

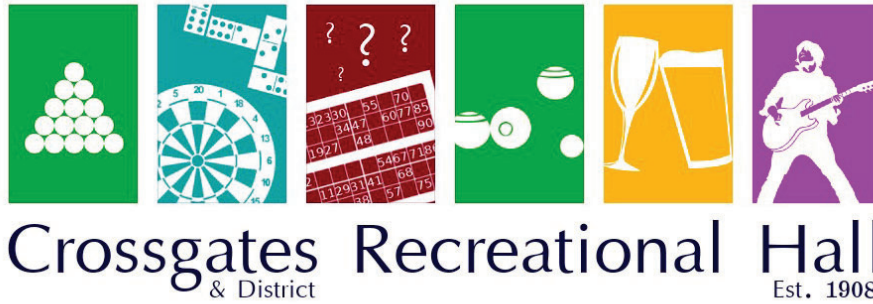
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LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY PACK – AGENDA ITEM 6 - Correspondence received from the applicant in relation to Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Crossgates and District Recreation Hall, Poplar Avenue, Crossgates, Leeds, LS15 8EB

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Dear Neighbour

I am writing to you to inform you that the club has applied to change its licence, you may have already seen the notices on local telegraph poles and it will be advertised in a locally available newspaper.

The most significant change you will notice is the proposed alteration of the clubs opening hours to 10am till midnight.

We wish to reassure you that the club has no intention of altering its present opening hours which are 12 noon till 11pm with the exception of Sundays where we will be closing just ½ an hour later at 11pm instead of 10:30pm

Why then are we changing the licence, well we have to comply with changes in the law regarding private functions. This change will also save the expense of applying for opening hours extensions on special occasions such as Christmas Eve, New Years Eve, bank holidays and occasional special events such as charity nights.

At present private functions can only be booked by bona fide members of the club, usually on Friday or Saturday nights. We will be allowing vetted non-members to hire the function room from the license change. These will finish at our regular closing time of 11pm. Please note we do have a strict policy of not hiring the room for 18th and 21st birthday parties.

As ever the Board of Directors is conscious of our need to be good neighbours, and we are grateful for the support we receive from our neighbours, many of whom are members of the club. We are determined that this excellent relationship should continue.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed we will be holding an informal drop in session from 12 noon to 2pm on Saturday 5th February which we invite you to attend. We will endeavour to ensure your questions will be answered and hope you leave reassured.

Yours Sincerely


Chairman
On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Response to Objection - PREM/04891/001

The objection focuses at first on our application to host plays, film indoor sorting events and dance. As you can see from the application we have no intent to host such events, but wished to keep our options open to avoid having to re-apply if this were to change in the future.

We only intend to change our opening hours in a very limited way, by staying open for an extra half an hour on Sunday taking time at the bar from the current 10:30 to 11pm

Although we have requested a 10am opening time we intend to retain our current opening time at 12noon. 10Am opening has been applied for for the unusual event that we have rented our function room to something like an early funeral, so we can accommodate that.

With regard to audience size being significantly larger, from experience we know our function room upstairs has a comfortable capacity of 150, we can accommodate more people but this limit has become our standard capacity and we have no intention of hosting events bigger than this. While public events may draw a larger crowd we have found this is not usually the case.

The club may well not lie in the “town centre” of Crossgates, but has been an established feature of Crossgates since 1908. Residents are familiar with us being there and moved to the immediate area with full knowledge of the existence of the club. Further more, we wrote to the residents immediately opposite on Poplar Avenue and those residents on Marshall Terrace whose properties back on to the club, inviting them to an open event where they could ask questions of the directors (See attached letter). The fact that not one person turned up shows, in our opinion, that these residents are quite happy living close to our establishment.

Poplar Avenue is NOT a cul-de-sac. Railway Road is used by traffic far more than the objection gives credit.

All sporting events are hosted inside our building, and the structure itself reduces any “Raucous shouting” and noise to well within acceptable limits.

Attendees of events are reminded to be considerate of our neighbours, and as yet, we have had no complaints regarding noise as attendees leave our premises.

Only the east side of Poplar Avenue is part of the residents only parking scheme, the west, or club, side of the road has unrestricted parking due to the club being along all this side of the road from Back Austhorpe road to Railway Road. Our car park is of a sufficient size to handle the parking for most events, and spillover tends to be limited. Most people don't drive to events where they will be drinking.

Although it is true that the club is close to the residential properties on Poplar Avenue, the directors of the club have always maintained good relations with our neighbours, many of whom are, in fact, members of the club. We are unaware of any formal complaints about noise either during events or at the close of day as people leave the club.

As mentioned before the club has been here since 1908, and it seems that during that time we have never come to the attention of the police for any rowdy or anti-social behaviour by members or guests of our club.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of the board of directors, Crossgates and District Recreational Hall