

Rapinder Kaur Kler

From: Joe Holding
Sent: 24 October 2023 10:46
To: Licencing
Cc: PHBusinessSupport; Paulette Myers; Nadia Inglis
Subject: RE: New Premise Licence application - Rushall Olympic Football Club

Categories: Ruby

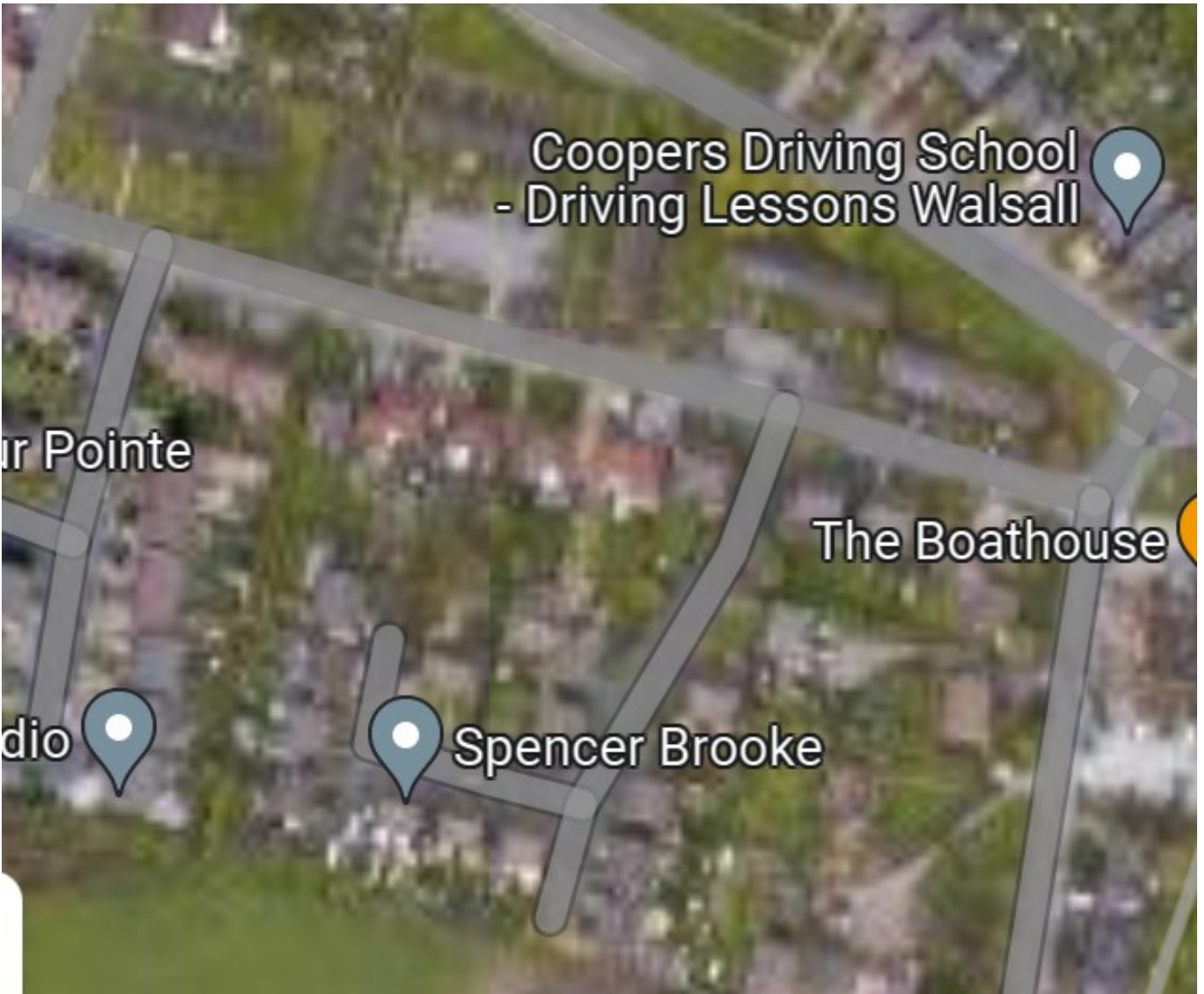
Dear Licencing,

Public Health are objecting to the license application on the following grounds:

- Previous boxing event at Walsall Town Hall in October 2017 led to a fatality. There was trouble at the boxing event amongst spectators and this continued outside the venue (see press release below).

[Reagan Asbury killer jailed for 14 years over Walsall knife attack | Express & Star \(expressandstar.com\)](https://www.expressandstar.com/news/2017/10/14/reagan-asbury-killer-jailed-for-14-years-over-walsall-knife-attack/)

- Rushall Olympic Football Club is near to residential housing (see google map of site below). Any violence that breaks out will potentially be in view (especially as the proposal is for outdoor boxing and kickboxing) of local residents, including children and young people. Exposing children and young people to traumatic events, such as violence, is upsetting and it can have negative consequences (e.g., problems with sleeping and concentration at school).
- Residents (with children) may deem outdoor boxing matches visible to children (from nearby homes and outside of the venue) as unacceptable.
- The operating schedule provides little detail (and therefore no assurance) on how a boxing event with the sale of alcohol would be managed safely and securely.
- The Licence application is incomplete, so it is not possible to fully review the proposed activities. For example, there is no description of the type of entertainment that will be provided under Section 13 (Live Music, Recorded Music, or Performances of Dance).



Regards

Joe Holding
Senior Public Health Development Manager
Walsall Council



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From: Kulvinder Kaur  **On Behalf Of** PHBusinessSupport

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:10 AM

To: Joe Holding [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: New Premise Licence application - Rushall Olympic Football Club

Good morning

Please see attached docs and email below for review and response. Please respond directly to licensing and cc PHBusinessSupport by 25 October.

Kindest regards

Kulvinder Kaur
PA to Nadia Inglis, Interim Director of Public Health
PA to Shaun Darcy, Director of Finance, Corporate Landlord and Performance
Walsall Council
[REDACTED]



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From: Rapinder Kaur Kler [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Licensing

Sent: 27 September 2023 16:03

To: Tammy Walker [REDACTED]; ISD Alcohol Licensing [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Subject: New Premise Licence application - Rushall Olympic Football Club

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a New premises licence application received today for **Rushall Olympic Football Club, Dales Lane, Rushall, Walsall, WS9 0JX.**

Last day for representations is **25 October 2023.**

Please let me know if you require any further information and I will be pleased to assist.

Kind regards

Rapinder Kaur Kler (Ruby)
Licensing Officer
Walsall Council
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From: Ian Rushton [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2023 11:30
To: Joe Holding
Cc: Licensing
Subject: Re: RUSHALL OLYMPIC FC - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION
Attachments: Operating Schedule 25th October 2023 Final version.docx

Importance: High

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Hi Joe

Thaks for your email

There is a slight amendment to the operating schedule at the request of the Council - updated copy attached

Under boxing events (in terms of the risk assessment) - it now just refers to 'Walsall Council' instead of the 'Licensing Authority/Community Protection'.

I have cc'd this correspondence to Licensing and would be grateful if you would confirm your agreement and, as a result, that you withdraw your representation.

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton
JL Licensing

From: Joe Holding [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2023 10:02
To: Ian Rushton [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RUSHALL OLYMPIC FC - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

Hi Ian,

I've spoken to colleagues. The additional information you sent is really helpful and provides us with greater assurance to mitigate against the potential issues raised in our original representation (of which you have seen a copy). Therefore, Public Health no longer object to the licence application, subject to having sight of and informing (if necessary) the risk assessment (e.g., ensuring that boxing is not in view of local residents) referred to in the operating schedule (sent on Wednesday 25th October).

The risk assessment was referred to in the below paragraph;

"Licensable activities that fall into the category of the provision of boxing or wrestling entertainments will require a full written risk assessment which must be supplied to Walsall Police, the Licensing Authority and Consumer

Protection no later than 28 days prior to the event. These risk assessments are to be agreed with Walsall Police, the Licensing Authority and Community Protection”

Regards

Joe Holding

Senior Public Health Development Manager
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From: Ian Rushton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:18 PM
To: Joe Holding [redacted]
Subject: Re: RUSHALL OLYMPIC FC - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

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Hi Joe

Ok thanks, hopefully we can resolve this matter without the need for a Hearing of the Licensing Sub Committee

I should have also said that there are no other representations from any of the other Responsible Authorities such as the Licensing Authority, Trading Standards, Community Safety, Planning and Childrens Services.

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton
JL Licensing

From: Joe Holding [redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2023 17:30
To: Ian Rushton [redacted]
Subject: RE: RUSHALL OLYMPIC FC - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

Hi Ian,

Thanks for the information – really helpful. Just need to discuss with colleagues and will come back to you.

Regards

Joe Holding

Senior Public Health Development Manager
Walsall Council

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From: Ian Rushton [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:26 PM
To: Joe Holding [redacted]
Cc: Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: RUSHALL OLYMPIC FC - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION
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Hi Joe

The Licensing Authority have sent me a copy of your representation in respect of the above application and I thought it would be useful to contact you to discuss this matter.

I tried to call you earlier today on your mobile but didn't manage to catch you.

Just a bit of background about the club and the reason for the application.

Rushall Olympic FC has been established here since the late 1890's and is an important and valuable asset to the local community. The club is extremely active in the local community promoting and developing youth and various inclusive activities. The senior team currently play in the Vanarama National League North, the 6th tier of the English Football League system.

The club is currently licensed, and has been for many years, operating under a Club Premises Certificate. They have also recently utilised a number of temporary licences recently - without any problems.

This new Premises Licence application is to enable the club to operate, moving forward, to its full capacity and potential in a safe, legal and compliant fashion. Prior to submitting the application, a meeting was held

between club officials and Officers from the Council (Licensing and Community Protection) and West Midlands Police. This meeting was really helpful and positive.

For your information, the club has a Management Committee consisting of the Chairman (John Allen), a Vice-Chairman (Nick Allen), the Club President, and other roles including a Football Secretary, Stadium Manager and the Club Welfare Officer. The licence holder would be the Management Committee, and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) would be the current Events Manager.

The club has always committed to work in partnership with the various Authorities in keeping with the Licensing Act Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy. This will of course continue in the future.

Your representation relates mainly to the proposed boxing/wrestling part of the application. This concern was initially shared by West Midlands Police and I note that your comments replicate some of the comments raised by the Police.

I'm aware of the tragic death you refer to at a bout in Walsall. Obviously, I don't have all the facts about this particular matter - but you'll appreciate that this incident has no connection to this application and therefore cannot be a relevant consideration. Boxing is a popular activity/form of entertainment and it is provided safely in hundreds, probably thousands, of venues across the country. Boxing would of course been held successfully in Walsall since the incident of 2017.

During the 28-day consultation process, the Police and I have had regular ongoing dialogue and communication to seek to overcome any concerns. This mediation has resulted in a positive outcome and an agreement being made - with the Police being satisfied that the licence can be granted.

I attach a copy of the agreed Operating Schedule (licence conditions) for your consideration.

I would hope that this agreed set of conditions - which are detailed and comprehensive - will provide the necessary reassurance to Public Health about any proposed boxing/wrestling events. Also, please note that such events will not be held regularly and there are no plans to arrange boxing at any time in the near future, or further afield. It's just to provide the club with the utmost flexibility, moving forward (and similar to other licensed premises in Walsall).

Your representation also refers to the application not being complete in terms of providing details of the proposed activities such as live music, recorded music and performances of dance. The application has of

course been accepted as valid (complete) by Licensing. What information do you need? We would have been happy to have provided details over the last few weeks. In terms of the 3 activities you mention;

Live music - live musical performances/singing by various artistes, bands, (karaoke would also fall under this category);

Recorded music - playing recorded music by way of CD's, streaming music, jukebox;

Performances of dance - artistes/groups performing various types of dance.

I'm not sure I can really outline these activities any further but please let me know if you need anything else.

For information - and you may already be aware - some activities defined under regulated entertainment don't actually need to be licensed (between 8am and 11pm). For example, the Live Music Act 2012 removed the licensing requirements for live and recorded music in various scenarios, including premises authorised to sell alcohol under either a premises licence or club premises certificate.

I look forward to hearing from you and please contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton
JL Licensing

