

**Committee:** Licensing  
**Date:** 5 July 2006  
**Agenda Item No:**  
**Title:** Grounds of Little Bardfield Hall  
Little Bardfield  
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### **Summary**

- 1 This report sets out details of an application for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. A representation has been made to the Licensing Authority concerning this application therefore this has been referred to the Committee for deliberation.

### **Background**

- 2 The grounds of Little Bardfield Hall are situated in the parish of Little Bardfield and can be described as a large house surrounded by landscaped gardens with a lake.
- 3 The applicant is applying for a premises licence in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. The type of events he intends to hold at the premises would be picnic concerts with live entertainment, plays, or wedding receptions. The maximum number of functions the applicant wishes to hold at the premises per annum will be 12.  
Under previous legislation these types of events have all been held at this location.
- 4 The operating schedule that has been submitted indicates that the following licensable activities are requested to take place on a Friday or Saturday evening only between the hours of 5.00pm and 11.00pm:
  - a) Plays – outdoors only - maximum of 3 per year.
  - e) Live music –outdoors only - maximum of 12 events per year.
  - f) Recorded music – outdoors only – maximum of 6 events per year.
  - e) Performance of dance - outdoors only – maximum of 12 events per year.

j) Provision of facilities for dancing – outdoors only –maximum of 12 per year.

m) For the supply of alcohol – on the premises for up to 12 occasions per year.

- 5 The applicant in its operating schedule has indicated that he will take the following steps to promote the crime and disorder objective:
  - To employ a security company to attend all events
- 6 The applicant in its operating schedule has indicated that he will take the following steps to promote the public safety objective:
  - Employment of Stewards to supervise public safety
  - St Johns ambulance employed at all events.
- 7 The applicant in its operating schedule has indicated that he will take the following steps to promote the noise nuisance objective:
  - Professional sound engineers to be on duty to monitor and control sound.
- 8 The applicant in its operating schedule has indicated that he will take the following steps to promote the protection of children from harm objective:
  - Employment of stewards and St Johns Ambulance
  - Security fencing
  - Only adult priced tickets on sale
- 9 The applicant has since making the application agreed to the imposition of the conditions suggested by the Health and Safety Officer in respect of the licensing objective of the promotion of public safety and this is attached as schedule 1.
- 10 A representation has been received from an interested party based on the licensing objectives that relate to both the prevention of a public nuisance and public safety. His main concerns are:
  - Number of functions being held during the year.
  - Size of the functions and type of events
  - Resident safety due to vehicle access to the site
  - Concerns involving goods vehicles when contractors deliver equipment
  - Coffin lane by church unsuitable for increased traffic
  - Noise pollution associated with the event.
  - The potential for rowdy behaviour as a result of alcohol being freely available
- 11 In carrying out its statutory function, the Licensing Authority must promote the licensing objectives as defined in the Licensing Act 2003:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

12 The decision that the Committee can make for this application is to:

- Grant the application
- Modify the application by inserting conditions
- Remove the licensable activity from the licensee
- Reject the application

13 When determining an application then due regard should be given to the Council's policy regarding licensing and the Secretary of State's Guidance.

14 If the Committee in their discretion wishes to impose conditions, the only conditions that can be imposed are those that are necessary and proportionate to promote the licensing objective relative to the representations received. Equally, the Committee cannot impose conditions that duplicate the effect of existing legislation.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 The application is determined.

Background papers:      Operating Schedule from applicants  
   Plan of Premises  
   Location of Premises  
   Letters from interested party  
   Documents submitted by Health & Safety.