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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Thursday 18th September 2025

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies

In attendance: Steve Mycroft, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Craig Heywood, Licensing Officer
Tahir Hanif, Legal Representative to the Panel
Joanne Cooper, Environmental Health Officer

38 Membership of the Panel

All Panel Members were in attendance.

**39 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

40 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

41 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were held in public session.

42 Deputations/Petitions

No deputation or petitions were received.

43 Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

44 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the Level, 47- 49 Station Road, Batley, WF17 5SU

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence, Level, 47 – 49 Station Road, Batley, WF17 5SU.

The Licensing Officer outlined the application, advising the Panel that on the 4th August 2025, the Licensing Department received an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence, Level, 47 – 49 Station Road, Batley, WF17 5SU. The premises

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had previously been licensed as a night club from the 3rd August 2005 to the 30th January 2013. There had been no issues or concerns reported or recorded during that time.

The premises had benefitted from several Temporary Event Notices (TEN's), one application per month from the 16th December 2023 to the 20th December 2024. The events took place between 2pm and midnight on each occasion, and no issues or concerns were reported or recorded.

The licensable activities applied for were as follows:

Sale of Alcohol (on the premises)

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

Performance of Dance

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

Films

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

Live Music

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Saturday	11pm to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	11pm to 2am the following day

Plays

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

Recorded Music

Monday to Saturday	9am to 3:30am the following day
Sunday	9am to 2am the following day

During the consultation period, a representation had been received from Kirklees Environmental Health Department, in relation to the following licensing objective not being met if the licence was granted:

- Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The representation highlighted concerns in relation to significant noise from customers using the premises, noise from amplified and non-amplified music and vibrations, which would impact on the four residential flats situated above the premises. The Environmental Health Officer suggested that should the licence be

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granted, the following recommendations be considered to try and reduce noise nuisance, which included:

- Notices displayed advising customers to enter and leave the premises quietly.
- The use of a sound limiter.
- Noise from amplified / non-amplified music to be non-audible in the four residential flats.

The applicants advised the Panel that they had consulted with local residents and had not received any objections, or complaints when they operated under Temporary Event Notice's. A sound test had been carried out which identified no noise leakage from the premises, and that sound levels met current legislation. The applicants were experienced in the industry; they had other successful establishments and were also knowledgeable in sound proofing.

The applicants advised the Panel that they did not intend to use the premises as a nightclub during the week but instead as a community space or place to hold events, which would be restricted to 11.30pm. A dispersion policy would be in place to help manage customers leaving the premises and other policies would evolve / be adapted once the premises was open, as required. The intention was to use the sub floor as the nightclub space which could accommodate around 150 people and close the upstairs section (which could hold 200 people) in order to help reduce the noise, but at a cost to the business. Regular noise checks would also be carried out.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel, in reaching its decision, had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

RESOLVED –

That the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of premises known as Level, 47 – 49 Station Road, Batley, WF17 5SU, be granted as applied for.

The reason for the decision was:

- That granting the licence as applied for, would not be inconsistent with the four licensing objectives.

The Panel acknowledged the concerns raised by Environmental Health in relation to noise nuisance and advised the applicants that should any noise complaints be raised, it could result in a review of the premises licence.

45 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the Full Variation of a Premises Licence, The Office, Fold Head Mills, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8BE

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Full Variation of a Premises Licence, The Office, Fold Head Mills, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8BE.

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The Licensing Officer outlined the application, advising the Panel that on the 6th August 2025, the Licensing Department received an application for the Full Variation of a Premises Licence, The Office, Fold Head Mills, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8BE. The venue had benefitted from a premises licence since the 16th November 2016, which included the following licensable activities:

Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises)

Monday – Wednesday	8am -11pm
Thursday	8am – midnight
Friday and Saturday	8am – 1am
Sunday	11am – 11pm

Live and Recorded Music (indoors)

Monday – Wednesday	8am -11pm
Thursday	8am – midnight
Friday and Saturday	8am – 1am
Sunday	11am – 11pm

Late Night Refreshments (both indoors and outdoors)

Thursday	11pm – midnight
Friday and Saturday	11pm – 1am

The application for a full variation was to increase the sale of alcohol, live and recorded music and late-night refreshments on a Friday and Saturday to 2am.

During the consultation period, representations were received from three Ward Councillors in relation to the following licensing objectives not been met if the variation was granted:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

No representations had been received from Responsible Authorities. The Licensing Department had received one complaint regarding the premises in November 2021 but there had been no further reported or recorded complaints.

The applicant's representative advised the Panel that the premises had been fully operational from 2020 following the pandemic. The applicant operated a tight establishment and always adhered to the licensing objectives. There had been no Police activity or involvement from the Licensing Department to indicate crime and disorder. The premises had operated under 60 Temporary Event Notices (TEN's) until 2am, equating to approximately 100 days, and there had been no issues or complaints raised. Security Industry Authority (SIA) doormen would be in operation on Fridays and Saturdays when the premises were open until 2am.

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Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel, in reaching its decision, had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

RESOLVED –

That the application for the full variation of a premises licence in respect of premises known as, The Office, Fold Head Mills, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8BE, be approved as requested.

The reasons for the decision were:

- That granting the variation to the premises licence, would not be inconsistent with the four licensing objectives.
- The premises has operated under 60 Temporary Event Notices until 2am, equating to approximately 100 days, without any issues or complaints being raised during that time.