



DECISION NOTICE

Date	9 th November 2016
Applicant	Woodcroft Holdings Limited
Reason for Hearing	<p>The Licensing Authority had received an application for a premises licence at Saswick House Farm, Roseacre Road, Roseacre.</p> <p>There had been representations from Treales, Roseacre and Wharles Parish Council and nearby residents (“Other Persons”) and as such meant that the Sub-Committee must determine the application.</p>
Parties in Attendance	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Councillor Neil Harvey - Convenor, Councillor Christine Akeroyd, Councillor Ray Thomas.</p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Rodger Wightman and Robin Atkinson from The Licensing Practice representing the applicant Woodcroft Holdings Limited</p> <p>Other Persons:</p> <p>Barry Warner</p>

The licensing authority has received an application for the grant of a premises licence at Saswick House Farm, Roseacre Road, Roseacre.

In considering the application, the panel had to consider whether granting the licence would promote the four licensing objectives which are:

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

Objections to the application had been received from Treales, Roseacre and Wharles Parish Council and from two nearby residents, defined as “other persons” by the Licensing Act. The objections concerned public safety and the potential for public nuisance.

This was the subject of the hearing this afternoon.

We heard from Barry Warner, one of the objectors, and from Rodger Wightman representing the applicant. Mr Wightman, on behalf of the applicant, withdrew the reference to live and recorded music from the application save for the exemption of New Years' Eve.

We thank the representatives for their help.

The panel were not satisfied that the objections put forward on the grounds of public safety fell within the remit of the licensing objectives, as they related to highway safety.

The licensing objective for public nuisance was engaged. We took into account the information put before us, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Having regard to the submissions that we heard, we felt that the potential issues and problems that had been described by the objectors were not supported by evidence that we could take account of. While we were satisfied that the concerns expressed by Mr Warner in particular were genuinely felt, we considered that they amounted to speculation at the present time and ought not to result in the licence being not granted. Naturally, the objectors would have the opportunity to seek a review of the licence if problems did arise.

Our decision is therefore as follows:

To grant the application for a premises licence at Saswick House Farm, Roseacre Road, Roseacre as applied for subject to the removal of reference to live and recorded music (other than for New Years' Eve) and the mandatory conditions and conditions that reflect the operating schedule.

That is our decision and we thank you for your assistance.