



Memorandum

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

DATE: 26TH AUGUST 2020

TO: Waverley Borough Council Licensing Authority

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Location: Guildford Rugby Football Club, Guildford Road, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3DH.

I make the following comments regarding the prevention of public nuisance:

Environmental Health is making a representation in relation to a proposed temporary event notice (TEN) in relation to a 40th birthday on 26/9/20 between the hours of 6pm and 1am in relation to the provision of sale of alcohol by retail.

The service objects to the TEN on the basis of the application and risk assessment provided which appears generic and not event specific.

Crime and Disorder

The proposal appears to be in breach of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI 684) regarding numbers of proposed attendees, and in relation to adequate provisions in line with Health and Safety at work as well as to deter possible attendees

Public Safety

No event specific risk assessment has been provided in relation to the proposed event to demonstrate compliance with the above legislation (a generic document has been received to date)

There are concerns about measures in place to ensure the safety of attendees and capacity and no information provided to ensure the safety of those employed at the event

No / insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate the layout and physical environment in order to demonstrate suitable measures to ensure safety and safe capacity and mitigate risk – and there is a suggestion in relation to inclement weather that a marquee will be brought by an attendee – and concerns about the ability to social distance regarding outdoor seating arrangements proposed and management / mitigation of risk.

It is noted that current guidance suggests that celebratory events (capacity) should not take place in large gatherings save in relation to specified events such as wedding celebrations and which is capped to recommend a reduced number of attendees than that proposed. In addition, that other guidance in relation to pubs, restaurants should be followed in terms of seating arrangements and groupings both indoors and outside (currently expected to be a mix of six / two households) and in line with social distancing requirements / guidance on meeting others outside the home. I note that this proposed event is for 40 people and the suggested hours are until 1am – which includes the hours of darkness.

Public Nuisance

It is believed that without sufficient covid measures, this may result in nuisance and issues prejudicial to health – given the lack of information in relation to the type, nature and characteristics of the proposed site and event – account has been taken of the scale, location, and timing of the event which raises issues in relation to statutory limits and guidance / in relation to attendees and those working at the site and which serve to undermine the licensing objectives

Given that the pandemic and risk to health as a result of covid 19 continues, it is considered that there remains unacceptable risk for those in attendance and the wider community on the basis of the information submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or would like to discuss the above comments.