify at the hearing.
- 9.4 The applicant has provided supporting information to clarify the application and concerns raised. (Applicants supporting information can be found at **Appendix G**).

10. Options for Consideration

- 10.1 The options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee having considered all the relevant information are as follows:
- To refuse to grant the licence
 - To grant the licence with conditions
 - To grant the licence but restrict the licensable activities
 - To grant the licence with restricted times
- 10.2 If the application is to be granted in line with the submitted operating schedule then conditions detailed in paragraph 7 and subsequent amendments/ additions in

paragraph 8 of this report would need to be included in the licence, if deemed necessary and appropriate, with a justified decision.

- 10.3 Additional conditions or restrictions to licensable activities and/or times should only be imposed if considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other law already places certain statutory responsibilities on a premises, it would not be appropriate to impose similar duties.
- 10.4 Members of the Sub-Committee should be advised that the applicant or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application may appeal against the decision made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date on which they were notified.

11. Standard of Decision Making

- 11.1 In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's scheme of delegation, all applications where a relevant representation has been made need to be determined by this Sub-Committee.
- 11.2 When determining the application, the Sub-Committee should only consider issues, which relate to the four licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:
- The prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The prevention of a Public Nuisance
 - The protection of Children from Harm
- 11.3 Members of the Sub-Committee must have regard to the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. Members of the Sub-Committee may deviate from the statutory guidance and licensing policy only if they deem that there is good reason to do so.
- 11.4 Members of the Sub-Committee should not allow themselves to predetermine the application or to be prejudiced in favour or opposed to the licence and shall only determine the application having had an opportunity to consider all relevant facts.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Shropshire Council Licensing Policy 2024 – 2029
[statement-of-licensing-policy-2024-to-2029.pdf \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/44/contents/made>

The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) (Amendment) Regulations 2005
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/78/made>

Local Member: Cllr A. Wagner

Appendices

Appendix A – Location map

Appendix B – Location photographs

Appendix C – Application for a new premises licence

Appendix D – Premises plan

Appendix E – General location of representation map

Appendix F – Outstanding representations ‘other persons’

Appendix G – Applicants supporting information