

Our Ref: PJR/DEL/DAV264/26  
Contact: Patrick Robson

To the appropriate person

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**David Lloyd Leisure, 242 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 3AS  
Premises Licence Variation Application**

This letter is provided to you to address any licensing concerns that you have raised in your representation against the premises licence variation application for the above premises.

**1. What is a premises licence?**

The premises licence held by the club regulates the provision of licensable activities, which for this club include the sale of alcohol by retail, provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment. For the avoidance of doubt nothing in this application seeks to extend the permitted hours for those licensable activities.

The licensable activities can take place in the approved licensed areas, which for this club are shown on drawing 1977.1, a copy of which is provided for your information.

Currently, all currently approved licensable activities can take place in the club room (edged red). The outside areas edged green are licensed for the sale of alcohol and recorded music whereas the area edged blue are licensed for the exhibition of films only.

As you will appreciate, the licensable activities permitted are very much ancillary to the principal operation of the Club.

**2. What does the application propose?**

A scheme of works is to be undertaken at the premises to numerous areas. The proposed layout of the Club is shown on drawing 087-D-210-4, a copy of which is provided.

In terms of the impact on the premises licence and licensed areas, the scheme is very modest. First, there will be some minimal changes to the club room,

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principally in respect of changes to seating and screens. There will also be a small change to the servery counter and minor extension of the licensed footprint – but this is behind the servery counter and does not relate to public areas.

Second, the external licensed footprint will change but again only minimally compared to the current approved position. Principally, the external licensed area will be extended to encompass the terrace area adjacent to the club room. This area is already in existence for members to use – the application just seeks to extend the licensed area to it.

It is correct that a TV screen is proposed to be used in that area but the transmission of live television is not a licensable activity regulated under the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act') and so approval for providing a TV is not required through the variation licensing process.

### **3. Licensing objectives and changes to unlicensed areas**

The premises licence variation application is only required to approve changes to licensed areas and matters that fall within the remit of the Act.

Further, the licensing objectives are only engaged in respect of and in connection to the licensable activities.

Accordingly, any proposed changes to other club facilities (such as badminton and squash courts) do not impact the premises licence and so fall outside the ambit of the Act and the licensing objectives. As such, they are not matters upon which the licensing committee can take action or prevent from occurring.

If the current application was refused then all this would do would be to: (i) prevent the aforementioned club room changes to seating/screens proceeding; and (ii) keep the external licensed footprint the same. The changes to the other club facilities will be able to proceed regardless of the outcome of this application.

### **4. Licensing objections**

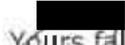
In terms of the context of the premises licence variation application then if you have any specific concerns about the minor layout changes to the club room (which we are not aware is the case), please confirm.

For the outside area then this will be operated mindful of the licensing objectives and in particular the prevention of public nuisance. It is our understanding, however, that none of those that raised objections live in the vicinity of the Club and therefore will not have any residential amenity impacted by this area.

If you feel this correspondence has adequately addressed your licensing concerns then I should be grateful if you could confirm the same to the licensing officer with a view to withdrawing your representation. If your representation is not withdrawn the Council will convene its licensing committee to determine the application and I am sure all parties involved would like to avoid that possibility if possible.

In respect of concerns about other matters not connected to changes to the licensed areas then we recommend that you address those directly with the Club.

Should you have any queries, or require clarification on any points contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to email at [probson@john-gaunt.co.uk](mailto:probson@john-gaunt.co.uk).

  
Yours faithfully

  
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