

Division/Station : Licensing Milton Keynes

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To : Licensing
Milton Keynes Council

Ref : Your Ref Olney Rugby Club 154893

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Subject :

Representation

As licensing officer for Thames Valley Police, I am authorised to make representation in relation to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 on behalf of the Chief Constable as a responsible authority.

In respect of the application for a new premises licence for Olney Rugby Football Club at Recreation Ground, East Street, Olney your reference 154893, I have reviewed the application and am submitting a representation in relation to the application under the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder.

The premises currently holds a Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003, and is trading as the club premises attached to the Olney Rugby Club. The application is for a Premises Licence to allow the premises to carry out licensable activities which are currently restricted by the rules of a Club Premises Certificate, however the intention is that the Club shall to continue to operate in a similar fashion to how it is currently does. The licensable activities, hours and proposed conditions put forward on the Premises Licence application are similar to the current Club Premises Certificate.

However Thames Valley Police do have concern that their Club Premises Certificate did have a condition which has not been put forward by the applicant on the new application in relation to off sales only being sold in sealed containers. Olney Town does suffer from anti-social drinking in public areas, and there is a Public Space Protection Order prohibiting consumption of alcohol in place in Olney. I would not wish to see Olney Rugby Club contribute to this ongoing issue. Having discussed this with the applicant's agent, I understand that only 1 rugby pitch is covered by the application, however the applicant should wish to allow for sales of alcohol to persons attending activities (matches) at the other pitches. The following condition would mitigate this concern.

All off sales shall be in sealed containers, save for off sales sold to persons partaking in premises-run events/activities on the pitches adjacent to the licensed area.

The above condition would be in addition to the proposed condition on the operating schedule in relation to alcohol sales from the wooden shed being decanted into plastic vessels or in plastic bottles, as the intention would be that the alcohol being sold from the shed would be for consumption on the premises (and its adjacent pitches during premises-run events) and would not be contributing to the current street drinking issue in the local area.

If you wish to discuss the above with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Gemma McCormack