



LICENSING HEARING PANEL

18 DECEMBER 2017

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

**CHATHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB,
MAIDSTONE ROAD SPORTS GROUND,
MAIDSTONE ROAD, CHATHAM, ME4 6LR**

Report from: Perry Holmes, Chief Legal Officer

Author: Alison Poulson, Licensing & Local Land Charges
Manager

Summary

The applicant has applied for a variation to their existing Premises Licence in respect of Chatham Town Football Club, Maidstone Road Sports Ground, Maidstone Road Chatham, ME4 6LR:

- Increase the opening times
- Licensable activities (both indoors and outdoors)
- License to be extended to cover the extended bar area and the whole ground surrounding the pitch (including the Directors box)

All responsible authorities have been consulted in line with the Licensing Act 2003.

Representations have been received from members of the public and to date no agreements have been reached.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Medway Council has published its Statement of Licensing Policy, which it takes into account in all applications relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

2. The application

- 2.1 In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, the Council has received an application to vary an existing Premises Licence in respect of Chatham Town Football Club, Maidstone Road Sports Ground, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6LR.

2.2 Existing licensable activities and times:-

Sale of alcohol (both indoors and outdoors)

Monday to Saturday 10:00 – 23:00

Sunday 12:00 – 22:30

Seasonal

Good Friday 10:00 – 23:00

Christmas Day 12:00 – 15:00 and 19:00 – 22:30

2.3 Variations requested in the application: -

Live Music (both)

Thursday to Saturday 10:00 – 24:00

Sunday 10:00 – 23:00

Recorded Music (both)

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 24:00

Late night refreshments (both)

Thursday to Sunday 10:00 – 02:00

Supply of alcohol (both)

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 24:00

Hours the premises are open to the public

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 24:00

2.4 A copy of the application as submitted is at Appendix A.

2.5 A copy of the existing premises licence accompanying this application detailing current licensable activities, hours of operation, and conditions is at Appendix B.

2.6 The application has been correctly advertised in the local press and notices displayed on the premises for the required period.

2.7 A copy of a map showing the location of the premises is at Appendix C.

3. Background

3.1 As stated at paragraph 2 this is an application to vary a current Premises Licence in respect of a change to the licensable hours and activities.

4. Promotion of Licensing Objectives

4.1 The applicant is expected to demonstrate that they have dealt with and understand the promotion of the four licensing objectives, where appropriate. Members are referred to section M of the application at Appendix A and the conditions as set out on the existing licence at Appendix B.

4.2 The four licensing objectives are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

5. Relevant Representations

5.1 This matter has been put to the Licensing Hearing Panel because the Council has received representations relating to all four of the licensing objectives from members of the public. To date no agreement has been reached. Copies of these are attached at [Appendix D](#).

6. Policy Considerations

6.1 Medway Council has published its Statement of Licensing Policy, which it will consider alongside the amended Guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 in all applications.

6.2 In determining this application, Members may wish to consider information contained in Appendix 4 to the Statement of Licensing Policy that lists examples of good practice against the four licensing objectives as well as Chapters 9 and 10 of the amended Guidance.

6.3 The objections raised in the relevant representations received relate all four licensing objectives.

7. Risk Management

7.1 The Council has to consider and determine this application, which is a function relating to licensing and registration as set out in Schedule 1 to the Functions Regulations, the Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005 and other licensing functions reserved by law to the Council's Licensing and Safety Committee and its Sub-Committees, in accordance with the law (both statutory and case law), relevant statutory guidance and statements of policy.

8. Financial and legal implications

8.1 There are no direct financial or legal implications at this time.

8.2 This hearing is regulated by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

8.3 There is the possibility of a challenge by way of appeal to the decision by either the applicant or objectors should either have the requisite grounds to do so. Legal advice will be given to members as appropriate at the meeting. However, whatever the decision of the Panel, this must be based on the evidence placed before it in line with the licensing objectives and the Panel must decide what weight to attribute to this information.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Licensing Hearing Panel, having regard to Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under S182, the Council's Licensing Policy and all matters before it, both written and oral, considers and determines the application to vary the premises license.

Lead officer contact:

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Appendices

Appendix A – Application to Vary Premises Licence

Appendix B – Copy of current licence

Appendix C – Location Map

Appendix D – Copies of representation received from members of the public

Background papers

None

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 CHATHAM TOWN FC
 (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	MEDWAY-05-PREM-0253
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Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
CHATHAM TOWN FC MAIDSTONE ROAD SPORTS GROUND MAIDSTONE ROAD CHATMAM			
Post town	CHATMAM	Postcode	ME4 6LR

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£

Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number	
E-mail address (optional)	hannahmitchell@chathamtownfc.com
Current postal address if different from premises address	
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

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy? (Please see guidance note 1) Yes No

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

2)

- ALREADY HAVE LICENSE.
- WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE OPENING TIMES.
- EXTEND THE BAR LICENSE. ROOM BUILT THAT IS 30ft x 15ft WHICH CONNECTS TO THE BAR (underneath Directors Box)
- ALSO, WOULD LIKE ~~MA~~ A LICENSE FOR THE WHOLE GROUND SURROUNDING THE PITCH.
- LICENSE FOR DIRECTORS BOX. (ABOVE BAR).

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 see guidance note 3) 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)



Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)



In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 5) BANDS OR DJ'S		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 6)		
Wed					
Thur	10:00	24:00	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 (please read guidance note 7)		
Fri	10:00	24:00			
Sat	10:00	24:00			
Sun	10:00	23:00			

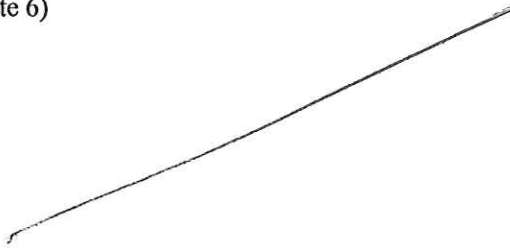
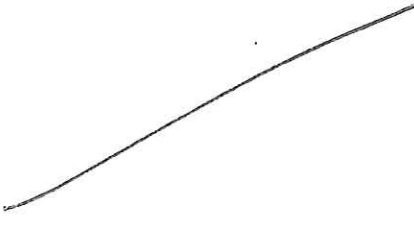
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Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 5) THROUGH TANNOY SYSTEM OR TV'S INSIDE		
Mon	10:00	24:00			
Tue	"	"	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 6)		
Wed	"	"			
Thur	"	"	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 7)		
Fri	"	"			
Sat	"	"			
Sun	"	"			

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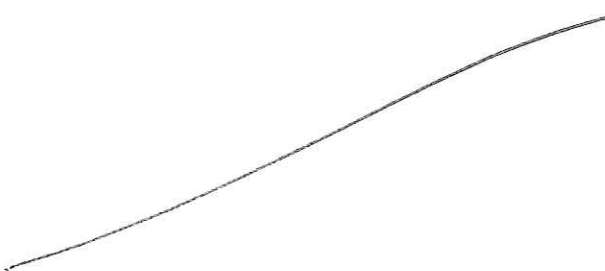
Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 4)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 5) in the bar area, directors box and around the ground.	Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 6)		
Thur	10:00	02:00			
Fri	10:00	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 7)		
Sat	10:00	02:00			
Sun	10:00	02:00			

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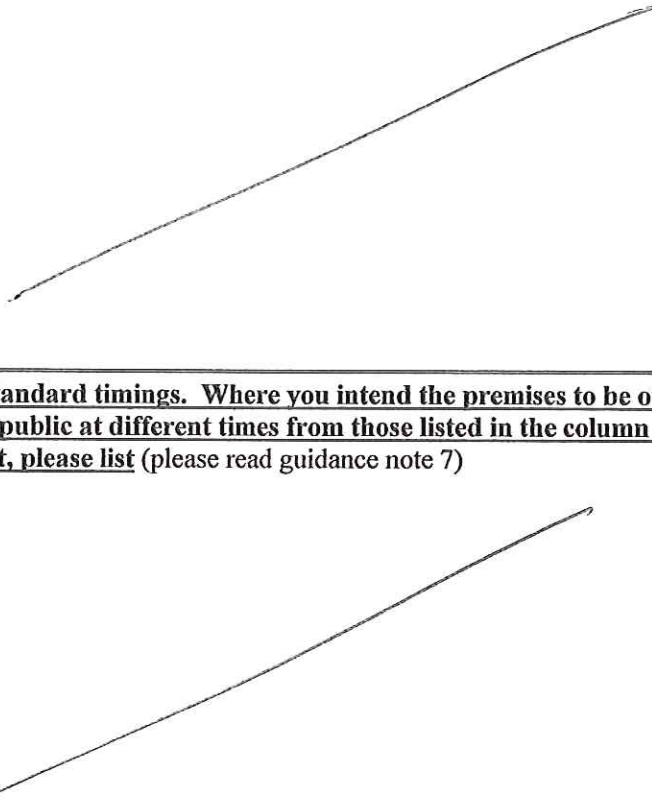
Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 9) <i>Yes</i>	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mon	10:00	24:00	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 6) 		
Tue	"	"			
Wed	"	"			
Thur	"	"	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 7) 		
Fri	"	"			
Sat	"	"			
Sun	"	"			

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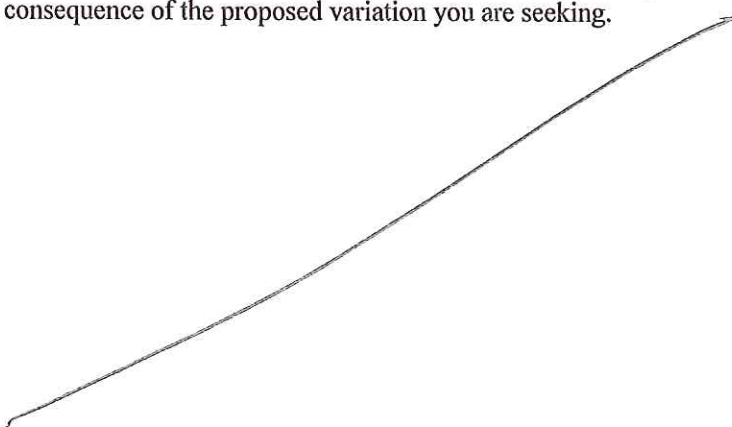
Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 10).



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Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 8)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 6)	
Day	Start	Finish		
Mon	10:00	24:00		
Tue	10:00	24:00		
Wed	10:00	24:00		
Thur	10:00	24:00		Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 7)
Fri	10:00	24:00		
Sat	10:00	24:00		
Sun	10:00	24:00		

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.



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 11)

One entrance and one exit -

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Bouncers
CCTV.

c) Public safety

CCTV
Security measures,
Rapport with police, Neighbours and Public Transport.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

CCTV
Connection with local people.
One exit and one entrance.

e) The protection of children from harm



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.

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy.
- 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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 12)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	<i>L.A</i>
Date	<i>26/9/17.</i>
Capacity	<i>Business Development Manager.</i>

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 14). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

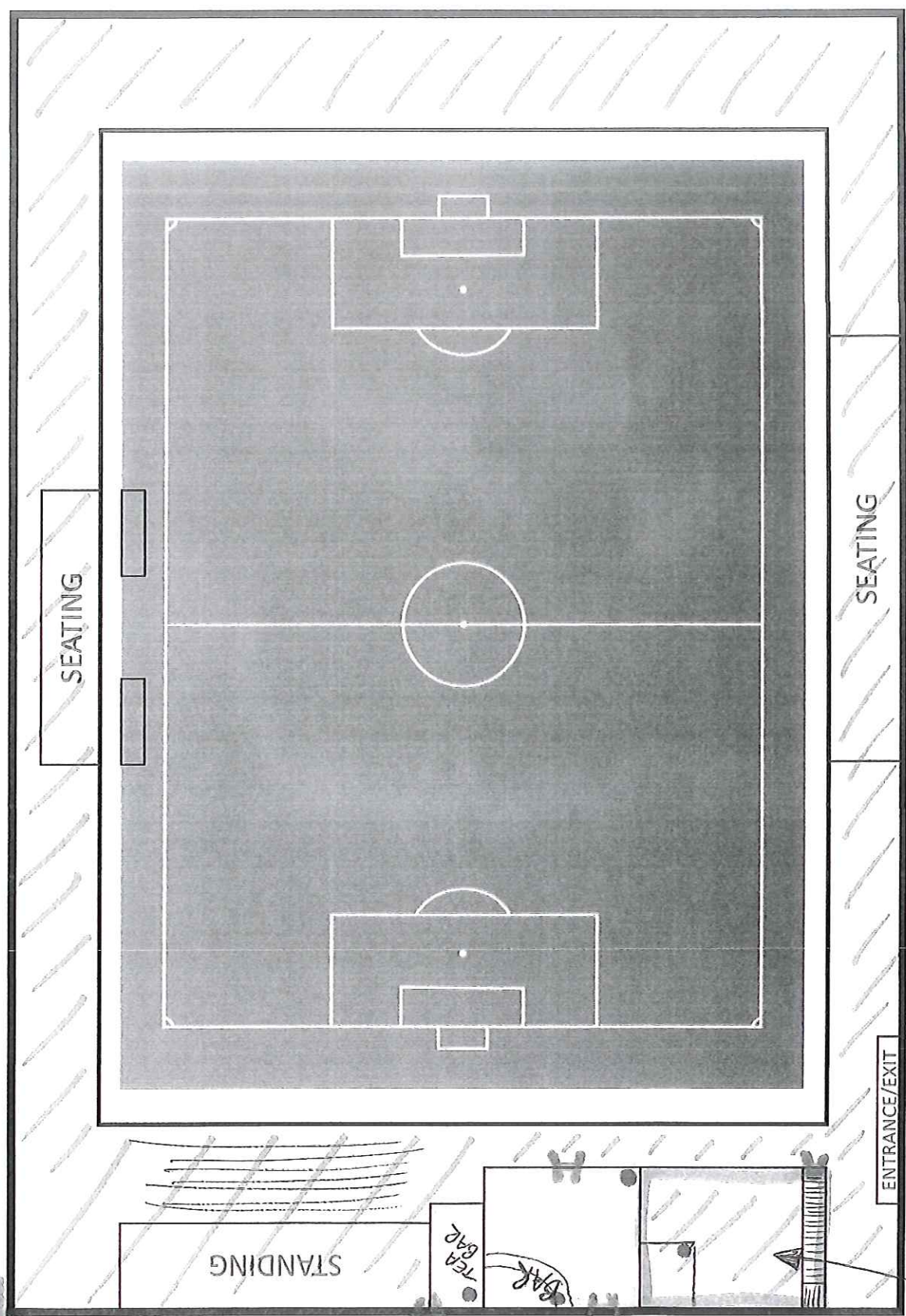
Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 15)

<i>HANNAH MITCHELL</i>			
Post town		Post code	<i>A</i>
Telephone number (if any)			

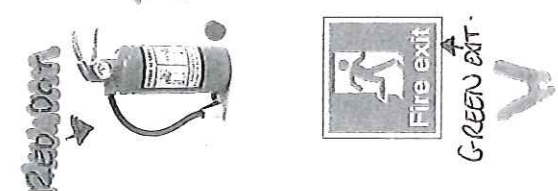
CURRENT LICENSE

CHATHAM TOWN FC

PROPOSED VARIATION



DIRECTORS BOX ABOVE BAR



MEDWAY COUNCIL

Licensing Authority, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

APPENDIX B
Medway
COUNCILPremises Licence*Serving You*

Premises Licence Number

Medway-05-PREM-0253

Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

**Chatham Town Football Club
Maidstone Road Sports Ground
Maidstone Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 6LR**Telephone Number **01634 812194**

Where the licence is time limited the date

Not Applicable

Name, (registered) Address, Telephone Number and email (where relevant) of the holder of this premises licence, registered number or charity number (where applicable)

**Chatham Town Football Club
Maidstone Road Sports Ground
Maidstone Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 6LR**

Name, Address and Telephone Number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:-

Mr Ashley Adams**Council: Medway Council / Number: Medway-05-PL-0371**

Mandatory Conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under this licence:-

- a) At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of it or
- b) At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his/her personal licence is suspended.

Every retail sale or supply of alcohol made under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Embedded Conditions

2. No off sales.
3. The rules of the club concerning admission of new members and the sale of intoxicating liquor shall not be altered without the consent of the Licensing Authority.

Conditions consistent with the 'Operating Schedule',

Not Applicable

Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

Not Applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence and times the licence authorises the carrying out of the licensable activities.

Opening Hours

Monday	10:00 to 23:20
Tuesday	10:00 to 23:20
Wednesday	10:00 to 23:20
Thursday	10:00 to 23:20
Friday	10:00 to 23:20
Saturday	10:00 to 23:20
Sunday	12:00 to 22:50
Seasonal	Good Friday 12:00 to 22:50 / Christmas Day 12:00 to 15:20 & 19:00 to 22:50.
Non Standard	Not Applicable
Other	The premises may open outside authorised hours for non-licensable activities subject to planning or other legislation.

Sale of Retail of Alcohol

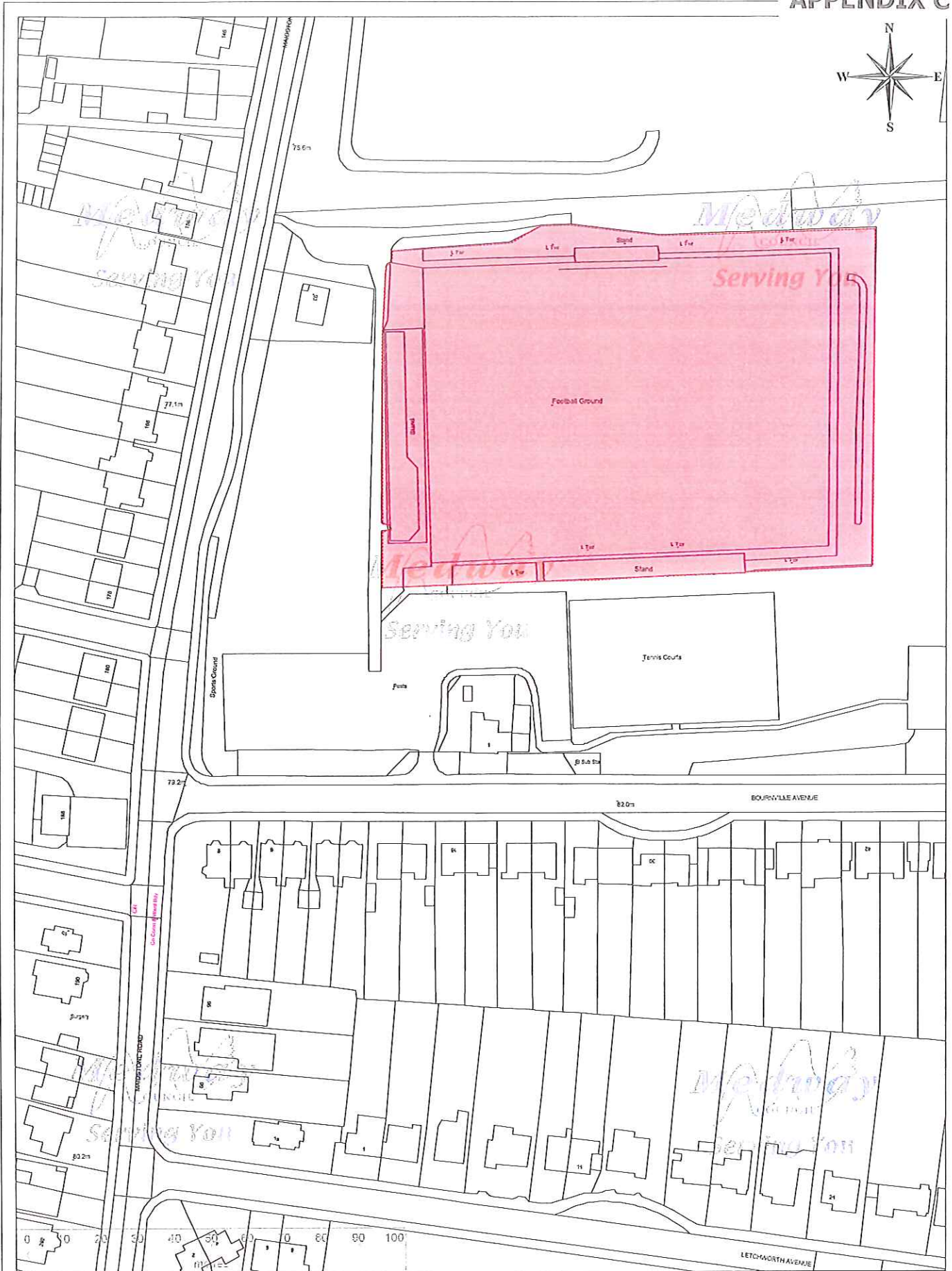
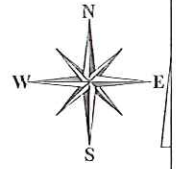
Activity takes place	ON the premises - YES	OFF the premises - NO
Monday	10:00 to 23:00	
Tuesday	10:00 to 23:00	
Wednesday	10:00 to 23:00	
Thursday	10:00 to 23:00	
Friday	10:00 to 23:00	
Saturday	10:00 to 23:00	
Sunday	12:00 to 22:30	
Seasonal	Good Friday 12:00 to 22:30 / Christmas Day 12:00 to 15:00 & 19:00 to 22:30.	
Non Standard	Not Applicable	

Signed and Dated on behalf of Medway Council Licensing Authority

20 January 2009

Licensing Manager

Dated



Chatham Town F.C



Laura Daniels

DATE: 13 November 2017

Licencing Unit
Medway Council
Gun Wharf
Dock Road
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4RT

**FORMAL OBJECTION TO VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE.
CHATHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, MAIDSTONE ROAD SPORTS GROUND,
MAIDSTONE ROAD, CHATHAM, KENT**

LICENCE REFERENCE: MEDWAY-05-PREM-0253

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my formal objection to the application for variation in licence at Chatham Football Club, specifically

- o The extension of the current licence to allow live music/DJ in & out of doors from 10am - midnight, Thursday - Saturday and 10am - 11pm on Sunday
- o The extension of the current licence to allow the serving of alcohol in the bar area, the directors box and in the football club grounds from 10am - 2am, Thursday - Sunday and from 10am - midnight, Monday - Wednesday.

My objection is based upon several points relating to Medway Council Licencing Objectives:

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

Noise

Bournville Avenue, which runs immediately adjacent to Chatham Football Ground, is a quiet residential area with very little vehicle or pedestrian traffic during the day, at night or in the early hours. The quiet nature of the area is a feature that attracts people to live here.

The proposed variation to permit outdoor live music/DJ until midnight on 3 consecutive days and 11pm on the 4th consecutive day could have a significant adverse effect on the well-being of local residents. Noise from the venue could seriously disrupt the lives and sleeping patterns of both adults and children which, if happening on a regular basis (4 nights out of 7), could significantly impact on both work productivity and education. It is well established that undisturbed sleep is vital for the physical and mental health of both children and adults. The stress that can be associated with chronic, persistent or re-occurring noise should not be underestimated.

In addition to amplified noise (live or recorded), there will also be noise as customers enter & leave the venue. People who congregate outside in order to smoke will inevitably make noise. If alcohol has been consumed they may be less mindful of their behaviour, language and volume. In the warmer summer months when people are more likely to congregate outside, local residents will likely need to keep windows shut which could further impact on their comfort and well-being in their own homes.

The application requests an alcohol extension from 10am until midnight on 3 consecutive nights and until 2am on 4 consecutive nights. This in itself already comprises 85% of the hours in a week. In reality, residents including myself could be exposed to customers arriving and leaving, consuming alcohol and generating noise beyond those hours as customers may not always arrive or leave promptly.

In addition to human noise there is likely to be an increase in vehicle noise as customers arrive and leave.

I am concerned that an extension for out of doors live music/DJ until midnight is being considered, when Medway council guidelines recommend closing outside areas gardens at 11pm.

Lights

The football ground floodlights are very powerful but are currently used infrequently. Extending the licence to include the outside space would inevitably involve regular use of outside lighting which would contribute to light pollution and impact on the living environment of myself and other local residents.

Rubbish & litter

Based on observation of other venues, it is highly likely that people congregating outside to smoke will drop cigarette butts and potentially other litter including empty cigarette packets, glasses or bottles.

Community Safety

I am concerned that the availability of alcohol for between 14 and 16 hours every day until the early hours of the morning would significantly increase the risk of antisocial behaviour, disturbance, damage to personal property and damage to the local surroundings including the public park adjacent to the football ground.

Due to limited parking at the football ground, surrounding roads are likely to be used for car parking. This could also impact on local residents who drive to the sports ground to use the park or tennis courts. There is the risk that this could cause both inconvenience (such as parking across driveways or boxing-in) or a hazard (narrowing pathways and restricting access, increased traffic flow and risk of accidents).

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

As highlighted above, I am concerned that the extension of licence hours would increase the risk of antisocial behaviour, disturbance, damage to personal property and damage to the local surroundings including the public park adjacent to the football ground.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

Chatham Football Club is located in a residential area immediately adjacent to a well-used park that is popular with local youth football teams and families with young children. Extending licence hours from 10 am and to include locations within the football ground to include the outside areas around the pitch will potentially expose young people playing in the park to factors associated with excessive alcohol consumption such as strong language, sexual expletives, inappropriate and potentially aggressive or criminal behaviour. As the parent of a young child I am concerned about this.

In summary, the terms of the proposed variation to licence would have a significant impact on the character of the immediate local area and on my physical and mental well-being. I therefore oppose the variation to licence. I would appreciate being kept informed as the application progresses.

Yours Faithfully

Laura Daniels

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OBJECTION LETTERS DELIVERED BY HAND

Licencing Unit

Medway Council

Gun Wharf

Dock Road

Chatham

Kent

ME 4 4RT

LICENCE REF: MEDWAY-05-PREM-0253

Please find enclosed letters from residents of Bournville Avenue, Chatham, Kent raising our objections to the variation in licence at Chatham Town Football Club.

Individual copiers of the attached letter have been received from the following :-

K	MAPLEY
N A	MAPLEY
L	PICOT
J	PICOT
A	MAPLESDEN
T	AMUSA
S	AMUSA
P	THOMAS
C	THOMAS
L	PAPWORTH
J	TAPWORTH
M R	MACKLEY
F T	MACKLEY
A	TIBURY
I	SMITH
S	SMITH
W	WELLINGS
M	WELLINGS
T R	MCGARTHY
C	HILTON
S	NEALE
A	KIMBER
T	SINGH PANESAR
G	KAUR PANESAR
T	CASH
A	CASH
S	BENNETT
R J	BENNETT
V	CALLAGHAN
J	CALLAGHAN
J E	CONVEY
P J	CONVEY
S	COOK
M	COOK
G N	ROSSITER
L J	ROSSITER
M J	ALLEN
B	ADAMS
J	ONLEY
C	ONLEY
P G	DUFF
S J	BRACKEN
R A	BRACKEN

Licensing Unit
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Dear Sir / Madam

OBJECTION TO VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE AT;
CHATHAM TOWN FC, MAIDSTONE ROAD SPORTS GROUND,
MAIDSTONE RD, CHATHAM
PREMISES LICENCE NUMBER: MEDWAY-05-PREM-0253

I am writing in relation to the above application and to register my objection for this application.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a variation on the licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance.

Noise from live music / DJ's would greatly affect the lives of myself and residents in the immediate vicinity by extending the licence out of doors and from 10 am until midnight on three consecutive days - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and from 10am until 11pm on a Sunday. Noise from the tannoy system on every day from 10am until midnight would again be detrimental to residents in the immediate vicinity.

I object to the provision to extension of serving alcohol from 10am until 2am on four consecutive evenings - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the bar area, directors box and around the ground of the football club will cause noise being emitted from the ground.

I also object to the extension of the licence for the extension for the supply of alcohol on all nights until midnight. By granting the extension to the licence the neighbourhood would suffer from noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour because of the noise from events and with customers arriving/leaving.

The area, which is a built up residential neighbourhood, is normally very quiet during the evening and early hours of the morning and in particular any arrivals or departures after midnight will cause a disturbance. I am also concerned about the potential for damage to property if customers are allowed to leave in the early hours of the morning, having drunk significant quantities of alcohol and also to the level of noise that this would create.

I would therefore like to reiterate that granting the extension would have a detrimental effect on both myself and the neighbourhood.

Yours faithfully

hopson, lisa

From: licensing
Sent: 22 November 2017 15:54
To: hopson, lisa
Subject: FW: Chatham Football Club Licence application

To accompany his original rep.

From: Kevin Mapley
Sent: 21 November 2017 22:00
To: licensing
Subject: Re: Chatham Football Club Licence application

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 6:46 PM, Kevin Mapley

<[redacted]> wrote:

CHATHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LICENCE APPLICATION

It is the council's policy to lock parks after sunset to deter unsociable practices and behavior.

Should the said application be successful the Maidstone Road/ Bournville Avenue park would remain open until 2pm with no guarantees the park would be secured thereafter, regardless of obligations, as is found now.

In such circumstances, be under no illusion an open gate policy until the early hours would be soon exploited by those wishing to undertake unsociable practices. In recent months there have been two fires on the periphery of the football ground with the fire services in attendance on one occasion. The defibrillator housing placed for emergency use by the tennis courts was vandalised and the defibrillator stolen. The park has had these and more minor issues after dark. I ask you as a group to not exasperate the situation by the granting of this licence and for you to undertake a duty of care to those who live within the proximity of the park and football ground.

My other objections have already been raised in a previous letter.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Mapley