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To: The Members of the **Licensing SUB COMMITTEE**
(Councillors: Mark Gordon, Bob Raikes, Valerie White; and Kel Finan-Cooke
(Substitute))

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **Licensing SUB COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3HD on Tuesday, 4 July 2023 at 10.00 am. The agenda will be set out as below.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Yours sincerely

Damian Roberts

Chief Executive

AGENDA

	Pages
1 Election of Chairman	
2 Declarations of Interest	
Members are invited to declare that they do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or non-pecuniary interest. Members who have a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in the application will not be able to take part in its consideration and would be advised not to participate if they have a non-pecuniary interest. Members who consider they may have an interest must consult the Monitoring Officer or the Democratic Services Officer prior to the meeting as the meeting cannot proceed without all members being present.	
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To note the procedure that will be followed by the Licensing Sub-Committee during the hearing.	
4 Application to review Club Premises Certificate SHBCCP-0520C - Old Dean Bowling Club, Old Dean Recreation Ground, Wimbledon Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4AY	3 - 70

Following receipt of a review application, to consider an application of the

Club Premises Certificate SHBCCP-0520C at Old Dean Bowling Club, Old Dean Recreation Ground, Wimbledon Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4AY

- Appendix A – Club Premises Certificate
- Appendix B – Review Application
- Appendix C – Police Witness Statements
- Appendix D- Representations from Interested Parties
- Appendix E – Letter from Old Dean Bowling Club Committee
- Appendix F – Excerpts from National Guidance

THE PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS OF THE LICENSING PANEL

ORDER OF THE HEARING

Licensing Sub-Committee hearings shall be conducted as follows:

- 1) A Chairman will be elected for the duration of the Sub-Committee hearing.
- 2) The Chairman will open the proceedings by stating the nature of the matter which is to be considered and will welcome the parties, introduce them and confirm the roles of those present.
- 3) The Chairman shall first call upon the Licensing Authority's representative to put forward their case. This will include confirmation of whether or not the formal requirements in respect of the matter to be considered have been complied with.
- 4) If satisfied as to the formal requirements, the Sub-Committee will consider the merits of the application or proposed suspension/revocation and the report of the officer. The Panel may ask the Licensing Authority's representative for clarification of any points.
- 5) The applicant shall have an opportunity to put questions to the Licensing Authority's representative.
- 6) The Chairman will then invite (if any) Responsible Bodies who have made representations to speak. The Sub-Committee may ask Responsible Bodies interested parties questions and points of clarification.
- 7) The Chairman will then invite (if any) interested parties who have made representations to speak. The Sub-Committee may ask interested parties questions and points of clarification.
- 8) The Chairman will then invite the applicant or licence holder to make any representations.
- 9) The Chairman, members of the Sub-Committee and the Licensing Authority's representative may ask the applicant questions and points of clarification. Having heard the applicant's statement, any Responsible Authorities in attendance will be given the opportunity to respond.
- 10) An opportunity shall be given to the Licensing Authority's representative and the applicant, in that order, to sum up their case (but not to add any new facts).
- 11) The Sub-Committee members, the representative from Legal Services and Clerk to the Sub-Committee shall withdraw. Officers present do not take part in the decision making but will provide legal and procedural advice and record the decision.
- 12) The members of the Sub-Committee consider their decision. The applicant or his/her representative (if any) and any officer present is asked to remain in attendance and if any further clarification or information is required from the applicant or licence holder or any officer, this will be sought by the clerk.

- 13) The decision of the Sub-Committee shall be notified to the applicant and her/his representative (if any) within five working days following the meeting. In most cases, a verbal decision will be given on the day of the hearing.

ROLES OF THOSE AT THE HEARING

- 1) The Licensing Authority's representative is present at the hearing to present the professional officer's case for refusal, suspension or revocation of licences. They are also present to challenge points put forward by the applicant.
- 2) Members of the Sub-Committee are present to consider and determine an application or to consider if a licence should be suspended or revoked. In doing so they will follow the above procedure.
- 3) The Reserve Committee Member will be present throughout the hearing up until the Sub-Committee retires to deliberate the application in private. The Reserve member will not take part in either the public discussions or the private deliberations unless they are required to substitute for one of the Sub-Committee members for any reason.
- 4) The Legal representative is present to provide legal advice to the members of the Sub-Committee and to assist in the clarification of any issues which might arise.
- 5) The representative from Democratic Services is present to provide procedural advice to members of the Sub-Committee and to record the decision.

REPORT TO	LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	4 th July 2023
AUTHOR	Paula Barnshaw - Senior Licensing Officer
DECISION REQUIRED	The committee is requested to determine the review application
REPORT TITLE	Licensing Act 2003 - Review Application – Club Premises Certificate - Old Dean Bowling Club

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is for the committee to consider and determine a review application pursuant to section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) in respect of the club premises certificate SHBCCP-0520C for;

Old Dean Bowling Club, Old Dean Recreation Ground, Wimbledon Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4AY

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES

The Old Dean Bowling Club is a private members bowling and social club situated on the Old Dean licensed for the supply of alcohol to members and members guests on and off the premises.

The club premises certificate permits the supply of alcohol during the following hours;

Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 23:00
Sunday 12:00 to 22:30

A copy of the current club premises certificate can be found at **Appendix A**.

3. THE REVIEW APPLICANT

The application and grounds for the review are attached at **Appendix B** and have been submitted by Surrey Police Inspector Sam Turner and relates to the following licensing objectives:

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

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Old Dean Bowling Club has held a club premises certificate issued by Surrey Heath Borough Council since the Act commenced in 2005. Prior to the Act it was licensed under the previous provisions where Magistrate's issued alcohol licences.

In September 2022 a meeting was arranged with the Chair, Police Licensing Officer and Senior Licensing Officer to discuss an application for a premises licence. The premises licence would replace the existing club premises certificate which is restricted to members and their guests excluding the possibility of passing business or renting the club's facilities to members of the public.

An application for a premises licence was not received from the club.

5. DETAILS OF THE REVIEW APPLICATION

On 22ND May 2023 the licensing authority received an application to review the club premises certificate from Surrey Police following a disturbance at the club. A copy of the review application can be seen at **Appendix B** and Police Officer statements at **Appendix C**. The Police would also like to show the Sub-committee CCTV footage of the incident recorded by the camera sited in the clubs bar area.

The application to review is based on all four of the licensing objectives:

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

In accordance with the Act and prescribed regulations, public notice of the review application was given to the club and to the licensing authority. In addition a notice of the review application was posted on the council website, noticeboard, shared on social media and posted around the club premises.

The review application was served on responsible authorities.

6. LICENSING LAW REGARDING MEMBERS CLUBS

To qualify for a club premises certificate, a club must make sure that these mandatory conditions are satisfied:

- The premises must be occupied and used regularly for club purposes;
- Alcohol and entertainment is only provided to members and their guests;

- The person nominated must be over 18 to serve and buy alcohol for the club;
- There must be no arrangement for anyone to financially benefit from buying or selling alcohol;
- New members must wait two days from their application being submitted before getting membership privileges;
- The club is established and conducted in good faith; and
- The club must have at least 25 members.

The advantages of a club premises certificate over a premises licence:

- No personal licence holder is required to authorise sales of alcohol
- No Designated Premises Supervisor is required to be nominated
- Authorities (such as the Police) have limited powers of entry because the premises are considered private and not open to the public
- The premises are not subject to many powers of closure (such as closure on the order of the Magistrates' Court and applied to all licensed premises in an area where disorder is happening or expected to happen)
- Premises which are covered by Club Premises Certificates can benefit from higher stakes gaming machines

A premises covered by a Club Premises Certificate hiring the venue to a non-member for a function involving regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol would be guilty of an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 which is punishable by an unlimited fine and / or up to six months in prison.

7. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES AND OTHER PERSONS

No further representations have been received from responsible authorities, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Child Protection Committee, Environmental Health Services, Trading Standards, Planning Authority, Frimley Integrated Care Board, Surrey Primary Care Trust and the Home Office.

Eighteen representations in support have been received from club members and Councillors. These are attached at **Appendix D**.

At **Appendix E** is an email from the Old Dean Club Committee setting out the actions taken and proposed changes to club rules and procedures.

8. SURREY POLICE PROPOSED CONDITIONS

On page 6 of the application (Appendix B) Surrey Police have asked the Subcommittee to consider revocation of the club premises certificate or to consider suspension for a period up to the maximum of 3 months. This period is suggested to train bar staff and allow time for new club rules to be written and implemented. However, the Police also recognise that the club is a

valuable community asset and have proposed conditions on page 10 and 11 of the application (Appendix B) which they consider proportionate and realistic.

9. POLICY AND STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

In making its decision, the Sub-committee is obliged to have regard to the relevant national guidance and the Councils own Licensing Policy. The Sub-committee must also have regard to all the representations made and the evidence it hears.

When determining the review application, the committee must have regard to:

Promotion of the licensing objectives;

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

- The Licensing Act 2003;
- The Councils adopted Statement of Licensing Policy;
- Judgements of the High Court (legal advisor will give you guidance should this become necessary);
- The current statutory guidance issued by the Home Secretary in accordance with section 182 of the Act;
- The human rights of all parties concerned to ensure both a fair and balanced hearing and to consider the Equality Act 2010 public sector equality duty requiring public bodies to have due regard to the need to;
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race (including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality), religion or belief (including lack of belief), sex and sexual orientation.

Excerpts from the National Guidance are attached at **Appendix F**.

The Licensing Officer recommends the following paragraphs taken from Surrey Heath's Statement of Licensing Policy should be considered for this application.

6.3 Licensing is about the control of licensed premises, qualifying clubs, temporary events and individuals within the terms of the Act. Any conditions or restrictions attached to a premises licence or club premises certificate will be focused on matters which are within the control of individual licensees.

6.4 *These matters centre on the premises and places being used for licensable activities and any impact of those activities in the vicinity of those premises and places. The Licensing Authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises, on members of the public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.*

6.6 *The controls exercised through the provisions of the Act are however key aspects in the control of nuisance and antisocial behaviour, where this behaviour can be directly linked to the licensed premises, this forms part of the Council's holistic approach to licensing.*

8.5 *The application must be supported by a comprehensive operating schedule. This schedule must specify the steps which the applicant proposes to take in order to promote each of the licensing objectives.*

8.9 *Where applications for Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates have attracted representations from a Responsible Authority or any other person, the application will be scheduled for a hearing before a Licensing Sub-Committee where the applicant and those making representations may be heard.*

8.10 *The Licensing Sub-Committee will give full and written reasons for the decision made for each application that proceeds to a hearing.*

14.5 *The Licensing Authority considers the effective and responsible management of the premises, including instruction, training and supervision of staff and the adoption of best practice to be amongst the most essential control measures for the achievement of the licensing objectives. For this reason, these measures should be specifically considered, detailed and addressed within an applicant's operating schedule.*

14.1.1 *Licensed premises of any description, especially those offering late night/early morning entertainment, alcohol and refreshment for large numbers of people can be a source of crime and disorder. The Licensing Authority expect operating schedules to satisfactorily address these and any other potential issues, from the design of the premises through to the daily operation of the business.*

14.1.3 *When addressing crime and disorder, the applicant should identify any particular issues that are likely to adversely affect the promotion of the crime and disorder objective before including in the operating schedule how they propose to mitigate those matters.*

14.1.4 *Where objections are received and the Licensing Sub-Committee considers it appropriate to do so, conditions may be attached to licences to prevent crime and disorder both inside and in the vicinity of the premises.*

14.3.1 *The Licensing Authority is committed to ensuring, as far as practicable that the safety of any person visiting or working in licensed premises is not compromised. Applicants must demonstrate in their operating schedule that*

suitable and sufficient measures have been identified, implemented and maintained to ensure public safety specific to the characteristics of their premises and events.

18.2 The Authority expects that premises will operate in a responsible manner to ensure that children are not desensitised to the potential harm of alcohol. Desensitisation can occur by many ways. For example, through the manner in which the business operates, through the products that they offer for sale, the layout of their premises or through how promotional/advertising material is displayed.

19.3 The Licensing Authority must avoid attaching conditions that duplicate other regulatory regimes as far as possible and may not impose conditions unless its discretion has been engaged following the making of relevant representations and the Licensing Sub-Committee has been satisfied at a hearing that it is appropriate to impose them.

19.4 It may then impose only those conditions appropriate to promote the licensing objectives arising out of the consideration of the representations.

19.6 The Licensing Authority recognises that it is important to ensure that any conditions attached to a licence or certificate achieve the licensing objectives but are not disproportionate or overly burdensome. Therefore, where conditions are necessary they will be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the particular premises and event concerned. Where appropriate, following a hearing the Licensing Sub-Committee will consider attaching conditions provided that they are proportionate, justifiable and capable of being met.

A copy of the Statement of Licensing Policy will be supplied to the Sub-committee.

The Licensing Act 2003 can be found by following this link - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents>

The current statutory guidance can be found by following this link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003/revised-guidance-issued-under-section-182-of-the-licensing-act-2003-december-2022-accessible>

The Sub-committee must take such of the following steps it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- to modify the conditions of the licence; (either permanently or temporarily for up to three months);
- to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence; (either permanently or temporarily for up to three months);
- to remove the designated premises supervisor (not applicable to a club premises certificate or where alcohol is not licensed);

- to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- to revoke the licence;

The Sub-Committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives.

10. APPEALS

An appeal may be made to a Magistrates' court within 21 days of the club premises certificate holder being notified of the licensing authority's decision. An appeal may be made by:

- The applicant for the review;
- The holder of the club premises certificate; or
- Any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application.

The decision of the committee, following the review hearing, will not have effect until the end of the period allowed for appeal, or until any submitted appeal is disposed of.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Club Premises Certificate

Appendix B - Review application

Appendix C - Redacted Police officer witness statements

Appendix D - Support representations

Appendix E - Letter from the Old Dean Bowling Club Committee

Appendix F - Excerpts from the National Guidance

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SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL
Club premises certificate

Part A
Schedule 13

Regulation 35,36

Club premises certificate number

SHBCCP - 00520C

Club details

Name of club in whose name this certificate is granted and relevant postal address of club	
Old Dean Bowling Club	
Address	
Wimbledon Road Camberley Surrey	
Post town: Camberley	Post code: GU15 4BD
Telephone number: 01276 65990	

If different from above the postal address of club premises to which this certificate relates, if any, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Not Applicable	
Post town:	Post code:
Telephone number:	

Where the club premises certificate is time limited the dates
Not applicable

Qualifying club activities authorised by the certificate:
Consumption of Alcohol On Premises Consumption of Alcohol Off Premises

The times the certificate authorises the carrying out of qualifying club activities:
<u>Consumption of alcohol ON and OFF the club premises:</u>
Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours. In this condition, permitted hours means: a. On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, Good Friday or New Year's Eve, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. b. On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. c. On Good Friday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. d. On New Year's Eve, except on a Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. e. On New Year's Eve on a Sunday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m. g. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).

The opening hours of the club

Not specified

Where the certificate authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

Consumption of Alcohol On Premises
Consumption of Alcohol Off Premises

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

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1. The supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must take place at a time when the premises are open for the purposes of supplying alcohol, in accordance with the club premises certificate, to members of the club for consumption on the premises.
2. Any alcohol supplied for consumption off the premises must be in a sealed container.
3. Any supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must be made to a member of the club in person

Embedded Conditions

For the sale and supply of alcohol ON and OFF the premises the following conditions will apply:

1. Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours.
In this condition, permitted hours means:
 - a. On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, Good Friday or New Year's Eve, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - b. On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
 - c. On Good Friday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
 - d. On New Year's Eve, except on a Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - e. On New Year's Eve on a Sunday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
 - g. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).
 - f. On Christmas day, as provided by the rules of the club and notified in writing by the chairman or secretary of the club to the licensing manager for Surrey Heath Borough Council this being the licensing authority for the area in which the premises are situated. The said hours shall:
 - i. not exceed six and a half hours;
 - ii. not begin earlier than 12 noon;
 - iii. not end later than 10.30 p.m.
 - iv. provide for a break of at least 2 hours, including 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;
 - v. not extend for more than three and a half hours after 5 p.m.The above restrictions do not prohibit:
 - (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the consumption of the alcohol on the premises;
 - (b) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of alcohol from the premises, unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
 - (c) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours, the consumption of the alcohol on the premises by persons taking meals there if the alcohol was supplied as ancillary to the meals;
 - (d) the supply to, or consumption by, any person of alcohol in any premises where they are residing.
2. Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.
3. Recorded music shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964, in relation to background music being provided at licensed premises.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Club Operating Schedule

1. Fire extinguishers shall be regularly checked by an authorised agent.
2. Coaches instructing children shall be conversant with policies relating to the protection of children.

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

Not Applicable

Annex 4 – Plans

Please see certified plans attached



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As a responsible authority under the licensing act please find the attached review papers for The Old Dean Bowling Club situated in Wimbledon Road Camberley Surrey

Regards

Rab Carnie

Licensing Enforcement Officer

Surrey Police

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Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate 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 SAM TURNER

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB WIMBLEDON ROAD OLD DEAN	
Post town CAMBERLEY	Post code (if known) GU15 4BD

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB WIMBLEDON ROAD OLD DEAN ESTATE CAMBERLEY GU15 4BD

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) SHBCCP-00520C
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title (for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address
SURREY POLICE
SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES
KNOLL ROAD
CAMBERLEY SURREY GU15 3HD

Telephone number (if any)
01483631786

E-mail address (optional)
11701carnie@surrey.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm



Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

Large violent public disorder incident which occurred inside and outside the premises which resulted in people being injured and 7 arrests and a number of Police officers being assaulted

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

Police have been called to the OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB situated in Wimbledon Road Camberley following reports made by staff there that a mass brawl had broken out at the location. Included in this call were reports that weapons, including glasses and bottles had been produced and were being used on members of the public. At least two people had been knocked unconscious, including an elderly lady and numerous people had cuts/head injuries.

PC 41705 BENSON and PC 41484 PERRY have attended the location initially. Upon arrival, people had already left the building and were outside. There were people crying and screaming in the car park. A huge disturbance could be heard from inside the BOWLING CLUB CLUBHOUSE. Officers have entered the building and a large amount of people were inside the location fighting. Broken glasses, bottles and chairs were being used as weapons and injured parties have either been fighting or refused to engage with officers. The main concern at this point for officers in attendance has been an injured elderly male who had a number of cuts and lacerations on his body and was slumped on a raised platform at the back of the room with a large amount of blood spread over his head and chest. First aid has been given to this male and more units have been requested. The situation has become increasingly volatile with two sides generally emerging. Another concern was that there were a number of young children still inside the building witnessing these events.

On the one side were the residents and members of the BOWLING CLUB, who generally remained within the clubhouse, and on the other side, who appeared to have been the instigators of the incident was a group of up to 60 individuals, mostly from the GRT community. The latter group have been at the location due to a 'surprise birthday party

Summary of accounts and CCTV

Around 2230 a number of people were at the bar and last orders have been called. A male wearing a striped shirt, who has been aggressively confronting a male at the bar. This male has not appeared to have done anything to warrant the aggression made towards him. The male in the striped shirt has started poking and slapping the male. In a space of about 10 seconds the entire bar side of the venue erupts into a mass brawl. This appears to have been instigated by the male in the striped shirt who has attempted to eye gouge this unknown male at the bar.

More and more people get involved. During this time a male wearing a flat cap and polo shirt has sucker punched another, knocking him unconscious. The suspect has also been identified and later arrested. The male in the striped shirt has maintained his level of aggression and started fighting with other people. This includes another male who has been set upon by the male in the striped shirt and two other people. In particular a female wearing a leather jacket and heeled boots who strikes a male numerous times on the ground and appears to bite him. This same female later glasses another member of public. All the suspects have been identified.

CCTV covers around 10 different serious assaults with another male, being knocked unconscious. Similarly with two other males striking a male while he was on the ground for around 45 seconds with the male on the floor not defending himself throughout. One of the males is seen repeatedly kicking the males head while on the ground and then later steals numerous jackets and bags, again the suspects have been identified.

During this time a (61 year old female) has been attempting to act as peacemaker but has been pushed and pulled around by the group and then while off camera has been knocked to the floor, resulting in a broken spinal fracture.

Fighting has continued spilling out in the road and car park as police have arrived and attempted to preserve life/secure evidence. While splitting up parties, 3 assaults have occurred on officers.

Escape from Lawful custody and assaults on officers

During this incident a female (potentially the same female has been witnessed by PC 41703 GILLARD attempting to assault another male. She has then engaged PC GILLARD, grabbing hold of PC GILLARD's neck with both hands and put pressure on his neck. She has been partially restrained and PC GILLARD has arrested the female for assault on emergency worker. PC REID has attempted to assist PC GILLARD, at which point he has been assaulted as well. At least three more males, also involved in the fighting have begun pushing PC REID and PC GILLARD away from the female. The female managed to escape from the officers but she has been identified.

At this same time. A male has sucker punched sergeant 40203 HARRIS from behind before running away. In relation to the assault on sergeant HARRIS; he had not activated BODY WORN VIDEO due to having to deploy quickly to the scene. No suspect can be identified nor can sergeant HARRIS identify the male.

On account of this, the large number of other violent incidents that were occurring simultaneously, it was decided that due to the increasingly aggravating risk factors involved, a tactical decision was made to not pursue the female. This was a specific decision made.

Around 50 other members of the public were present, also fighting officers which resulted in numerous casualties. In this way a decision was made to de-escalate to maintain the safety of other members of the public, security of the scene and preserve evidence that was present.

One male who was assaulted gave a statement to the Police stating "I've been out in Camberley Town, the Goose Pub, with Mates. They came and picked me up and drove to Old Dean Bowling Club. They are members of the club and go there almost every week to play and often have drinks there with other members.

I came in at around 2230HRS when they got there, they'd run the bell at 2245HRS for final orders and it all started after this. I walked to the bar and got a drink, then a mass brawl within the club started within the main area and just spread throughout the room - no shouting or obvious start, just came out of nowhere.

I was sat at the edge, and it just came towards me - they then got Terry on the floor who I know from the Club so, I tried to protect myself and Terry with a chair. But then I got hit over the Head and pushed to the ground. I then got kicked a few times and bitten while on the floor by a female and a male, unknown to me - the Man had a Black and White T-Shirt, and the Female has Red/Purple Hair and Dark clothes - they were both in their late 30s-40s. I then managed to get myself up and to the Stage so, I was out of the way and this was where I was found by Police who then gave First Aid my injuries were a- 3-inch Curved Laceration to the Head, Abrasion to the Head, Human Bite to Radial Part of Right Middle Finger, Boot Mark on the Right Shin of Leg."

The mother of the female whos birthday party it was could see that things were really kicking off and she decided to go and get her grand children as they were inside the club

She has then made her way to the other end of the venue towards the bar to get her grandchildren and leave. As she was heading towards there 5 people fighting instantly turned to 30 / 40 people all brawling. Glasses, bottles, along with tables and chairs were being thrown from everywhere.

She was in the middle of this and then something has hit her on back of the head. She is unsure if she was struck deliberately or was a rouge object which was thrown. Shortly afterwards she was barged into and she fell to the floor. She was on the floor for a couple of minutes, before being carried outside to get away. Once outside she started seeing police arrive.

She was then helped to an ambulance before being taken to Frimley Park Hospital. As instructed by 2751 sergeant REID, a scene log was started on the female by 41911 PC RHODES and 41452 PC DOUGHERTY. They arrived at Frimley Park at approx 23:48 hours. Once there she was taken to majors.

Paramedics suspected, hematoma to the back of head (right side back muscle pain). However unconfirmed and doctor has requested a full Trauma CT scan to check for injuries. The CT scan result have shown she had a fractured lumbar vertebrae.

The situation at the club was finally under control which resulted in 7 people being arrested for various violent offences. A number of Police officers were also assaulted during this extremely violent disorder incident. The investigation is still ongoing which may result in further offences being disclosed.

The Police would like to make the committee aware that The Bowling Club is a registered club and has a club premises certificate under the licensing act which allows them to sell alcohol to its members and at times guests of members. The club is not allowed to have private parties for non members but it has come to light that a member was having a 40th birthday party and non members were in attendance

The Police licensing officer attended the Bowling Club on the 20th April and saw the club chairman Chris Dick regarding the incident. The chairman admitted that there were lots of people in the club that were not members and none of them had been signed in by a member. It was pointed out to him that this is a breach of the club rules.

The chairman also stated that a female member of the club had let it be known that there was a party and that all were welcome, the chairman also stated that the female is now no longer a member due to what she did.

The licensing officer reminded Mr Dick of a meeting he had with him and the Council licensing manager Paula Barnshaw on the 6th September 2022 at the club. He was told that the Police had been informed of private parties for non members that were being allowed at the club. Mr Dick was given strong words of advice that by doing this he is breaching his licence and could be putting the licence at risk if the licence was reviewed.

Mr Dick was informed that to be allowed to have private parties he would have to change the licence of the club to a premises licence and that would allow him to have private parties and also allow non members into the club. He stated that he wanted to change his licence to a premises licence and the council licensing manager explained the procedure to him. As yet no premises licence application has been submitted.

Attached to this report is the statements of some of the Police officers that attended the scene.

Due to the extreme seriousness of this incident the Police would recommend that the committee revoke the club premises certificate. The Police do understand that the bowling club has been in operation for many years serving the local community. However by breaching the licensing laws and allowing private parties for non

members and continuing to do so after being warned not to by the Police and licensing authority, it is totally a disregard of the law and cannot go unpunished.

If the committee decide not to revoke the licence the Police would strongly recommend the maximum suspension of the licence allowed under the licensing act. The Police would also recommend the attached conditions in this report be added to the licence

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick yes

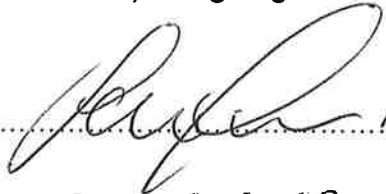
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO 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 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

 INSPECTOR 4682 TURNER

Date

22.05.2023

Capacity Borough Inspector

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

11701 R CARNIE
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CAMBERLEY SURREY

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Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Old Dean Bowling Club

General

The chairman/Club secretary fully understands his/her role and responsibilities concerning the four licensing objectives obtained within the 2003 licensing act. A comprehensive breakdown of these objectives and how to ensure they are met are detailed below. The chairman/club secretary of the premises shall ensure that all staff who work behind the bar have full knowledge of the challenge 25 rule. Challenge 25 posters will be displayed

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

1. Any person who shows signs of intoxication will be refused entry to the licensed premises.
2. Appropriate digital CCTV equipment and a sufficient number of cameras shall be installed and maintained at the premises to record colour images that are clear enough to allow the Police to use them to investigate any crimes that are committed on the premises. The areas covered by the cameras will be all areas that the public have access and will include the outside area
3. A camera will be positioned to obtain images of persons entering the building by the main entrances.
4. No persons other than the police, the licensing authority, the premise licence holder or the managers/DPS shall have access to the CCTV recording equipment or the recordings made from such equipment. The CCTV system will be in operation and recording whenever the premises is open to the public.
5. Recordings made on the CCTV system shall be retained for a period of at least 31 days of recording.
6. A minimum of 3 notices stating that CCTV is in operation shall be displayed throughout the premises where the public have access. The notices shall be at least A4 size
7. There shall be a member of staff on duty at all times when the premises is open to the public who is able to operate the CCTV system. If an incident occurs at the premises the CCTV footage shall be made available to view by Police officers on request. If a copy is requested then it must be available within 48 hours of the request.
8. An incident book shall be kept on the premises and all incidents no matter how minor will be recorded with time date and place and a detailed description of the incident
9. The premises are not allowed to hold private parties for non members of the club.
10. The premises must have two SIA door supervisors on duty for all functions that take place on the premises that commence between 19:00 hours and 23:30 hours

PUBLIC SAFETY

11. The management shall have a "Challenge 25" policy and bar staff are instructed not to serve anyone who fails to prove that they have reached 18 years of age.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

12. The chairman/committee members will control the escape of noise from the licensed premises by ensuring that the windows and doors are kept shut during any live or recorded indoor music events after 23:00 hours.
13. The chairman/committee members fully understands that it is their duty to prevent their business causing any nuisance to any local residents or businesses, and will monitor the external premises area in relation to any anti-social behaviour or public nuisance.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

14. Only children accompanied by an adult will be allowed into the licensed premises. Children will be supervised by an adult at all times.
15. The chairman/committee members shall adopt a "Challenge 25" policy. Any person who appears to look under the age of 25 years shall be challenged and asked for identification to prove that they are over the age of 18 in accordance with the 'Challenge 25' policy.
16. The 'Challenge 25' policy shall be brought to the attention of club members and guests at the point of sale by the display of notices.
17. The premises will only accept valid forms of identification such as; photo driving licence, passport and home office approved ID cards displaying the national proof of age standard scheme (PASS hologram). All customers who look under the age of 25 shall be challenged to prove their age and identity when purchasing alcohol.
18. A Refusals book shall be kept on the premises and a record must be kept of all persons who are refused the sale of alcohol. This book shall be made available on request to the police or authorised person.
19. All staff who serve alcohol shall receive suitable training including refresher training in relation to "Challenge 25" proof of age policy which shall be applied to the premises. This training shall be carried out every 6 months and a written record of the training shall be kept. Every person who completes the training shall sign and date the written record and this record shall be countersigned by the Club chairman or by a person who holds a personal licence who is also a committee member.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

URN

Occurrence Number: 45230040875

Statement of: PC Tweed 30011

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

This is a statement in relation to a violent disorder which occurred at the Bowling club in the Old Dean, Camberley. I am a police officer with Surrey Police, and I am based out of Surrey Heath. I was in full uniform at the time. I will exhibit my BWV of this incident as DRT/01. On FRIDAY 14th April 2023 a grade 1 call came out over the radio of a big fight that has broken out at the bowling club at the Old Dean. I attended the incident with PC Mumford. Once on scene I could see and hear a lot of commotion. I have walked towards and asked people what has happened. They have said there was a big fight happening inside and were shouting at me to go in. I have gone towards the building, round to the side where the entrance was. As I was trying to go into the building I was approached by various males shouting at me to go inside as someone was being assaulted. One of the males who I do not know has grabbed me, and shouted for me to go inside. I was about to go in, but I then saw the same males trying to grab and intimidate PC Mumford. I have told the males that I will not be going inside until they stop doing that to PC Mumford, as I wasn't going to leave my colleague in a vulnerable position. They have then stopped and I have gone inside. There was a delay getting through the door getting in as there was a code. Once through the door I have gone in. I could see quite a lot of broken glass on the floor. There were various people arguing inside the building. I have approached various people that I could see that had injuries. There was a male that I do not know, had a cut to the side of his head. I asked him if he was OK and if he wanted any medical attention. He replied that he didn't. I have then tried to speak to various people to try and work out what has actually happened. No one was very forthcoming and not giving any information as to what has happened or who was involved. I have then worked out who the woman was that was mentioned on the CAD, that had potentially been knocked out. She gave me her name as [REDACTED] I checked on her welfare and she told me she seemed OK but felt a bit dizzy. A paramedic started talking to her to see how she was. I think looking at the CCTV afterwards she was knocked down in the melee of various people arguing. I have tried to approach various other males to see if they were OK, and if they wanted to give their details. They declined as expected. I do not know any of these people, as I have not dealt with them before.

Signature: 

Date: 14/04/2023

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

POLICE STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9**

NICHE Ref No: 45230040875

Statement of: 41705, TOBY BENSON

Age (if under 18): N/A

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness:



Date: 20-04-2023

I am PC 41705 BENSON, I am a serving SURREY Police officer operating out the CAMBERLEY COUNCIL OFFICES as part of the neighbourhood policing team. I have been on duty under the callsign SH70 alongside PC 41484 PERRY. We have been on marked vehicle patrol in uniform. We have responded to calls that a large fight of at least 30 people was occurring at the OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB on WIMBLEDON ROAD.

The BOWLING CLUB is a public drinking clubhouse, which is predominantly a members-only establishment. It is based off a residential road and overlooked by large residential flats. The club is made up of one central room approximately 25 meters long its made up of one central room approximately 25 meters in length and 5 meters wide. In order to get into the room you, normally you would have to get through an electric buzzer door. There is a bar at the far left of the room and a back storage room if looking at the room from the entrance.

I have responded to the radio request as I have been in fairly close proximity to the location. I have been at the location within 2-3 minutes of the original callout. I have parked up and headed towards the BOWLING CLUB, this has been at 2255HRS. I have heard numerous screams, shouts and smashing glasses coming from the building. Around 5 people have been running from the building or sat down nearby crying or with injuries. A woman has been holding another female up partially as I have walked towards the door, she has shouted "YOU NEED TO GO IN THERE NOW". A male has said something similar next to another female in a vehicle shouting, "DON'T GO, YOU'LL BE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER".

I have entered the building itself. Around 30 - 40 people have been inside. Numerous people have been injured, mostly with head injuries, either from bruising or small cuts, indicative of people being glassed. I have facilitated calming the crowd, trying to move people away and generally establishing what had occurred. The level of violence and hostility upon entry was something I have never experienced before. I have spoken to members of the bar staff present. They have said that the incident started around 20 minutes after a few of the regulars arrived. last orders had been called and those regular members have gone to queue at the bar. Some of the members of the party who were present, in particular a male with a striped shirt, have taken offence to something and a fight has broken out. The members have said that one of the main instigators was someone called [REDACTED] but they did not know him, only his name.

Witness name: 41705, TOBY BENSON

Statement started: 20-04-2023 21:38:41

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I have also taken pictures of the initial booking for the event. I have exhibited this as TB/2. While briefly going outside I heard references made by someone saying, "QUICK GRAB THE CCTV". An officer prevented the secure room containing this from being accessed while there was still violence going on, however, along with the establishment chairman, I have taken a copy of the CCTV from the building's cameras. The CCTV shows the fight in its entirety. I exhibit this as well.

I produce as my exhibits:

- TB/1 – Body Worn Video
- TB/2 – initial booking confirmation
- TB/CCTV/01 – CCTV including

Signature of Witness:



Date: 20-04-2023

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9


URN

Occurrence Number: 45230040875

Statement of: DANIEL PERRY

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  #P4541484 PERRY, D.

Date: 22/05/2023 15:37

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

This statement relates to an incident I attended at the OLD DEAN BOWLS CLUB, CAMBERLEY on FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023.

I was in uniform and crewed with PC BENSON when we were deployed by our control room at approximately 22:45hrs to attend a fight in progress which was occurring at the OLD DEAN BOWLS CLUB in CAMBERLEY.

On arrival we were met with a large quantity of public who were leaving the venue. The first interaction I had with a female who was leaving was warning me and PC BENSON to stay out of the venue as 'IT IS FUCKING CARNAGE IN THERE'. She genuinely seemed concerned that me and PC BENSON were on our own with a fight going inside involving multiple people.

Further information came out over the air which stated that there was possibly an unconscious person inside the venue which in my opinion increased the need to enter the venue to ascertain the safety of that individual. As PC BENSON and I entered the venue, there were multiple males at the bar area shouting and swearing. I noticed a male at the back of the venue sat on a chair receiving medical attention for what appeared to be a large head wound. My obvious concern was the welfare of him so I went straight towards him and commenced first aid. Due to the amount of blood I was concerned that the injury could be life threatening. Paramedics arrived a short while later and took over the first aid.

At this point the fighting had stopped however there were still a large number of intoxicated persons inside the venue which were refusing to leave the venue. More officers attended at assisted with the incident.

It was evident that there were a large number of persons who did not like police and I received many verbal gestures which were unpleasant. There were smashed glasses everywhere, blood on the carpet and broken chairs and tables spread across the venue.

There were only a small amount of staff at the venue who clearly could not handle the sheer volume of people inside the venue. There were no security present.

It was evident from the amount of debris inside the scene that large scale violence had occurred which was also replicated with the injuries sustained.

Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the possible revoking of the Bowling club's license. As a member of the Bowling club, I can attest to the positive impact it has had on my life since I moved over from Ireland.

The Bowling club has not only provided me with a sense of community and belonging but has also allowed me to make new friends and connect with people who share my passion for the sport. If the license is suspended, the club will be forced to close, and this would be a terrible loss for me and for the community as a whole.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to revoke the license and to consider all the positive contributions that the Bowling club has made to our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan Myron

20 Caesars Camp Road

Camberley

Surrey

GU15 4EE

Dear P Barnshaw,

We are writing to express our concern regarding in the review of the license of The Old Dean Bowling Club. As long-standing members of the club, with over 40 years of membership between us, we would like you to take into consideration the impact it will have on the club, members and our community.

We attended the EGM that was held to discuss the future of the club and resulting in the chairman resigning. We trust that the remaining committee will make the right decisions moving forward, and with the complete support of all members. We urge you to reconsider the decision to revoke the license in the meantime and give The Committee and our members the chance to prove that we can comply with the laws of our licence.

The Old Dean Bowling Club has been a vital part of our community for many years, providing a safe and welcoming space for people of all ages to come together and enjoy the bowling and many other activities. It would be a great shame to see this valuable resource lost.

We hope that you will take our concerns into consideration and work with the committee to find a solution that does not result in our club closing.

Your Sincerely,

Clive and Annette Dando

Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23

Anne and Christopher Stevens

81 Wimbledon Road

Camberley

Surrey

GU15 4BD

Dear P Barnshaw,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the possible license being taken away from Old Dean Bowling Club. As members of the club, with Chris bowling and myself enjoying the social aspect, we have come to appreciate the sense of community that the club provides.

Not only do we enjoy the events and activities that are offered, but our children and grandchildren also benefit from the family-friendly atmosphere. We appreciate the opportunity to meet and socialize with other members, and we believe that the club plays an important role in bringing people together.

Living opposite the bowling club, we have never had any issues with noise or disturbance and have always found the members to be respectful and considerate. We believe that the club is an asset to the local community and should be allowed to continue operating.

We urge you to consider the impact that revoking the license would have on the members and the wider community. We hope that you will take our concerns into account and make a decision that benefits everyone.

Kind Regards

Anne and Chris Stevens

Dear P Barnshaw,

I am writing to you regarding the possible revocation of the license from the Old Dean Bowling Club.
Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23

As a member of the club for over 60 years, I am deeply concerned about the impact this would have on both me and the wider community.

I am fortunate enough to live close to the club, and it has been a central part of my social life for many years. The thought of losing this connection with my friends and neighbours fills me with great sadness, and I worry about the impact it will have on my mental wellbeing.

Bowling has been a passion of mine for many years, and the Old Dean Bowling Club has been a second home to me. It is a place where I feel comfortable, surrounded by people who share my love of the sport. Losing this would be a huge blow to my sense of community and belonging.

I would really like you to reconsider the possibility of revoking the license from the Old Dean Bowling Club. It is a vital part of the local area, and its closure would have a devastating impact on the many people, like me, who rely on it for social connections and companionship.

After attending the EGM that the committee held for all members, I trust that members and committee will ensure that our club is ran in accordance with our licence and that we will follow any guidance offered to us.

Sincerely,

Jean Jones

Cllrs Lewis Mears and Shaun Garrett

c/o Surrey Heath House
Knoll Road
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19/06/2023

Dear Licensing Team,

Please see below our representation regarding the review of the Old Dean Bowling Club (LAClub/002/23) club premises license.

The Old Dean Bowling Club, founded in 1964, is a members-only community facility in the Old Dean Ward that offers bowling facilities for all ages. They have a range of teams that meet at their facilities, for both bowling and social events, as part of this they operate a fully functioning bar for their members (and guests) to use. They currently have approx. 60 paid-up members (fluctuates over the year, can be as much as 100), most of which reside on the Old Dean; thus, it is an important community asset.

We both believe that the event that led to Surrey Police issuing review papers for the club is inexcusable, and it is incredibly regretful that both police officers and members of public were injured. The Old Dean Bowling Club also appreciates both the seriousness and severity of this issue, already they have had a change in management structure and two of the management responsible for this incident are understood to be removed. We met with some of the new committee and were satisfied they were already taking appropriate actions and measures.

The club is arguably one of the hearts of the Old Dean community, and a suspension (of as little as two weeks) or revocation of the license would result in the closing of the club. This would be detrimental to our ward's residents.

Prevention of crime and disorder

The club expressed their commitment to us that they would refresh and formalise their club policies and procedures, including setting a hard limit on the number of guests a member may bring and improving record keeping too. They have banned any non-member functions to become compliant with their license. As mentioned before, the club has already had a management change, the new management are committed to abiding by the rules set out in their license to prevent crime and disorder. In our meeting they also expressed a willingness to work together with SHBC to become compliant with their license.

Prevention of public nuisance

The club's operating hours (Mon-Fri 16:00-23:00, Sat 12:00-23:00 and Sun 12:00-22:30) means they are operating within social hours, we are not aware of any noise complaints and there is not a valid reason this should change.

Cllr Garrett and I believe that the recommendations on pages 13/14 in the Police review papers are fair and we support these recommendations. Because of the seriousness of the incident, we believe

a suspension is what would normally be expected, but we believe a measured response is required to secure the future of this community facility.

Regards,



Cllr Lewis Mears



Cllr Shaun Garrett

Miss Lisa Kavanagh
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REF: LACLUB/002/003
15th June 2023

To whom it may Concern,

I am writing in reference to the recent submittal from Inspector Sam Turner (of Surrey Police) for the review of the premises certificate licence of Old Dean Bowling Club.

I do not quite know where to begin as there is so much good, I want to say about the ODBC!
Having been 'born and bred' on the Old Dean, I grew up in the confines of the club. By that, I mean we were avid bowling enthusiasts. My Grandfather Jim Fitzharris was one of the founding members back in 1965 & I believe my father William (Bill) Kavanagh was member no 6.
My Grandfather was a committed bowler and spent most of his spare time at the club. My Grandmother, and the other 'bowling widows' (as they were called) gave their time freely and made teas and lunches, as well as cater for events. As a child in the 70's, I would often stand at the top of the slide in the park and wait for my grandad to wave at me from the green. I was incredibly proud of him.

I attended the Queens Silver jubilee party there in 1977, as well as numerous children's parties hosted by the club for its members children. It was a place that welcomed members and looked after them. The club has so much history, is an integral part of the community, and its members are an invaluable asset in keeping the club going and the sport alive!

As with most bowling clubs, the 'older' players seemed to be left to bring their children and grandchildren into clubs – This has happened with my family. My uncle and brother still play, my brother representing ODBC on many occasions in the Surreys, my 13yr old niece plays & my parents were made honouree life members in 2015.

Most of today's members (both social and bowling), have been coming to the club for years, many from generations before. I became a member in the early 90's and spent a huge amount of time frequenting the premises both on social occasions & bowling events. My son had his Christening party in there in 1998, my brothers 21st in 2000, my father's 60th in 2007 and most recently my grandmothers wake in 2017. Not to mention all the other social events attended for other members celebrations. I class the club members as family. We are friends and a community.

As with most clubs, they are not cheap to run and there is a huge financial cost involved in order to maintain them. Without knowing exact figures, I guesstimate the figure to be about £10,000 a year for the green maintenance alone. Not to mention electricity, gas, and upkeep of the clubhouse.

Furthermore, ODBC was disproportionately affected due to Covid, having a detrimental effect on the clubs revenue causing a devastating dwindle in cash reserves.

Once you lose sight of the importance these facilities and indeed see the closure of greens, any chance of replacing them in the future is near impossible. As a small establishment, we have tried to find ways to make the club more viable and sustainable over the years. We have done our utmost to make the facility a focus of the community, provide good clubhouse facilities that will attract other users, thus building up the income generation potential of the club. We have always tried to do this to help ensure the clubs future.

The club hold charity days, and other social events throughout the year.

In 2017 & 2018 we organised a 24-hour charity bowls match to raise funds so we could install a new disabled access toilet. The other half of the monies raised went to 3 children in the local community; one bowling members nephew living with Cerebral Palsy, and two other children on the estate who had recently recovered from cancer. It was a phenomenal amount of money raised by the members and the Old Dean Community. This again demonstrates the strength of the club and its members!

Many of the clubs members are at retirement age. For some, popping across/down/up the road for a drink and a catch up with their fellow members is all the interaction or socialisation they have. Without it they are left isolated and lonely. If the licence is revoked, you will also be taking away their only source of companionship or company.

I was on the committee for 3 years. It worth remembering these committee members take on the responsibility for running the club in their spare time, on a voluntary basis, with most having full time jobs. I know how incredibly hard these people work to keep the club operating and often they receive little thanks for their efforts. Without them, the club could, and would not operate. As humans, we make mistakes, but I will fully stand by my statement that all decisions made by the committee on behalf of its members are made with the clubs best interests at heart.

One thing I do know, is that the Old Dean residents have the utmost respect for the Club. In its 58 years of operation, not once has it ever been vandalised or burgled. This in itself speaks volumes! I know there has been two incidents of late, causing Insp Sam Turner to make this complaint. I do not know this policeman or anything about him. I can only assume that he believes he has grounds for a complaint, based on his own perception of the club. Unfortunately, Sam Turner, does not see what happens outside of these two isolated incidents – He does not see how the members, go above and beyond to keep the club going. He does not see the members giving up their time free of charge to undertake maintenance of the building. He does see the members rally together to organise events to try and raise much needed funds. The free cooking and cleaning, and all the other things that are done free of charge - The list is endless! So, in my opinion Insp Sam Turners submittal to take the clubs premises licence, is unwarranted, unjust, and grossly ill judged.

What I also know is that Insp Sam Turner does not know how special this club is to the community and its members. He obviously does not realise that his actions to try and revoke the clubs permit licence will ultimately force it closure once and for all if it succeeds!

This makes me angry and upset, because I know how much time, devotion, dedication, and love has been put into ODBC by its members (both past and present) over its 58 years of existence.


I cannot emphasise enough how devastating it would be for the club to lose it's license. It is a well-known fact that the club cannot operate without the social members. It is the only source of income in the winter months. The revenue generation the social events and the bar produce, keep the club

afloat – Without that income it is almost certain that the ODBC will be forced to close. I for one will be heartbroken.

I kindly ask that you consider the facts presented to you in this letter before deciding the fate of the premises licence.

P.S. Please find below pics. This is post I made on FB in 2019. My uncle and mother cried tears of jubilation that day – In fact so did I!

← Lisa's post ...

 **Lisa Kavanagh is with Andrew Fitzharris and 2 others at Old Dean Bowling Club.**
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The last time ODBC won the SURREY Fours was back in 1982 with my Grandad Jim Fitzharris (1st left) as one of the team players.
37 years later it's finally been won again, this time with his grandson in the team ..



Kind Regards



Lisa Kavanagh

Reference: The Public Notice served on the Old Dean Bowling Club, Wimbledon Road, Camberley, Surrey. By Sam Turner Inspector of Surrey Police for a review of the club premises certificate.

Good morning

I am writing to you today with a personal plea of leniency in respect of the above public notice which could have a catastrophic impact on the club and its members. The club was formed in 1964 and are due to celebrate its 50-year anniversary next year. I first started going to the Old Dean Bowling Club in the late 60's as a young child with my two sisters and our parents, my father had taken up bowls, so we were dragged along for the day out.

My mum did not start playing until the early 70's and I followed suite at the age of 12 in 1975 after catching the bowling bug. I, along with my parents enjoyed many great years of bowling for this fantastic community club, my father accepted roles on the main committee and spent many years as chairman and President, he was very proud to do so. I spent a few years on the committee as vice-captain and captain.

My father gave a lot of his time to developing the club and in 1982/3 was granted planning permission to extend the club to what it is today. Between 1970 and 2000 the club had a very strong membership and thrived, successfully winning Surrey County and national titles, along with Aldershot and District and West Surrey titles and a few external open competitions. He along with some of the other older members spent a lot of time encouraging younger members including myself to play and taught us about respect for others, teamwork and giving us a fair but competitive edge.

I stopped playing in 1997 due to work commitments and only last year found working at the House of Commons gave me a greater work/life balance so was able to start playing again, there are still a few members there from the past and it was like a home coming for me. Although the club went through a lean spell, they have been thriving in recent years with some younger players coming through winning even more Surrey championships and going to national finals representing Surrey and the local area. I was proud to see what they have achieved with a smaller number of bowlers.

The club has continued to support younger bowlers and we have a whole new crop coming through now, it would be sad to see that taken away from them when there is little else on the Old Dean to keep them entertained.

The club has built a fantastic reputation around the bowling community over the years for producing strong competitive teams, we have one of the best greens in Surrey, other teams love coming here to play us we do not want to lose that. Many bowling clubs have disappeared over the last few years, I truly hope the Old Dean Bowling Club does not add to that sad statistic.

We are now around halfway into the bowls season with lots of players still in competitions and seeking to add further honours to the club wall, it would be a great shame and heart

breaking to see that swept from under their feet when none of them had any involvement in the incident that has brought us here.

Although I am not currently part of the committee having only recently returned to bowls, I have offered my services to help where needed and set in place a management team that will be able to take the club forward and set exemplary standards to be met, complying with any requirements laid down to us where feasibly possible.

We have some ladies, Jean, and Pat, both now widowers who have served the club relentlessly for over 35 years, they do our teas on league nights, the clubs that come here year after year know them personally, they come over most night to support the players in competitions, they would have nothing left if the club was forced to close.

The same would apply to quite a few of our elder members, they would have nowhere to go, they are too old to travel down to the town to sit in loud pubs with the younger fraternity, they still enjoy the usual peacefulness the club gives them.

I, along with all the other members I am sure will work hard to ensure we have a club to be proud of and one that, if allowed to survive, will stand up to any scrutiny. It is with deep sadness that I find myself having to write a plea of leniency to yourselves but at the same time I strongly support my club and want to do what I can to help us survive.

If you choose to suspend the licence for the club for any period, I fear there is no coming back. Every one's work over many years will be lost and it will be a sad day for the community and especially for all the Old Dean Bowling Club members past and present.

Please give us a chance to put this right.

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Mr & Mrs P Rimmer

Dear Licensing Officer, P Barnshaw,

We are writing to you regarding the review notice put up on and around The Old Dean Bowling club and the possible review of its license. As residents who have lived opposite the club for over 22 years, we have never had any concerns with the club's operation. We are also members of the club, and our family regularly attends the club.

We understand that there have been a few issues recently, which has affected the club and brought up the review of the club's license. After an EGM was held at the club by The Committee, we would like to say that the Committee are very committed to rectifying any past mistakes made to ensure that the club continues to serve our community, members and victors safely and in accordance with our licence.

The Old Dean Bowling Club serves as an essential social hub for many residents in the area, and it provides an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy leisure activities.

We would like to request that you review the club's license with a view to finding a solution that satisfies all parties involved. We believe that it is possible to address any issues that may have arisen while still allowing the club to continue to serve the community.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter and hope that you will take our letter into consideration.

Yours Sincerely
Heidi and Phil Rimmer

Dear P Barnshaw,

I am writing on behalf of Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23 as a member. I moved to the Old Dean from Liverpool in 1990 and first came into the club when I was 11 years old as my new friend's families were all members and one friend her nan ran the bar. I was made to feel welcome, and it helped me make now my lifelong friends and have a great sense of community. Over the years I have played bowls and darts for the club and feel I very proud of the achievements the whole club has gone to on to accomplish.

My children as well as lots of other children on our estate have attended the many of functions over the years from Easter Egg hunts, treasure hunts, Halloween parties and Christmas parties to name a few. We also have one of the youngest bowls teams in the country as we encourage our children to participate in friendly games. My Children are now grown up and I now have the pleasure of bringing my granddaughter to our club to enjoy the many good qualities the club has to offer to our community. I can assure you that I would not bring my children and grandchildren into the club if it was not safe.

I understand your concerns following the incident that occurred and with emergency responders being hurt, is just not acceptable no one should go to work to be hurt.

I feel that to judge the whole of our community and Club members on this one incident without looking at the whole facts will be detrimental to our community. A new member did book that party but deceived the committee into believing it was booked for their party and in fact it was booked for a person who does not even live on our estate, and they also do not attend our club socially or for sporting events. Unfortunately, lessons must be learnt, every event we usually host at our club is for members and when members book events such as funerals, birthday parties , bowling events every member usually attends as we are such a small community and generations of families from the estate tend to all know each other, this particular party only a small amount of our regular members were in attendance and were not invited guest, they was just using our club as they always do most weekend for social drinks, meeting up with friends and family. Our members were set upon by unknown people not connected with our club or our community.

I feel to take away the licence from the club only effects our community and club members and the main instigators of this major incident get to go back to their own communities and local clubs with no repercussions for future generations, if you were to also suspend the licence this would only put the club in financial difficulty and it would have to close anyway, we have still not financially recovered from having to close during the pandemic.

My Concerns would also be for our ageing members were would they go? Some of our members are well in to their 80s and rely on the club for social support and exercise and I know they would become socially isolated. Younger members would go into Camberley Town Centre to socialise putting pressure on other licence premises, and let's face it Camberley isn't without its problems already, having witnessed this first hand personally.

Our club house is a symbol of the community, we have a white building it has never been vandalised, you don't and won't see any graffiti, children in the park use it as safe space, many of times our members have helped hurt children, put plasters on cuts and bruises, called parents for children, let them use the toilets, and charge phones.

We have had an EGM at the club recently and committee have acknowledged the mistakes that have been made regarding our licence, resulting in Chairman resigning. I put my trust in the remaining committee members and club members to follow the rules and licence that we hold.

Thank you for your consideration

Kind Regards

Andrea Rimmer

Dear Mrs. P. Barnshaw

I am writing to you today to ask you to please allow the club to keep their licence as a member of the club I would be upset to see it close as I have been going there for many years and enjoy meeting many friends which I have made there over the years. I have never

seen or been there when anybody has caused any trouble. The club is the only place I feel safe to walk into on my own. I would miss the club if you decide to take the licence away.
Yours sincerely Mary Hughes

To: SHBC Licensing

The recent events that have caused the Police to request a review of the Old Dean Bowling Club's Licence were extremely serious and the result of admitting a group of non-members to the premises together with a failure to exert proper control over the premises. In similar circumstances for a more commercially based establishment I would not be writing to you.

However, I am writing in support of the Bowling Club retaining its license because of the very critical role the club plays in Old Dean as an area of Social Deprivation to support community cohesion. The Bowling Club is the local communities only real meeting place and many of the members are above pensionable age and most unlikely to cause problems. Without the income from operating a bar the Club would almost certainly cease operations altogether. The Bowling Club also provides an important venue for events such as NHS Living Well Education Sessions and has been used by SHBC for Community Consultations. Some significant steps have been taken to ensure there is no recurrence of the unfortunate events, the person previously in charge has resigned and been replaced and those involved in the running of the club are all too aware of the need to exercise proper control now and in the future.

Best Regards

Trefor Hogg

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this email to show my support for the Old Dean Bowling Club and its future. This club is like a hub for the estate, a community centre and one big family. If it were not for this club, myself and many more would have never have started bowls, and made so many wonderful friends and memories. Many people depend upon this club, rely on being able to walk in and see a friendly face, have a conversation, watch a game of bowls or a drink in the sun, whatever it may be.

Unfortunately through poor decisions on certain individuals parts, we are now in this position with our license. I plea to you that you allow our club to continue and function as normal, as the right changes are being made internally. If the club loses its licence, it quite simply will not survive and so many people's lives will be affected by this.

Old Dean Bowling Club has a fantastic history and reputation within the bowls community for its strength and friendliness. In recent years our club has re-established itself as a force within Surrey. We want to continue to build on the history in a positive way.

Kind regards

Connor Hayes

To whom it may concern

Hi there I'm contacting with regards to licensing of the old dean bowls club

I joined this club to get bit more exercise and to get myself out of house and socialise a bit more and wish I had done so sooner I'm always made welcome and there really are some good people there

I'm a disabled ex veteran who doesn't get out much but I do enjoy going up there and watching or playing bowls i myself don't drink but believe the loss of license would make it hard for club to be viable financially without this income

And not only do the bowls get people out and get together they also do days for community and in evenings too

I know they didn't follow the guidelines and rules set out but these matters have been addressed so will not be a problem in future

I believe it was people from outside of area and non members that caused the trouble I myself can honestly say I've never seen any trouble up there

In these times of government cutbacks and cost of living and everything else that is making people's lot harder the club offers friendship and a community spirit which would be sorely missed not only by myself the whole community and visiting teams who get spoiled by Wendy and team in the kitchen

So I would be grateful if you would take all this into consideration before making a decision

Kind regards

George Rance

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today over my concern of the old dean bowling club's licence being in jeopardy.

The bowling club has been a big part of mine and my families life, so much so that my deceased grandfather was actually one of the foundering members, his name can be found engraved in the attic area. He and other members made the the bowling club what it is today.

His name, pictures, trophies and pin badges can be found all around the club house. He and my grandmother spend a majority of their time here either playing bowls or maintaining the place. My gran use to cook for the bowlers and help out where she could.

This inevitably went on to their children ie: my mother and uncles frequently using the club and also playing bowls too. My uncle still bowls to this day.

As tradition followed, my mother and father then took me my sister and brothers to the

club as youngsters to watch bowls and a place of socialising with other members alike. So needless to say I have known lots of past and present member.

I have been a member for many many years and feel a piece of my heart belongs to the place. My brother is a well established bowler there at present, so my family still go over to support and watch him.

My father and mother are currently hold a life time membership for the years that they have been going in there and for their support.

I myself have committed a lot of time and effort to the club when I was on the committee years ago, we have always tried to keep the place a good staple establishment.

We have done lots of fundraising over the years for local charities and always tried to give back to others; with success I may add!

The club still do a few yearly events/bowls tournaments for charity. These fun days are popular amongst us as a club ,as they are memorial days for deceased players.

I spend a majority of my socialising time in the bowling club as I have friends and family that use the place daily. I on average go there at least 3 times a week to see everyone.

My father is 76 now and is retired! He go's to the bowling club mostly at the weekends as it's across the road from his house. This is his chance to get out of the house and spend time with his peers. He needs this place to stay going as it's all he has ever really know!

He does not like going to town as it's a much younger crowd and music is not his style lol.

This would also mean he would need transport to and from camberley, which as a pensioner he doesn't want the added expense and nor can afford.

I can't express enough though this email how detrimental this would be to myself, my family and the other members of the bowling club. We have alway held pride in the club, based on its loyalty and integrity!

There has VERY ,VERY rarely been any trouble in this establishment over the years as we are a small community and and hold it dear to our hearts!

I urge you to please take in to account everything I have said above and not let the mistakes made by few, penalise the majority as there really is no justice in that and I would find that very unfair, bias, cruel and unwarranted!

We are not "just a bowling club" ... we are a family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

I pray for a good outcome.

Yours faithfully,
Donna Kavanagh.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing regarding the written notice served upon the Old Dean Bowling club in respect of its license review.

Background

A little background on me. My name is Amy Taylor, I'm 31 years old and have been a member of the Old Dean Bowling in my own right since 2005. My family have been members for over 40 years and I have grown up around the club. I have been a bowling member since I was 13 years old and am currently a social member whilst I raise my small children.

My history with the club doesn't just relate to the bowls and social aspects. In 2011-2012 I was volunteer treasurer for the club and in 2017-2018 I assisted with their submission of VAT returns and preparation of their financial accounts, including bookkeeping as I am a qualified accountant.

Bowls

The Old Dean Bowling club is first and foremost a bowls club. The outdoor bowls season runs from April to September each year. The club has a highly competitive and successful squad, with individuals and teams within the club having won many competitions in the county over the decades. Many members of the club have had the opportunity to play in Leamington where finals are held for the winners of the county competitions, this is a prestigious location for bowlers and the Old Dean have often been represented there.

Several of our members have earned their Surrey badges.

It is a respected and renowned bowls club for its high skilled bowlers. It also offers internal competitions and the club participates in leagues (particularly the Aldershot & District league where games are played weekly throughout the season). The club is invited to competitions within the county such as the 'Top Ten'.

To lose this club on a bowls front would be terrible for the bowling community across the county and even the country.

Social

Alongside its bowls, the club also offers a social calendar. It is open all year round, and during the winter months, it submits a team into Pool and Darts leagues played against other clubs around the area. There is a weekly quiz night and bingo night. And the club offers a place for people to go to celebrate Christmas/New Years/Halloween etc.

The club is a place that welcomes individuals, couples and families. I have always loved coming to the club as a child, as a young adult and now as a mother. It is because my family being so welcomed at this club, that I then became a bowler at a young age. It encourages young people into a social sport.

I held my 25th Birthday at this club a few years ago. My friends and family were welcomed and we all had a wonderful time.

Committee and Staff

Having attended committee meetings as my time as a treasurer and attending AGMs over the years as a member and at one time as the accountant. I can honestly say the current committee are made up of people with decades of experience in bowls and who have familiarity and love for the club.

They are dedicated and loyal. I understand the issues that have been faced recently having attended the EGM on Sunday 4th June. I believe the Chairman Chris Dick as understandably resigned and I have full trust in the representatives that remain that the issues will be dealt with appropriately and I know they have the clubs' best interests at heart.

The current bar staff are also loyal long-standing members. And actually over the many years I have been associated with the club, I have seen them provide opportunities to train young people in order for them to learn a new skill (always above 18, I can think of a specific example when a members daughter turned 18, they trained her so she had a new skill and she enjoyed being involved as she is another person who's family are like mine and have grown up with the club).

I have actually witnessed the bar staff turn away some young lads clearly under age. And I have also witnessed the bar staff turn people away if they think they have had too much to drink (this isn't often, as from my experience the people who come to the club know their limits and are there to enjoy the atmosphere and the socialising with their friends and family).

Summary

I believe it would be a detriment to the community to revoke the license to this club. It is a hub where not only bowlers go, but families go to socialise. The opportunities for an inclusive family social environment like this are waning. I feel like true family social clubs are getting fewer.

I am a bowler and the Old Dean Bowls club bowlers are the best in the county. To lose this club would be devastating.

I believe the current committee have what it takes to turn it around and fix what's broken and lead the club to a brighter future.

Yours Sincerely,

Amy Taylor

Dear Sir/Madam

Regarding the written notice served upon the Old Dean Bowling Club. Can I as reputable very good character Dissagree with the proposed action on the premises.we love walking round there on nice afternoons on weekends when we can to support the local area and club.

I myself and my family relocated to the old Dean from Yorkshire, it did take me a few months to become a member of the club. Upon that happening I and my family have been made so welcome by all the committee and I would think 90% of the members who I now play bowls and pool for the club I did try darts but not to be.

Regarding the fracas I have been a member for almost 2 years and this is my first Knowledge of any trouble in there. Hopefully the conditions will be met and we keep our fantastic little club open for us and our kids not be spoilt by a minority of wrong uns!

David Foster

Date: 15 June 2023

From: C Turner (Club Secretary) on behalf of the Committee of Old Dean Bowling Club (ODBC)

To: Licensing
Surrey Heath Borough Council
Surrey Heath House
Knoll Rd
Camberley
GU15 3HD

This is in response to the Application for Review of Club Premises Certificate held in respect of:-

Old Dean Bowling Club
Old Dean Recreation Ground
Wimbledon Road
Camberley
Surrey
GU15 4AY

REF NO: LA CLUB/002/23

Review

The ODBC recognises the seriousness of the violent incident that occurred on Friday 14th April 2023 at the Club and apologies unreservedly to those injured and to the Police and Ambulance service who had to deal with the situation.

We believe that the violence that occurred at the party in question, was initiated by non-members intent on causing trouble, however we fully accept our failings and responsibilities under Club Rules and the terms of the Club Premises Certificate.

We acknowledge that our Chairman, Mr Chris Dick was advised in September 2022, that we would require a Premises Licence if we wished to hold private parties and allow non-members into the Club. The Committee at that time was aware that our Chairman had been advised of this requirement and expected this to be actioned. The application to change our licence was not submitted and the Committee failed to check that this had been done.

Actions and Control Measures taken to date

- a) The Club Chairman, Mr Chris Dick has resigned
- b) The Committee member responsible for bookings is no longer in post.
- c) Party/Function Applications are refused pending the outcome of the Application for Review
- d) The non-member signing-in book has been re-established
- e) A revised role for the Bar Supervisor to improve the function of the bar

Future Proposed Operation and Actions

The Club currently operates under a Club Premises Certificate (CPC) and:-

- a) the Club Constitution
- b) Club Rules
- c) Club Code of Conduct

In the short term the Club proposes to continue with a Club Premises Certificate but to be supported by 2 Committee members obtaining Personal Licenses through CPD approved training. The Club will then look to apply for a Premises License within 1-2 years.

The Club recognises its responsibilities to uphold the four licensing objectives and plans to introduce and gain approval for Club Rules changes by the 31st July through a Special General Meeting. Likewise Bar staff training and Personal Licence applications will be completed by the 31st July.

Proposed Rule Changes (Current Rules appended)

This includes deletion of Clauses 6.2, 7.1, 8.0 and amendments of Clauses 6.1 to (g) below and 7.4 of the current Rules. Rule change additions include:-

a) The Club will publish an age verification policy and all staff involved in the supply of alcohol will be trained to implement it. "Challenge 25" posters will be prominently displayed.

b) All bar staff will be required to successfully complete a CPD approved on-line Bar Staff Training Course that includes the following elements:-

- bi) The Licensing Act and its aims
- bii) Age Verification Process
- biii) Best Practice Working

Training will be ongoing and training records will be signed off by one of the Committee members holding a Personal License.

c) Members are required to produce their Membership card to purchase alcohol at the bar and will not be served unless they do so.

d) A member may invite up to 2 non-members into the Club by signing the non-member(s) into the guest signing-in book. Should the member leave the Club the signed-in guest(s) will also be required to leave.

e) A member wishing to invite more than 2 non-members to the Club shall provide a list of names to the Club Secretary at least 48 hours before the proposed attendance for approval or otherwise. If approval is given the inviting member shall supervise door entry of the listed non-members into the Club.

f) A member wishing to hold a function at the Club shall complete the designated "Application for Function Approval Form" and submit it to the Club Secretary for consideration by the Committee. Approval requires the agreement of one of the Committee members with a Personal License and one other Committee member.

g) Non-member function applications will not be accepted.

h) Groups and teams attending bowls, pool, darts, crib matches will be regarded as non-playing guests and will not be required to be individually signed in. They may use the Club facilities as the event dictates and will be required to comply with the Rules of the Club and requests from Officers.

i) The Club Premises Certificate allows:-

ii) the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of the Club to, or to the order of, a member of the Club or

iii) the sale by retail of alcohol by or on behalf of the Club to a guest of a member of the Club for consumption on Club premises.

The Club will undertake to include and adopt into Club Rules any conditions attached to the Club Licence that are agreed by the Club with the Licensing Authority in respect of the four licensing objectives.

Benefits of the Club remaining operational

a) The Club has been a community resource for nearly 60 years providing sporting activity and a meeting point for members and their families. On bowling event days local people can try bowling bringing the community together.

b) Bowls is a community sport and the health benefits of playing bowls are well documented:-

i) Improves vascular health

ii) Promotes Independence and functional ability

iii) Helps improve Cognitive Health

iv) Helps improve mood, social relationships


c) The Club is affiliated to Bowls England and is a well-regarded member of Bowls Surrey, West Surrey Bowling Association and the Aldershot and District Bowling Association. It hosts members of over 50 clubs from West Surrey and North East Hampshire, providing a great venue for sporting activity and socialising. The Club has an impressive record in the League and County competitions in which it competes. The Club plays in a Top Ten League which is by invitation to Clubs which are highly regarded. The Club won the Aldershot and District Premier League in 2022.

d) In addition to outdoor bowling which of course is a summer activity, the Club also has teams playing in Pool, Crib and Darts Leagues during the winter around the local area.

The Impact of a Club Premises Certificate Revoked or Suspended

It is recognised that the loss of the Club Premises Certificate does not of itself prevent bowling activities or any activities within the Club, which do not involve the selling of alcohol. However without the income from the bar sales and associated revenue from raffles, gaming machines, the Club is financially unsustainable and so if the License is revoked the Club will close.

For the year ending September 2022 the bar sales accounted for around 80% of total Club income of £137K. Club Reserves of around £1K are negligible. The Club's ongoing base operational costs including, green maintenance, loan repayments, professional fees, utilities, insurance etc are around £3K per month. Clearly these costs would need to be covered to avoid financial difficulties, in the event that the Club Premises Certificate is suspended for a period of time. The Club would then need to look to its membership and possibly other sources of funding to sustain the Club for the period of the Club Premises Certificate suspension.

	Signed	Name	Date
Club Secretary		C.R Turner	15 June 2023

OLD DEAN BOWLING CLUB

RULES

1. Introduction to the Rules

1.1 The rules are made by the Management Committee under the Constitution of the Club and are to be construed and implemented in accordance with the text and spirit of that Constitution.

1.2. The Rules in force at any time (and any amendments that have been made by the Committee but not yet in force) shall be displayed prominently in the Clubhouse for Members to see: They may be amended from time to time by the Committee subject to due process defined in Clause 1.3 below.

1.3. The Committee shall undertake due consultation before notifying the Members of any amendments to the Rules; any such amendments shall be operative no sooner than one calendar month after the meeting of the Committee, at which they were agreed **unless** a majority of members object to the proposed amendment(s) by writing to the Secretary, in which case a General Meeting shall be called, within two months of the notification to Members of the proposed amendment(s), to make a ruling.

1.4. A Member with the support of at least two other Members may make proposals to amend the Rules, in writing to the Secretary, for consideration by the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall respond to the proposal(s) in writing within six weeks of receipt of the proposal. If the Proposers are dissatisfied with the response then they may request a General Meeting to consider the proposal in accordance with the Conduct of all General Meetings.

1.5 In the event of any dispute about the interpretation of these Rules, the matter shall be decided by the Management Committee, subject to a ruling by the General Meeting of the Club.

2. Rules of Play

2.1 The suitability of the green for play is a decision for the Greenkeeper.

2.2 The green shall normally be available for play from 2pm Monday to Friday except between 16:30 and 18:00 and from 10.00 Saturday and Sunday. The Greenkeeper is authorised to approve usage of the green outside of these times where circumstances require it.

2.3 A rink can only be booked by making a written entry in the Rink Book. Members playing National, County, Association, District Competition games will take precedence in that order and they may reserve up to two rinks.

2.4. Unless stated otherwise, play shall be in accordance with Bowls England Regulations

2.5 When any Club fixture is being played, the players shall be under the control of the Club Captain or in his/her absence a nominated Vice-Captain

2.6 The Club Captain or any member of the Committee has the power to warn anyone playing in such a manner as to damage the green, to modify their play, or failing this, to leave the green. In the case of a visiting player, the usual courtesy of discussing and advising the problem with the visiting Captain should be observed.

3. Dress Code

3.1 The dress code is only applicable to Members whilst playing, Club competition, League and district competitions and representing the Club at home or away.

3.2 The Committee shall approve the style and colour of Club shirts, fleeces and other bowls apparel.

3.3. Unless otherwise specified, grey trousers or shorts, or white for Club Finals or where required by the competition rules along with Club approved shirts and fleeces shall be worn. Waterproofs shall be white or predominantly white bowls approved.

3.4. There is no dress code for roll ups except pertaining to footwear Clause 3.5

3.5 Flat soled bowling shoes shall be worn at all times.

4. Matches and Team Selection

4.1 Members are required to make their availability for League and other fixtures known to the Club Captain or in his absence the Vice-Captain by completing the documentation provided and posted in the Clubhouse OR by phone, text or social media.

4.2 Selection for matches should be notified to Members by posting the team selected in the Clubhouse and by text or social media as soon as possible after selection and at least 48 hours before the game.

5. Club Competitions

5.1 The following Competitions will be played annually:-

Men's Club Championship

Mixed Pairs

Open Club Championship

Handicap (singles)

Novices (singles)
Men's 2 wood
Men's Under 35 (singles)
Men's Over 55 (singles)
Ladies Championship (singles)

5.2 Entries for Club Competitions shall be made within 14 days of the opening of the green. A date for the draw of the Club Competitions shall be announced at the commencement of the season. The draw, carried out by the Club Captain or his nominated Vice-Captain, shall take place as soon as possible after the closing date for entries, on Club premises and may be witnessed by any Members who wish to be present.

5.3. The preliminary or first round of all Club Competitions shall be completed by the 31st May. Failure to do so may result in a bye or disqualification at the discretion of the Captain subject to circumstances.

5.4 Entering a Club Competition constitutes a commitment to be available for the Finals weekend which will be defined on the entry form. The order of play on the Finals weekend will be decided by the Captain and no deviations except for an unplayable green or a Member being required to play for Country or County will be accommodated.

5.5 Members should not enter the Men's Club Championship unless they are prepared to represent the Club in all external Champion of Champion Competitions

5.6 In Pairs competitions, under exceptional circumstances and subject to the Club Captain's agreement, one substitute may be permitted per pair for the rest of the Competition. The substitute must not be due to play, or already have played in the Competition.

5.7 Any Complaints, or Disputes arising from the application of the Club Competition Rules will be considered in a timely manner firstly by the Captain and if this fails to resolve the dispute by the Management Committee, whose decision is final.

6. Visitors

6.1 Groups, teams and their supporters attending for matches or at the invitation of the Management Committee, or Club Captain will be regarded as non-paying guests. They may use the facilities of the Club as the event dictates and will be required to comply with the Rules of the Club and requests from Officers.

6.2 With the agreement of the Management Committee, Groups or individuals may hire the facilities of the Club and use the facilities in accordance with the Hire Agreement.

7. Bar

7.1 As holders of a Premises Licence, the Club is authorised to sell intoxicating liquor to Members and guests that have reached the age of eighteen, for the consumption on the premises. In addition adult Members may purchase such goods for consumption off the premises.

7.2 Members and guests shall not purchase alcohol for Members or guests under the age of eighteen.

7.3 The management of the bar, opening hours and policy will be subject to the rules drawn up by the Club Management Committee from time to time. The bar opening hours will be in compliance with those legally permitted by the Licencing laws.

7.4 The Management Committee are empowered to employ whatever staff deemed necessary on any basis consistent with employment law to operate the bar. The Bar Manager will advise the Management Committee on pricing commensurate with making an appropriate profit.

8. Hiring of the Clubhouse

The Management Committee may arrange to let the clubhouse and/or green to individuals, groups or organisations subject to the signing of a Hire Agreement. Members will be made aware of any hire arrangements that may impact on their use of any of the facilities at the Club.

Paragraph 11.1 – The proceedings set out in the 2003 Act for reviewing premises licences and club premises certificates represent a key protection for the community where problems associated with the licensing objectives occur after the grant or variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate.

Paragraph 11.2 - At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate, a responsible authority, or any other person, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence or certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.

Paragraph 11.10 - Where authorised persons and responsible authorities have concerns about problems identified at premises, it is good practice for them to give licence holders early warning of their concerns and the need for improvement, and where possible they should advise the licence or certificate holder of the steps they need to take to address those concerns. A failure by the holder to respond to such warnings is expected to lead to a decision to apply for a review. Co-operation at a local level in promoting the licensing objectives should be encouraged and reviews should not be used to undermine this co- operation.

Paragraph 11.16 - The 2003 Act provides a range of powers for the licensing authority which it may exercise on determining a review where it considers them appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

In reaching a decision upon a review application, the guidance offers assistance to the licensing authority as follows:

Paragraph 11.17 - The licensing authority may decide that the review does not require it to take any further steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent a licensing authority issuing an informal warning to the licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular period of time. It is expected that licensing authorities will regard such informal warnings as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted and that warnings should be issued in writing to the licence holder.

Paragraph 11.18 - However, where responsible authorities such as the police or environmental health officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate. Similarly, licensing authorities may take into account any civil immigration penalties which a licence holder has been required to pay for employing an illegal worker.

Paragraph 11.19 - Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times;
- exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption);

- remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management;
- suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- revoke the licence.

Paragraph 11.20 - In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.

Paragraph 11.21 - For example, licensing authorities should be alive to the possibility that the removal and replacement of the designated premises supervisor may be sufficient to remedy a problem where the cause of the identified problem directly relates to poor management decisions made by that individual.

Paragraph 11.22 - Equally, it may emerge that poor management is a direct reflection of poor company practice or policy and the mere removal of the designated premises supervisor may be an inadequate response to the problems presented. Indeed, where subsequent review hearings are generated, it should be rare merely to remove a succession of designated premises supervisors as this would be a clear indication of deeper problems that impact upon the licensing objectives.

Paragraph 11.23 - Licensing authorities should also note that modifications of conditions and exclusions of licensable activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months. Temporary changes or suspension of the licence for up to three months could impact on the business holding the licence financially and would only be expected to be pursued as an appropriate means of promoting the licensing objectives or preventing illegal working. So, for instance, a licence could be suspended for a weekend as a means of deterring the holder from allowing the problems that gave rise to the review to happen again. However, it will always be important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from a licensing authority's decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives and for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. But where premises are found to be trading irresponsibly, the licensing authority should not hesitate, where appropriate to do so, to take tough action to tackle the problems at the premises and, where other measures are deemed insufficient, to revoke the licence.