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Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

Date: **Monday 30 January 2017**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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To: Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

Date: 30th January 2017 **Item No:**

Report of: Head of Community Services

Title of Report: Hentom Pubs Ltd– Application for a Variation to Premises Licence: The Library Pub, 182 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UE

Application Ref: 16/05863/PREM

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To inform the determination of Hentom Pubs Ltd's application to Vary a Premises Licence for The Library Pub, 182 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UE.

Report Approved by:

Legal: Daniel Smith

Policy Framework: Statement of Licensing Policy

Recommendation(s):

Committee is requested to determine Hentom Pubs Ltd's application taking into account the details in this report and any representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

Appendix One: Application for a Variation to Premises Licence

Appendix Two: Premises Licence 11/00855/TRPREM

Appendix Three: Representations from Responsible Authorities

Appendix Four: Representations from Interested Parties

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Introduction

1. This report is made to the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee so it may determine in accordance with its powers and the Licensing Act 2003 whether to grant a Variation to Premises Licence to Hentom Pubs Ltd.

Application Summary

- An application to vary a Premises Licence has been submitted by Hentom Pubs Ltd. A summary of the licensable activities applied for and the times proposed for these activities can be found detailed below.

Supply of Alcohol (On and Off Sales), Recorded Music (Indoors Only):

Monday to Thursday	11:00	Until	01:00
Friday and Saturday	11:00	Until	02:00
Sunday	12:00 (noon)	Until	01:00

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors Only):

Sunday to Thursday	23:00	Until	01:00
Friday and Saturday	23:00	Until	02:00

Non-Standard Timings For Supply of Alcohol and Recorded Music Only:

New Years' Eve till 03.00 hours
Christmas Eve till 01.00 hours
May Morning till 02.00 hours

- Both the application and the steps that the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives (as set out in the operating schedule) can be found at **Appendix One**.
- In order to assist all parties to this Hearing, at present Hentom Pubs Ltd is permitted to provide the Sale of Alcohol and Recorded Music from 11:00 hours to 00:00 hours (midnight) Sunday to Saturday, as detailed within the current Premises Licence attached at **Appendix Two**.

Relevant Representations

- Valid representations have been received from the Responsible Authorities as detailed in the table below. Copies of these representations are attached at **Appendix Three**.

Responsible Authority	Response	Licensing Objective(s)
Thames Valley Police:	Yes	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Fire & Rescue Service:	No Adverse Comments	
Environmental Health:	No Representation	
Health and Safety:	No Representation	
Planning:	No Representation	
Trading Standards:	No Objection	
Child Safeguarding:	No Representation	
Licensing Authority:	No Representation	

6. Valid representations have been received from an Interested Party as detailed in the table below. Copies of these representations are attached at **Appendix Four**.

Name	Address	Licensing Objective(s)
David Colbeck		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Mrs Anna Lucas		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Mr John Jones		Public Nuisance
Cllr Craig Simmons		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Mr Nick Welch		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Mr Richard Lawrence		Public Nuisance
Cllr Jamila Azad		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
Ms Clare Ridley		Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance

Location

7. A map is attached at **Appendix Five** showing the general location of the applicant's premises, and the proximity to the premises of those who have raised objections to the application.

Statement of Licensing Policy

8. The Sub-Committee is referred to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy*. In particular, the following paragraphs have a bearing upon the application:

Relevant Policy Matters	Sections	Policy
Cumulative Impact:	3.1.1 to 3.2.5	GN19
Public Nuisance:	7.3.1 to 7.3.10	LA2 to LA4
Crime and Disorder:	8.3.1 8.5.1 to 8.5.3	OS7 OS9

9. A copy of the Statement of Licensing Policy may be obtained from the Council Offices or found online at:
https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/1303/statement_of_licensing_policy

Home Office Statutory Guidance

10. Members are also referred to the statutory guidance issued by the Home Office. Of particular relevance to this application are the following matters:

Relevant Sections	Relevant Paragraphs
Crime and Disorder:	2.1 to 2.5
Public Nuisance:	2.14 to 2.20
Cumulative Impact:	13.30 to 13.39

11. A copy of the Home Office Statutory Guidance may be found online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/revised-guidance-issued-under-section-182-of-the-licensing-act-2003

Cumulative Impact

12. Oxford City Council has adopted Special Saturation Policies in respect of the City Centre and East Oxford as detailed within the Statement of Licensing Policy.
13. The Special Saturation Policies were introduced following evidence brought by Thames Valley Police on the grounds of the cumulative impact of premises licensed for the sale of alcohol on the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance within the defined areas.
14. The effect of adopting Special Saturation Policies is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates or material variations to these will normally be refused, if relevant representations to that effect are received, unless it can be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved will not add significantly to the cumulative impact already being experienced on the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance.

Other Relevant Considerations

15. The Sub-Committee is reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and the Human Rights Act (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.
16. Members are reminded that whenever they make a decision under the Licensing Act 2003, they have a duty to act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.

17. When considering any representations, only those issues relating to the four licensing objectives should be considered and appropriate weight given to the importance and relevance of each representation.
18. In making its decision, Members must also have regard to the Home Office statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
19. The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

a) Grant the licence in accordance with the application.

b) Modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.

c) Exclude or restrict from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.

d) Reject the whole of the application.

The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

20. Members are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject whole or part of the application merely because they consider it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate to do so in order to promote the licensing objectives. Any such step must relate to a relevant representation made.
21. If Members grant the application, the details of the operating schedule will be incorporated into the licence as conditions. The licence will also be subject to certain mandatory conditions.
22. Members should note that the applicant or persons making representations have the right of appeal against the decision made by the Sub-Committee.

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL: LICENSING AUTHORITY

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We HENTOM PUBS LTD

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number	11/0855/TRPREM
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Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
THE LIBRARY 182 COWLEY ROAD		The Licensing Authority Oxford City Council	
28 NOV 2016			
Post town	OXFORD	Postcode	OX4 1UE

Telephone number at premises (if any)	01865 241776
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 17,500

Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number	[REDACTED]		
E-mail address (optional)	thelibraryoxford@gmail.com		
Current postal address if different from premises address	AS ABOVE		
Post town		Postcode	

Part 3 - Variation

Please tick as appropriate

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

Yes

No

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)

THE PROPOSED VARIATION IS FOR EXTENDED OPENING AND SERVING HOURS ONLY. CURRENTLY OUR LICENSE IS UNTIL 00.00 HRS EVERYDAY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THAT UNTIL 01.00 HRS EVERY SUNDAY TO THURSDAY AND UNTIL 02.00 EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

ALSO CURRENTLY THE LICENSE IS ADDRESSED AND DESIGNATED TO THE BRICKWORKS, 182 COWLEY ROAD, OXFORD OX4 1UE

AND WE WOULD AMMEND THIS TO THE CURRENT TRADING NAME OF THE PREMISES, THE LIBRARY PUB, 182 COWLEY ROAD, OXFORD OX4 1UE.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick all that apply

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

Sale by retail of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3) MOSTLY BACKGROUND MUSIC WITH DJS PLAYING RECORDED MUSIC AT WEEKENDS.		
Mon	11.00	01.00			
Tue	11.00	01.00	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4) WITH SEASONAL 'ONE OFFS' , I.E. MAY MORNING, NEW YEARS EVE AND CHRISTMAS EVE.		
Wed	11.00	01.00			
Thur	11.00	01.00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	11.00	02.00			
Sat	11.00	02.00	ON NEW YEARS EVE, XMAS EVE AND MAY MORNING, DEPENDING ON WHAT DAY THEY FALL ON WITH LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES GOING UNTIL 03.00 HRS, 01.00 HRS AND 02.00 HRS RESPECTIVELY.		
Sun	12.00	01.00			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	11.00	01.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3) OUR KITCHEN CLOSES AT 21.00 HRS BUT WE SERVE HOT DRINKS TO THOSE CUSTOMERS REQUESTING THEM UNTIL CLOSE.		
Tue	11.00	01.00			
Wed	11.00	01.00	State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4) NO SUCH VARIATIONS REQUIRED.		
Thur	11.00	01.00			
Fri	11.00	02.00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) NO ADDITIONAL TIMINGS REQUIRED.		
Sat	11.00	02.00			
Sun	11.00	01.00			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4) NOTABLE DAYS ONLY. I.E. NEW YEARS EVE XMAS EVE MAY MORNING		
Mon	11.00	01.00			
Tue	11.00	01.00			
Wed	11.00	01.00			
Thur	11.00	01.00			
Fri	11.00	02.00			
Sat	11.00	02.00			
Sun	12.00	01.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) NEW YEARS EVE - 03.00 XMAS EVE - 01.00 MAY MORNING - 02.00		

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE OR OPERATE ANY GAMING MACHINES OF ANY KIND NOR ANY FILMS/NUDITY OR ANYTHING ELSE SENSITIVE TO AGE RESTRICTIONS IN REGARDS TO THE CONCERN IN REPECT TO CHILDREN.
 WE ALSO OPERATE A STRICT OVER 18's POLICY AFTER 19.00 HRS AS PER OUR CURRENT LICENSE.
 WE HAVE NO PLANS OR DESIRE TO CHANGE THIS.

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11.00	01.30	WE WOULD ONLY NEED THREE DAYS OF THE YEAR TO BE INCLUDED FOR THE SEASONAL VARIATIONS MAY MORNING XMAS EVE NEW YEARS EVE.
Tue	11.00	01.30	
Wed	11.00	01.30	
Thur	11.00	01.30	
Fri	11.00	02.30	
Sat	11.00	02.30	
Sun	12.00	01.30	

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS THAT COULD BE REMOVED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE VARIATION TO OUR LICENSE.

Please tick as appropriate

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

M

Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff employed at the premises whose duties include the sale or supply of alcohol shall undertake and complete a relevant programme of training prior to them being authorised to sell or supply alcohol.
The Premises Licence holder shall provide a "refresher" training session to all relevant staff members as and when deemed necessary on a case by case evaluation, but as a minimum requirement the refresher training session shall be provided to all staff on at least one occasion every six months.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A properly specified and fully operational CCTV system will be operated and maintained with cameras recording the entrance, bars, additional rooms and garden areas.
A minimum of 1 door supervisors shall be on duty at any time that the premises is open to the public after Midnight. All of whom will be individually registered with the Security Industry Authority and present on the premises between 21.00 hours to 30 minutes after the end of the last licensable activity.
In order to promote the prevention of crime and disorder objective, the maximum number of persons (including staff and entertainers) allowed at the premises shall not exceed 160 persons for the whole premises. The door supervisors or staff on duty will operate a means of counting customers in and out so the capacity limit is not exceeded at any point.

c) Public safety

Regular checks and maintenance shall be carried out on all equipment, electrical installations, emergency lighting and fire alarms and equipment.
The premises license holder will ensure a suitable fire risk assessment and emergency plan is in effect at all times.
Empty glasses and bottles shall be removed from public areas quickly and efficiently.
An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials are available on the premises. All members of staff at the premises shall seek credible photographic proof of age evidence from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years and who is seeking access to the premises or is seeking to purchase or consume alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card bearing a holographic PASS logo.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage, other than to any external area owned or legally occupied by the Premises Licence Holder. The premises shall be cleared of customers and closed 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last licensed activity. Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exit points to advise customers to respect the needs of the local community and of acceptable behaviour in public spaces.
Regulated entertainment shall be held internally only and no music or speakers shall be provided to external areas of the premises. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall not exceed 40dB(A) as measured 1 metre from any residential building.

e) The protection of children from harm

A challenge 25 proof of age scheme will continue to be operated in the premises where only acceptable forms of photographic identification will be recognised.
Persons under the age of 18 years shall only be admitted to the premises when accompanied by an adult and only until 19.00 hrs as per our existing license.

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.


IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	Thomas Reynolds 
Date	26/11/16
Capacity	Designated Premises Supervisor / Director

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	Henry Cullen 
Date	26/11/16
Capacity	Director

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

Post town		Post code	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			

**The Licensing Act 2003
(Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005
Regulation 33, 34 and Schedule 12
Part A**

**Premises Licence
*Oxford City Council***

Premises Licence Number

11/00855/TRPREM

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code
The Brickworks
182 Cowley Road
Oxford
Oxford
OX4 1UE

Telephone number 01865 245999

Where the licence is time limited the dates
Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
Recorded Music
Supply of Alcohol

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities
Recorded music, supply of alcohol:
 Sunday to Saturday: 11:00 hours to 00:00 midnight
 Provided indoors only

The opening hours of the premises
At the discretion of the licence holder

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies
On sales only

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Hentom Pubs Ltd
265 Cowley Road
Oxford
OX4 1XQ

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

07615383

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Thomas George Lewis Reynolds

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Personal licence number:	11/00612/PER
Licensing Authority:	Oxford City Council

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence;
 - (a) at a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence,
 - or
 - (b) at a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
3.
 - 1) The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
 - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children -
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act);
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less;
 - (d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on -
 - (i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process, or
 - (ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring;
 - (e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.
4. The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
5. The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
6.
 - (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (2) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.

7. The responsible person shall ensure that -
- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
 - (b) customers are made aware of the availability of these measures.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

8. The premises shall be cleared of customers and closed 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last licensed activity.
9. The Licence Holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall become a member of the Pubwatch scheme and a representative shall attend Pubwatch meetings.
10. No person shall be allowed to leave the premises whilst in the possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage.
11. All members of staff at the premises shall seek "credible photographic proof of age evidence" from any person who appears to be under the age of 18 years and who is seeking access to the premises or is seeking to purchase or consume alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo.
12. A CCTV system shall be installed or the existing system maintained. The system will incorporate a camera covering each of the entrance doors and be capable of providing an image which is regarded as 'identification standard.'
13. The Licence Holder shall implement a written Drugs Policy. This shall detail the strategies to minimise the use and supply of illegal drugs within the premises. The Drugs Policy shall include a structured training programme covering the issues relevant to the misuse of drugs in relation to licensed premises, which will be delivered to all staff. This Policy shall be approved in writing by Thames Valley Police.
14. All [external doors / windows] must be kept closed, other than for access and egress, in all rooms when events involving amplified music or speech are taking place.
15. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall be inaudible in adjacent or adjoining properties.
16. Noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment shall not exceed 48dBA up to 2200 hours and 42 dBA thereafter as measured 1 metre from any occupied building.
17. No persons under 18 shall be admitted to, or allowed to remain on the premises between 19:00hrs and 06:00hrs.
18. A noise limiting device shall be installed, fitted and maintained in such a manner as to control all sources of amplified music or speech at the premises. The noise limiter shall be set so as to maintain a maximum level of 90dB(A) (level to be set by the Responsible Authority for Environmental Health, Environmental Protection) at all times when regulated entertainment takes place.
19. The following dispersal policy must be followed:
Prominent, clear notices will be displayed at all exits requesting that customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.
At the end of the opening hours staff will take reasonable steps to ensure that all customers are not causing a nuisance and have moved away from the vicinity of the premises.
The volume of background music will be reduced 30 minutes before the premises closes.
Patrons will be able to call a taxi from within the premises.
Taxi drivers will be requested to turn their engines off when waiting for passengers, and to enter the premises to collect fares and not sound their horns outside.
All staff will be informed of and trained in the dispersal policy.

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable

Annex 4 – Plans

See attached sheet (2x A4 plans)

Premises Licence Variation - The Library, Cowley Road Oxford

Having considered the requested proposal regarding the above Thames Valley Police have concerns that lead us to lodge our objection to the Licensing Authority so they may consider the matter fully.

This is an application to vary the existing grant for The Library Bar on the Cowley Road. Whilst this venue is of a relatively small capacity, in comparison to others located in the area, it is situated on the main strip of pubs and bars on the Cowley road, and based on our frontline observations is a fairly popular location with the public.

We have a good working relationship with the applicant, and whilst Thames Valley Police wish to see a successful, vibrant and diverse night time economy to show case Oxford, it must be in balance, and considerate to the area the premise chooses to share with local residents and other local businesses.

The area of East Oxford the premises falls in was afforded special saturation policy (SSP) status in recognition of the disproportionate levels of crime, disorder and nuisance in the area linked to alcohol consumption and the extensive provisions of the night time economy there.

As the Committee will be aware the saturation policy concerns itself not with the direct management of one licensed premises but recognises the cumulative detrimental effect on the licensing objectives of the provision of alcohol as whole in that specific geographical area from a group of licensed venues.

In referring back to the balance that must be struck between a business/profit need of a licensed premises and the needs of the overall area, East Oxford specifically from a policing point of view is currently in a delicate state. Indeed alcohol related issues are now no longer just the preserve of the weekends as it used to be. With a large Student presence, concentrated in East Oxford and Headington nearby, and it being more socially acceptable to go out late night drinking for the general public as well, the night time economy is now a seven day a week occurrence. This may account for the fact, that the policy has recently been reviewed by the Committee and remains in place.

[Annex A below contains excerpts from the City Council's statement of licensing policy which includes documentation provided by Oxford safer communities partnership outlining the issues in the area and provided the basis for the committee's decision to continue with the SSP.]

With regard to the matter at hand, the application seeks to introduce the following:

	Current termination of alcohol	Under the proposed replacement	Variance
Monday	Midnight	01:00	1 hour
Tuesday	Midnight	01:00	1 hour
Wednesday	Midnight	01:00	1 hour
Thursday	Midnight	01:00	1 hour
Friday	Midnight	02:00	2 hours
Saturday	Midnight	02:00	2 hours
Sunday	Midnight	01:00	1 Hour
Each day carrying a 30 minute drinking up time.			

The application also seeks to add nonstandard extensions for new year's eve until 03:00 the following morning, and Mayday until 02:00. It also makes reference to Christmas eve until 01:00 but this would either result in standard trade (as requested by the new changes), or a reduction depending on the day it falls on, and is possibly, we believe, a typing error. The application also seeks to add off sales of alcohol to the grant.

It is our view that this variation would not only result in a retention for longer of the existing customer base at the pub, but will likely also attract an increased footfall into the East Oxford area from others customer bases. Aside from likely exacerbation during the hours of the operation of the licence, this attraction will therefore have a corresponding impact at and in the time after closing of the venue when these groups leave at night.

A quick dispersal of the public from the SSP area is key to reducing likely crime, disorder and nuisance. The area does not have similar late night transport hubs as the centre has. The only means for those other than locals or students leaving by foot, are the bus routes going between Cowley and Blackbird Leys to the city centre, or a pre-booked taxi due to the fact there is no taxi rank.

By allowing later hours the increased numbers of people who will have been consuming alcohol for longer in this area will not only impact on nuisance and anti-social behaviour but will put greater stress on public transport and late night refreshment outlets, resulting in other likely flash points of violence and disorder.

There is also the issues during trade resulting from those refused entry due to pre-existing levels of intoxication from pre-loading at other premises. Whilst not committing offences within the venue, these individuals may well cause issues at the front door with security, (if any are on duty) and/or may also engage in disorder, antisocial behaviour or noise nuisance in the street away from the venue. All of this at a later and more noise sensitive hour with an increased risk of nuisance to neighbours.

The premises has put forward a number of conditions in section M of the application. Unfortunately, though, we do not believe they would go far enough to mitigate to a satisfactory level further impact on the cumulative effect.

There are of course, a number of options open to the Sub-Committee in deciding this matter, and should they be minded to allow the application in one form or another, we would be happy to advise on suggested conditions better suited than those on the current licence or those put forward in the application.

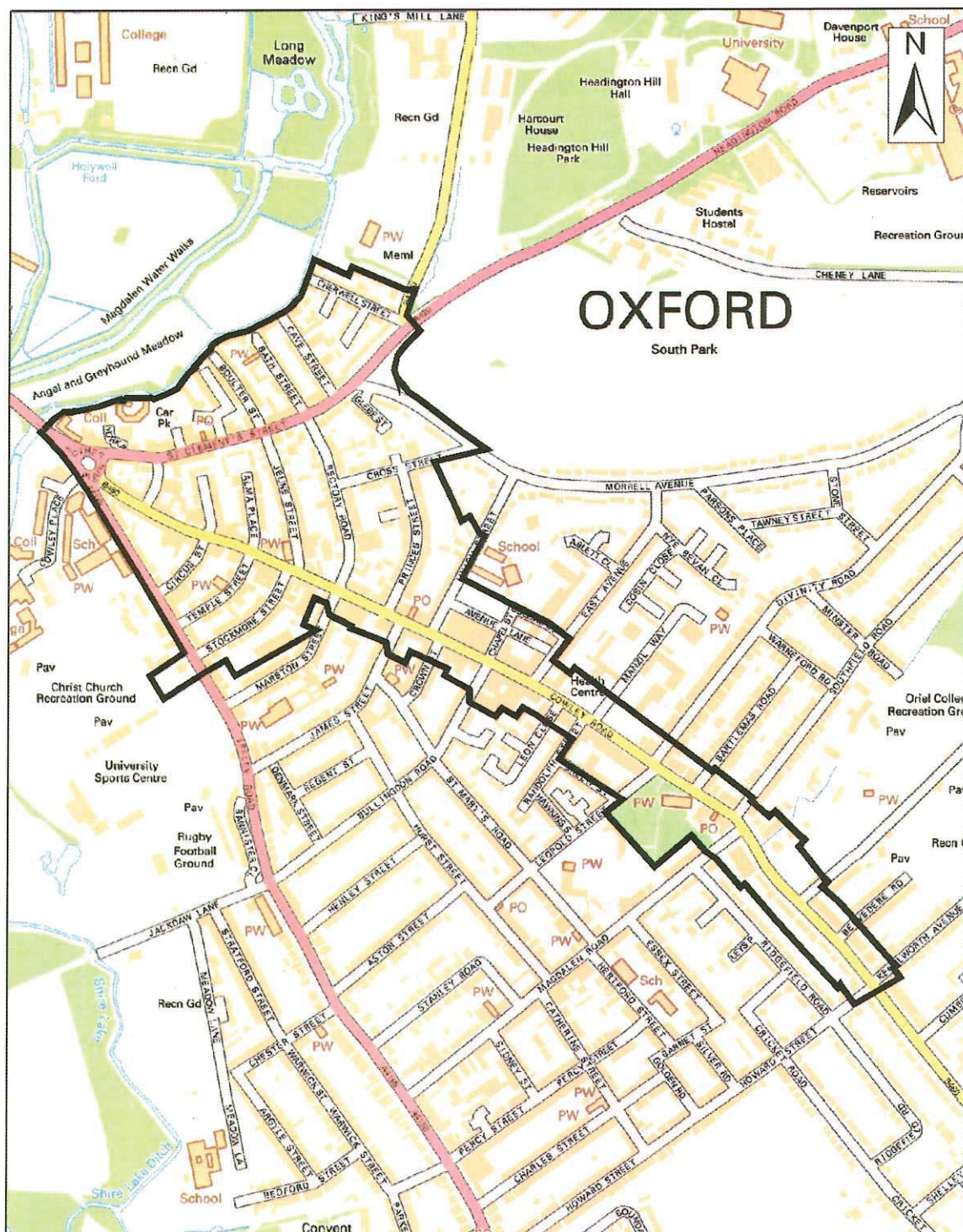
In summary as District Judge Patterson stated in relation to an appeal made against the City Council for an East Oxford premises wishing to extend hours in the SSP:

The effect on the area is wider than the immediate vicinity of the premises. It is not necessarily the direct consequences of the application proposal that concern me but the bigger picture in terms of impact on the area. I am satisfied that there are real problems created by longer hours for the sale of alcohol. I have had regard to the Special Saturation Policy which is designed to help limit these problems.

It is our assessment as the police this application would significantly increase the time available for consumption of alcohol with a consequent increased risk of crime and disorder, and as such we believe it to be incompatible with the City Councils' special saturation policy (SSP) resulting in our objection to its grant.

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Appendix 12 – East Oxford Special Saturation Policy Area



Licensing Act 2003

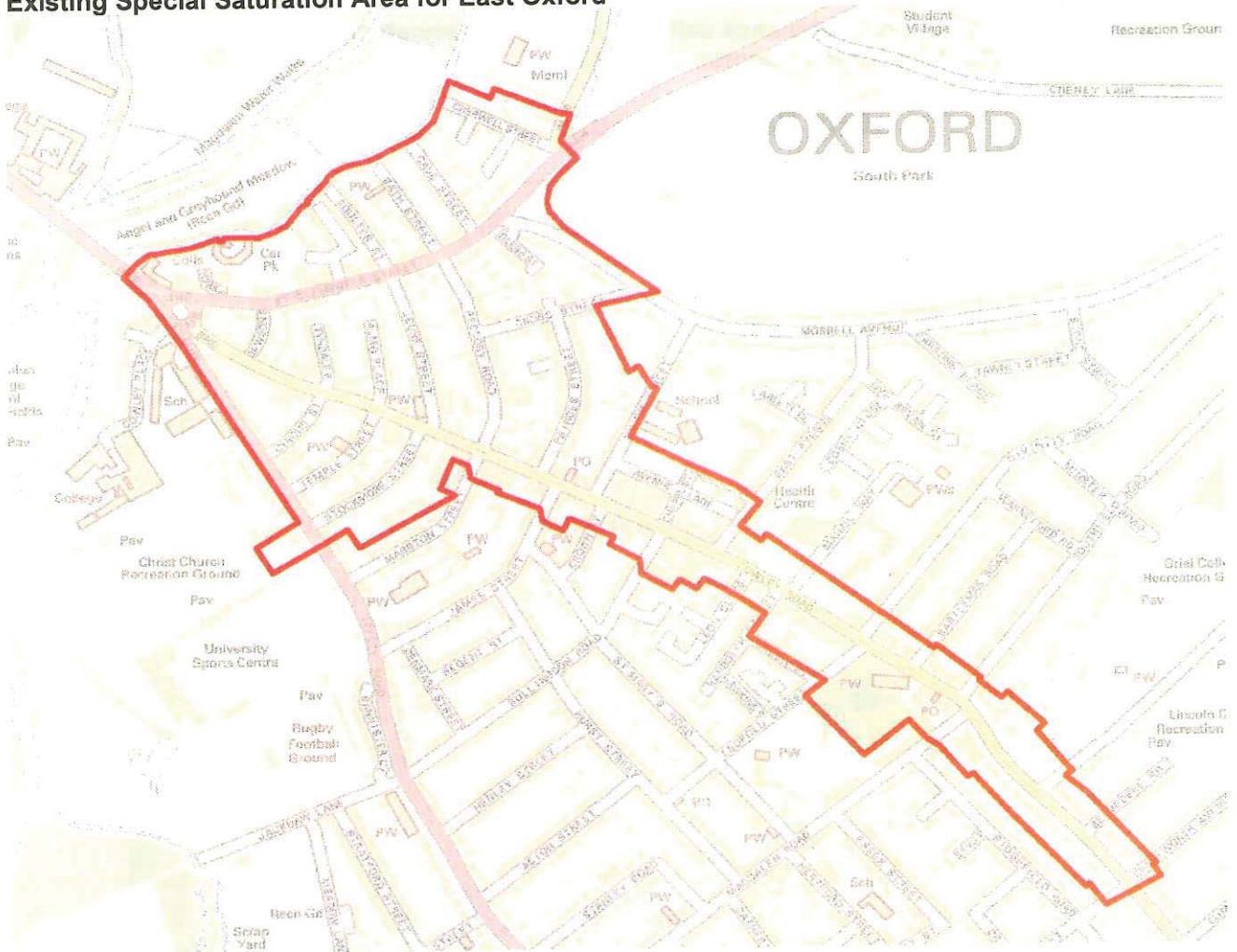
East Oxford Special Saturation Policy

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Existing Special Saturation Area for East Oxford



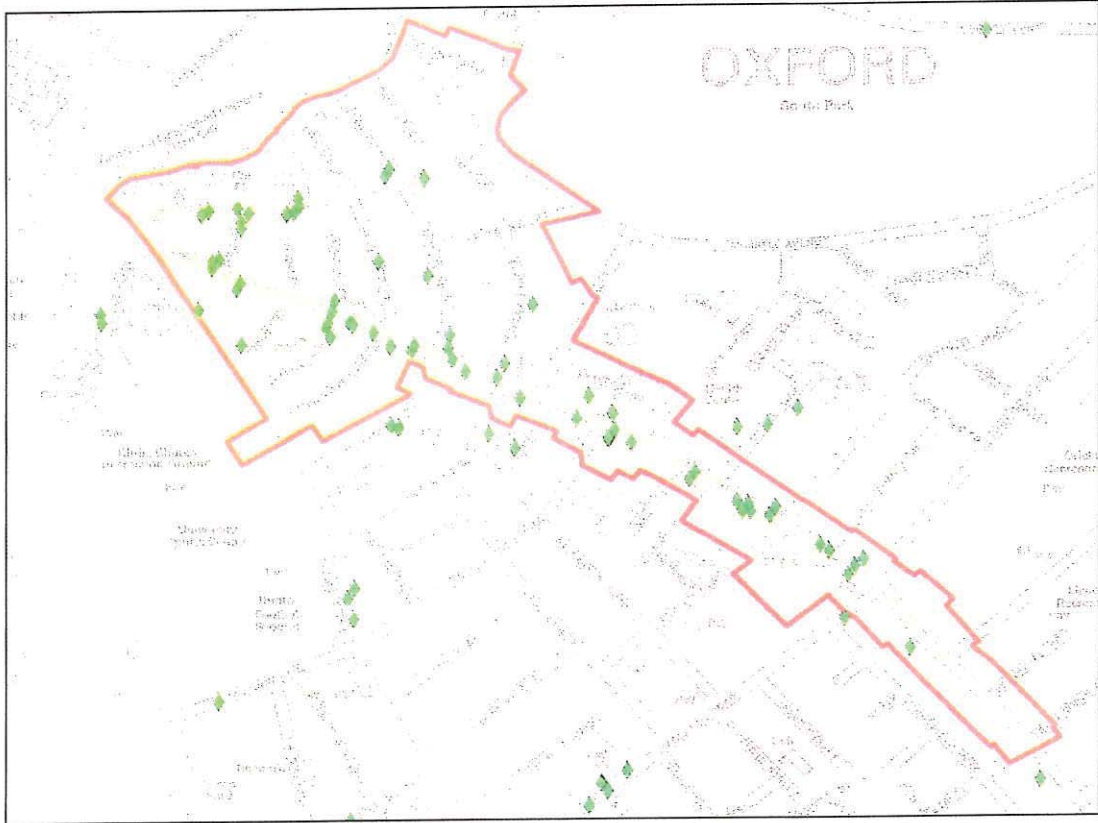
SSP Boundary ———

East Oxford crime data comparison for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

	2012	2013	2014
ASB	635	487	497
Violence and Sexual Offences	139	166	199
Public order	78	76	61

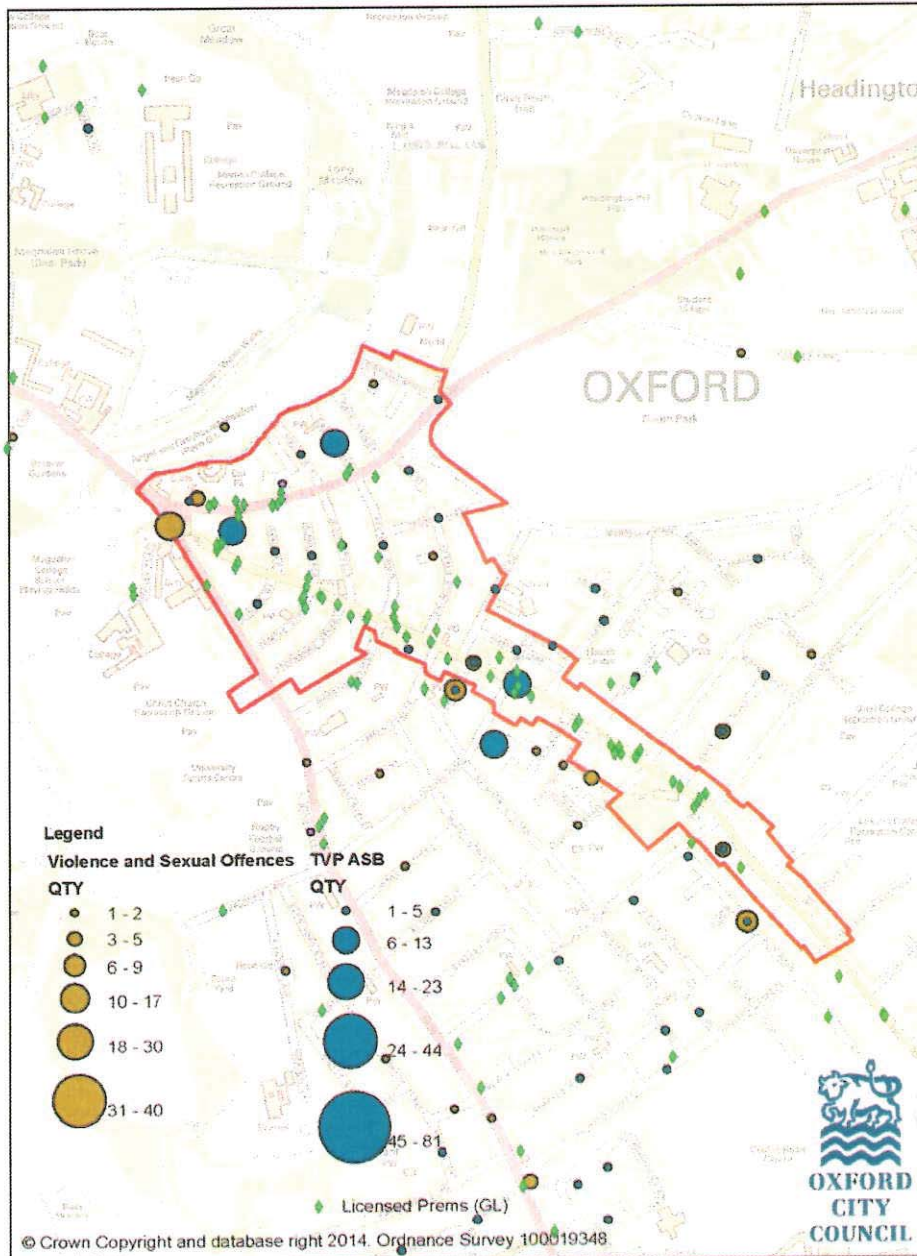
Due to changes in the crime recording standards in 2013 violent crimes was reclassified to violence and sexual offences. Public disorder and weapons were separated into individual classifications.

Map showing locations of licensed premises in East Oxford



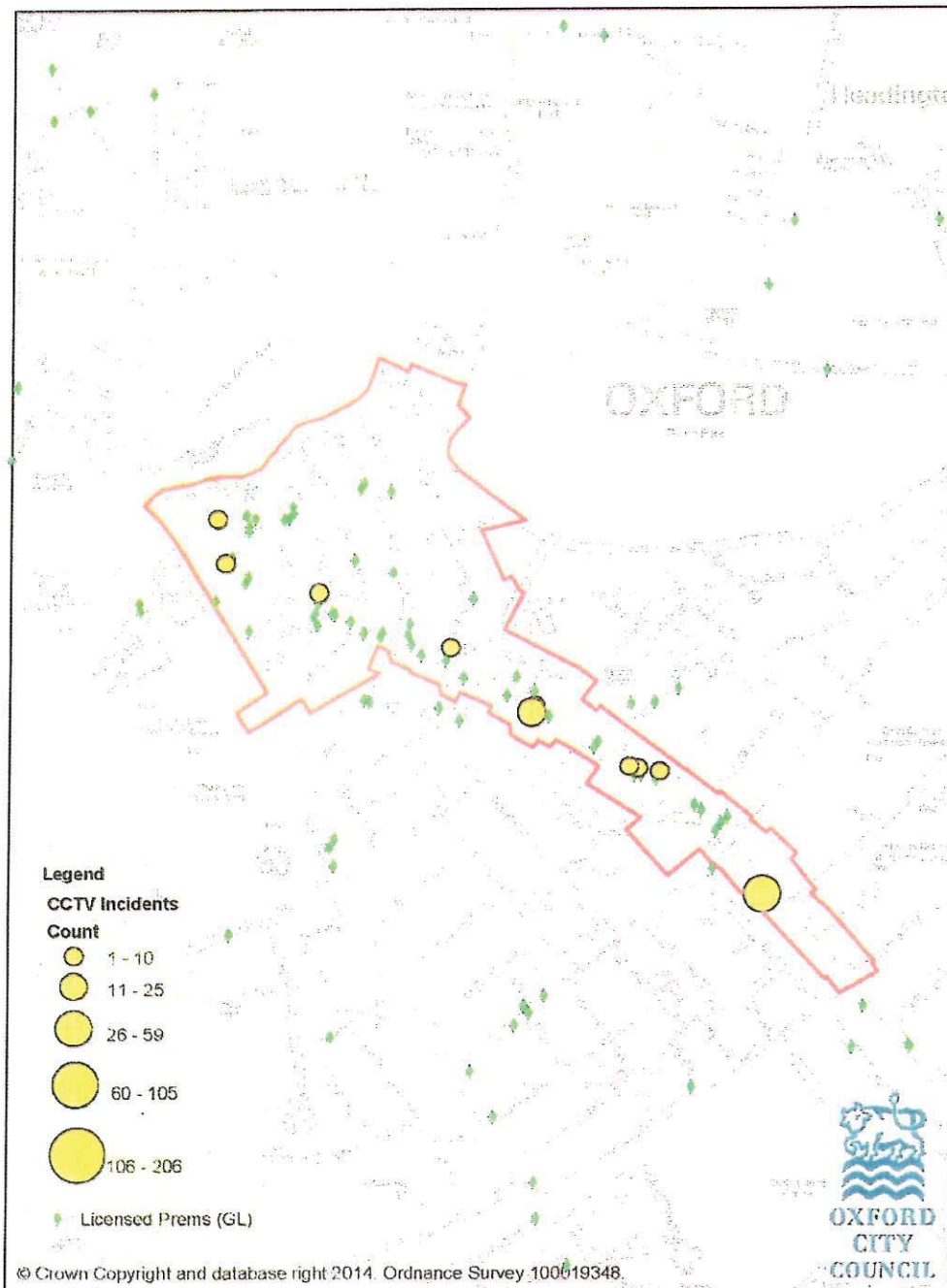
Map showing the concentration of violent incidents and anti-social behaviour incidents in East Oxford from February 2014 to May 2015.

East Oxford Violence and ASB Incidents



Map showing the number of CCTV incidents for the period 2010 to 2015 from 19.00 to 07.00 in East Oxford.

East Oxford CCTV Incidents



Map showing the number of Ambulance call outs from 19.00 to 07.00 in East Oxford from April 2013 to September 2013.

East Oxford Ambulance Call Outs



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 16/05863/PREM. The Library Pub 182 Cowley Road
Date: 09 December 2016 09:18:34

From: Neighbourhood Watch London Place - Oxford [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2016 15:52
To: licensing
Cc: Councillor SIMMONS Craig [NET]; EORA - Anna Lucas; EORA - Sietske Boeles; Graham Jones; M Power 12 LP; Police - Neil Bouse; Police Licensing - Alex Bloomfield; C.Cllr Jamila Azad; Thelma Martin
Subject: 16/05863/PREM. The Library Pub 182 Cowley Road

Sirs

We wish to object to the subject application on the basis it will increase ASB, noise and disturbance in the locality as detailed below.

Residents in the London Place area suffer greatly from early morning noise and disturbance from patrons of the Cowley Road premises returning to their place of residence in the Marston and Headington area. This has been reported to the Police on many occasions.

The subject premises fall within the Cowley Road area SSP and the application represents an increase in drinking capacity within the SSP. - The SSP carries a presumption of refusal and this should be the Committee's decision.

It is noted that the application is for both On and Off sales - At a recent NAG meeting the attending Police Officer stated there is an increase in street drinking resulting in a potential for increased ASB on this basis the Off sales should be refused.

On the basis of the forgoing the application should be refused.

David Colbeck

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LONDON PLACE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION + NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Co-ordinator – David Colbeck, [REDACTED]

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From: 
To: 
Cc:
Subject: 16/05863/PREM. The Library Pub 182 Cowley Road
Date: 20 December 2016 10:53:45

Dear Mr Hibberd,

I am writing to object to the application above on the basis that it will increase crime and disorder, noise, and nuisance in the area.

Residents suffer greatly from the rowdy and antisocial behaviour which is unfortunately a product of the late-night economy along the Cowley Road. For this reason, the area is subject to the East Oxford Special Saturation Policy. Under the EO SSP, there is a presumption that the application made in respect of The Library should be refused. The applicant has not demonstrated that the application would not add to the problems of cumulative impact; therefore the presumption stands.

The fact that the application is for off-sales as well as on-sales is of particular concern as there have been police recorded problems in the area, associated with street drinking.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Lucas

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 16/05863/PREM
Date: 04 January 2017 16:28:03

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 4:28 PM on 04 Jan 2017 from Mr John Jones.

Application Summary

Address: 182 Cowley Road Oxford Oxford OX4 1UE

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Emma Thompson

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Customer Details

Name: Mr John Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Public Nuisance

Comments: 4:28 PM on 04 Jan 2017 As a local resident I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the extension of the hours of the Library. the request is to increase the profitability of the venue.

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This area of East Oxford has a significant density of student accommodation, both Halls and HMO's. Typically, prior to going out students will congregate at a single location, drink heavily and make significant amounts of noise before leaving for the venue at around 11. These parties are rarely held at the same place twice resulting in the university having limited opportunity to deal with the partyholders. Due to the proximity of the venues they also return in large drunken groups at 1-4 am (venues further away would encourage the groups to disperse or take taxis directly to their homes) often congregating outside homes for considerable amounts of time, waking other residents. I often need to be up very early for work and this behaviour has a significant impact on my ability to perform at my best. The Wednesday night Sports night at the O2 is a regular contributor to this behaviour. Whilst, the venue cannot control this behaviour there is a direct correlation between the late night events and drunken noisy groups

disturbing local homes.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 16/05863/PREM. The Library Pub 182 Cowley Road
Date: 09 January 2017 11:52:02
Attachments: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of**
Councillor SIMMONS Craig [NET]
Sent: 07 January 2017 15:17
To: licensing
Cc: EORA - Anna Lucas; EORA - Sietske Boeles; Graham Jones; M Power 12 LP; Police - Neil Bouse; Police Licensing - Alex Bloomfield; Thelma Martin; Dick Wolff(st. Marys); Councillor WILLIAMS David (INET)
Subject: Re: 16/05863/PREM. The Library Pub 182 Cowley Road

As a local COuncillor and resident, I would like to oppose this application for these premises (which are in my ward).

My grounds are increased crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The premises fall within the Cowley Road area SSP and the application represents an increase in drinking capacity within the SSP. - The SSP carries a presumption of refusal and this should be the Committee's decision.

It is noted that the application is for both On and Off sales - At a recent NAG meeting the attending Police Officer stated there is an increase in street drinking resulting in a potential for increased ASB on this basis the Off sales should be refused.

Regards

Craig
Cllr Craig Simmons

On 7 December 2016 at 15:52, Neighbourhood Watch London Place - Oxford

<[REDACTED]> wrote:
Sirs

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The subject premises fall within the Cowley Road area SSP and the application represents an increase in drinking capacity within the SSP. - The SSP carries a presumption of refusal and this should be the Committee's decision.

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Licencing Compliance Officer
Community Services
Oxford City Council



**Letter of objections to extended premises licence application
The Library, 182 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UE**

10 January 2017

Dear Ms Thompson

I am writing to strongly oppose the extension of the licencing permissions given The Library, Cowley Road. I am a resident in the community and also am Chair of the residents association for the Divinity Road area (DRARA). We experience a significant level of drunken and anti-social behaviour due, in the main, to students coming down to and returning from Cowley Road to drink. This year, the levels of horrendous noise, bad behaviour, dangerous pranks in the street, and broken glass, property and litter created as a result of people drinking excessively has been without parallel. The numbers of complaints we have received has more than quadrupled with corroborating facts affirming this situation available from both Brookes University and the police.

Extending the hours and scale of nightlife operations will create an excess of problems for the local community, who are already at breaking point. The amount of drunks and the lairy behaviour of people on Cowley Road, has also given rise to a very disturbing increase in drug dealing and an ominous nature to the activities that also exist.

When the pub shuts, the people totter out and basically go home – to where we live. There is no one here to keep order, to prevent wing mirrors from being snapped, to ask people to stay quiet, to use the bins. So now, we get woken up – young and old alike, in the middle of the night. We have to see what wreckage awaits us in the morning and we have to try to resist the temptation to stay in and avoid the mayhem. This situation is intolerable in the existing licencing time – which is too extended as it is.

The main point is that this is encouraging even more drinking, for a later period, in the acknowledged saturated area of east oxford. And while The Library may be paying people to monitor and maintain order when drunk people come out, they will be essentially unleashed to make problems for residents. We have no police supervision in the area and Brookes already has its hands full trying to manage the consequence of the O2 on a Wednesday.

This is a community and residential area. We love being in such a vibrant neighbourhood with great restaurants and nightlife. However, the upsurge in drugs, crime, attacks and a tsunami of anti-social behaviour indicates that things are getting out of control. This extended licence can only contribute to worsening an already intolerable climate of insecurity for people young and old who live here.

I also believe that such an application should be turned down by default as it is for an extension in an area that is covered by the special saturation policy.

Yours sincerely

Nick Welch

Chair

Divinity Road Area Residents Association

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 16/05863/PREM
Date: 10 January 2017 14:33:21

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 2:33 PM on 10 Jan 2017 from Mr Richard Lawrence.

Application Summary

Address: 182 Cowley Road Oxford Oxford OX4 1UE

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Emma Thompson

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: Mr Richard Lawrence

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Public Nuisance

Comments: 2:33 PM on 10 Jan 2017 As a long-time resident of Oxford I was aware of the lively character of the Cowley Road area when I moved here a few years ago and I enjoy this. However I am also aware of some problems caused by late-night drinking in this substantially residential area. I would not like to see the opportunity for drinking to continue later than it does at this venue regularly. The exceptions for certain holidays requested are reasonable in my view. I am reluctant to be a killjoy, but I do not feel that this is the area of Oxford in which to extend a night-time economy.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 182 Cowley Road,
Date: 10 January 2017 15:23:45

Hi,

I would like to submit my objection to The Library Pub, 182 Cowley Road Application num: 16/05863/PREM. There are a lot of complains from residents that when Pubs and Club finish there is drukenes and Antisoical behaviour, broken bottles on Roads and pavements, shouting, people being sick and unirating on the pavements.

This is residential area and heavily over crowded by HMO License housing. This venue falls in the " special saturation policy" Zone which restricts the expansion of Pubs and Clubs to reduce the impact to surrounding Streets,

Thank you ,

Cllr Jamila Azad
St.Clement Ward

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From: 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Objection to licence application 16/05863/PREM
Date: 10 January 2017 16:57:10

Dear Sir/Madam,

I writing to object to the application made to sell alcohol at The Library pub until 1am in the working week and to 2am at the weekend. I am a resident and am also the secretary to the Divinity Road Area Residents Association.

Following from the reaction of residents in our community to the application from the Bullingdon pub to extend their hours of selling alcohol across all days of the week, I can only assure you of the same strength of objection to this application also.

The Library falls within the Saturation Zone which is there to protect the rights of residents and visitors to the Cowley Road to a safe and enjoyable nightlife that does not cause undue upset, worry and disturbance to residents.

The rise in complaints due to antisocial behaviour and crime in our area is substantial, and notable in particular during the week. Residents are enduring the huge and terrible impact due to people travelling to venues on the Cowley Road having "tanked up" at home or where booze is more cheaply available, and then returning even more loudly, once the venues close.

The venues are able to hire people to monitor and manage the behaviour of those they let in. I am afraid that the resources of the police are not sufficient to help us all cope with the impact of what happens when people who have had a lot to drink "disperse" and walk our residential streets back to their homes. Our Resident's association (as well as Brookes University), have received countless reports of people, children, elderly and basically anyone who live along the main walkways of Divinity and Southfield Roads being woken up at 3am. We awaken to broken glass and vehicles, vomit, urine and even condoms on our path ways.

Of course, there are more than students being targeted to come to Cowley Road to enjoy the night economy" as is increasingly being referred to. However, it is clear that students are a massively important customer group. While the team at Brookes have been incredibly proactive to develop and use means to avoid and respond to such complaints, the drive to bring even more people to get drunk into even earlier hours of every day of the week is beyond their means to prevent. It is only by tackling the licensing that this aspect can be addressed.

The police shared very worrying statistics yesterday, that confirm what many residents have been saying at our AGM and by email; that they are feeling less safe due to the increase in drunken antisocial behaviour and crime on our streets and in our community; Reports of antisocial behaviour are up by 31% on last year in East Oxford, with violent crime increasing by 23%. The police report that mid week ASB is a particular problem for the police to manage. I should emphasise, that **these problems are ones we actually have to live with. Day in and day out.** Visitors to Cowley Road come and go. In fact at this pace of crime and disturbance, we may find people will prefer to keep away!

This is a residential area, already having to cope with significant social issues such as Bullfinch, an increase in homelessness, excessive traffic and managing

the impact of having the highest density of HMO's in the City. By supporting this application, the council will be opening the gates to even further disruption, danger and breakdown of our community.

I thank you for your support
Clare

Clare Ridley
DRARA Secretary

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