

TO: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
ON: 23 MAY 2001

Agenda Item No: 5

Title: APPLICATIONS FOR FIVE SINGLE OCCASION EVENTS IN THE GROUNDS OF AUDLEY END HOUSE

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Summary

- 1 Mr J Hope of International Management Group (UK) (IMG) has applied for five single occasion Musical Entertainment Licences during July and August 2001 with the events to be held in the grounds of Audley End House on behalf of English Heritage.
- 2 An objection has been received to the applications for Saturday 28 July and the Sub-Committee is, therefore, requested to determine the applications.

Background

- 3 Each year since 1990 English Heritage has applied for and obtained a number of single event musical entertainment licences in the grounds of Audley End House. Initially these were for Sunday evenings, with one event per month during June, July, August and September. During this period, the organisers, Police and Council Officers developed a very successful package of controls and conditions which ensured minimum disruption and nuisance.
- 4 However, for the 1995 season the organisers applied for the same four events, but over two consecutive weekends. The arrangement was again not opposed as the organisers agreed to apply for attendances of 4,000 persons for the first two events, 6,000 for the third and 10,000 for the fourth and final event. Because of this management of attendance levels, the third exit/entrance in Abbey Lane was only necessary for the final occasion. This strategy was successful as the audiences did not exceed those fixed levels and no unacceptable disturbance or nuisance to residents occurred.
- 5 In 1996 the organisers applied for a similar four single events, again over two consecutive weekends, but with an attendance limit of 10,000 persons on each occasion and hence the use of Abbey Lane on all four occasions. This resulted in objections from the Saffron Walden Town Council, District Councillors, the Police and your own Officers and involved a hearing by this Sub-Committee. A licence was granted allowing only 6,000 persons to the first three concerts and 10,000 persons at the fourth and final event. This therefore ensured that Abbey Lane was only used on the final event. All four concerts were held successfully and no objections or complaints were received.

- 6 No objections were received to any applications for four single occasion events over 2 consecutive weekends during the years of 1997 to 2000.

Application

- 7 The current application has been made for five single occasion events, three Saturdays and two Sundays over three consecutive weekends.
The dates: 28 July, 4 & 5 August, 11 & 12 August 2001 with attendance levels of 6,000 persons for the first four events and 10,000 persons for the fifth (12 August) The additional concert planned for this year is on Saturday 28 July.
- 8 Notice of intention to apply was posted on the premises for a period of 28 days from 5 March 2001. A copy of the application is appended (A1). On receipt of the application by the Council, Saffron Walden Town Council, all Saffron Walden District Councillors, Police and the District Environmental Health Officer were notified.

Objections/Responses

- 9 An objection has been received from the Saffron Walden Town Council and is appended (A2). The objection concerns the proposed additional Saturday concert. It is felt using a third Saturday will cause more traffic disruption in the town.
- 10 The Police do not object to this application.
- 11 The District Environmental Health Officer has no objection to this application.

Appeal

- 12 Should the application be refused by the Sub-Committee or granted subject to conditions which the applicant does not find acceptable, the applicant has the right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of such a decision.

RECOMMENDED that

- a the applications for five single occasion events at Audley End House Grounds be determined, and
- b in the event of the applicant appealing against a decision of the Sub-Committee, a member be nominated to give evidence on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Background Papers: Application form
 Letter from Saffron Walden Town Council

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2001

Agenda Item No: 6

Title: APPLICATIONS FOR FOUR SINGLE OCCASION EVENTS IN THE GROUNDS OF THE SAFFRON WALDEN CRICKET CLUB BETWEEN 24 & 27 AUGUST 2001

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Summary

- 1 Mr Nigel John Moore on behalf of The Wederell Memorial Fund has applied for three single Occasion Weekday Licences and a Single Occasion Sunday Musical Entertainment Licence on Friday 24, Saturday 25, Monday 27 and Sunday 26 August 2001 to be held in a Marquee situated in the grounds of the Saffron Walden Cricket Club.
- 2 Objections have been received to the applications and the Sub-Committee is, therefore, requested to determine the applications.

Background

- 3 The Cricket Club is accessed off Catons Lane with residential properties in Castle Street and Little Walden Road nearby. A location plan of Saffron Walden showing the cricket club is attached as Appendix B2. Previous events have been licensed in a Marquee at the Cricket Club in August 1993 (two single occasions), 1994 (two single occasions), 1999 (four single occasions) and 2000 (four single occasions).
- 4 The application for the year 2000 on behalf of the Wederell Memorial Fund was also considered by the Sub-Committee. The Licence was granted, subject to the following hours:

Friday 25 August 2000	7.30pm to 11.30pm
Saturday 26 August 2000	7.30pm to 1.00am (Sunday)
Sunday 27 August 2000	7.00pm to 11.00pm
Monday 28 August 1999	12 noon to 6.00pm

Prior to these events, the organisers agreed to circulate all residents in the surrounding area with a notice of the actual events and finishing times. This advance notification undoubtedly reduced the number of complaints received by both the Council and the Police.

Application

- 5 The application has been made for four single occasion events between Friday 24 August and Monday 27 August 2001 between the following hours:

Friday 24 August 2001	7:30pm to 12 Midnight
Saturday 25 August 2001	7:00pm to 1.00am
Sunday 26 August 2001	12:00 noon to 11.30pm
Monday 27 August 2001	12.00 noon to 6.00pm

Up to 600 persons may be attending each event. A copy of the application is attached as Appendix B1.

- 6 Notice of intention to apply was posted on the premises (on the outside wall of the cricket pavilion) for a period of 28 days from 24 March 2001. On receipt of the application Saffron Walden Town Council, Saffron Walden District Councillors, Essex Police and the District Environmental Health Officer were notified.

Objections/Responses

- 7 Objections have been received from the Saffron Walden Town Council, District Councillors, members of the public (after last years' events) and the District Environmental Health Officer. The main reasons for objections are:

- (a) the noise levels to nearby residents,
- (b) disturbance from cars and loud noise to nearby residents around 1.00am Sunday,
- (c) the late finishing times, and
- (d) the duration of the proposed events.

- 8 The objectors' recommendations are:

- (a) Saffron Walden Town Council – as the application except for Friday 24 August will finish at 11.30pm and Saturday 25 August will start at 7.30pm and finish at 11.30pm.
(Appendix B3)
- (b) District Councillor – Mrs Bayley – as per Saffron Walden Town Council in 8(a) above.
(Appendix B4)
- (c) District Councillor – Mrs Cornell –as per Saffron Walden Town Council in 8a above.
(Appendix B5)
- (c) District Environmental Health Officer - considers the duration of all events with amplified music to be excessive to residents as several complaints were received after last year's events and recommends times as follows:

Friday 24 August 2001	7.30pm - 11.30pm
Saturday 25 August 2001	7.30pm – 12.00am
Sunday 26 August	7.00pm - 11.00pm
Monday 27 August 2001	12noon - 6.00pm

(appendix B6)

- (e) Petition from Mr P Batkin received on 4 September 2000 after last year's events with 23 signatures.
(appendix B7)
- (d) Letter dated 29 April 2001 from Ms C Bainbridge.
(appendix B8)

9 No objections or comments were received from the Police.

Appeal

- 10 Should the application be refused by the Sub-Committee or granted subject to conditions which the applicant does not find acceptable, the applicant has the right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of such a decision.

RECOMMENDED that

- a the applications for four single occasion Public Entertainment licences at the Saffron Walden Cricket Club be determined.
- b in the event of the applicant against a decision of the Sub-Committee, a Member be nominated to give evidence on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Background papers: Application form,
Location plan of part of Saffron Walden highlighting the Cricket Club,
Letter from Saffron Walden Town Council,
Letters from Councillor Mrs C Bayley
e-mail from Councillor Mrs D Cornell,
Memorandum from District Environmental Health Officer.
Petition from Mr P Batkin
Letter from Ms C Bainbridge.