

## **TRAFFORD COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

#### **REPORT OF REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER (TRADING STANDARDS AND LICENSING)**

##### **REPORT REF. NO.**

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO HOLD A FIFTH CONCERT WITH A CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 5,000 IN A 28 DAY PERIOD

AND

APPROVAL FOR USE OF THE GREAT STONE ROAD ENTRANCE FOR HGV ACCESS RELATING TO THE PREMISES LICENCE HELD FOR LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB, TALBOT ROAD, OLD TRAFFORD

##### **PURPOSE**

The Sub-Committee is invited to consider a request from Lancashire County Cricket Club (LCCC) for written consent to hold a fifth concert, which has attracted a representation from the Council's Environmental Protection team.

The Sub-Committee is also invited to consider a request from LCCC for use of the Great Stone Road Entrance by heavy goods vehicles associated with the staging of the proposed concerts.

##### **OPTIONS**

###### Approval of fifth concert

The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the request from LCCC to hold a fifth concert in a 28 day period and either:

- Grant Permission for the fifth concert with the conditions recommended by the Environmental Protection team; or
- refuse permission

###### Approval for use of Great Stone Road Entrance

The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the request from LCCC for use of the Great Stone Road entrance for heavy goods vehicles associated with the staging of the proposed concerts and either:

- Grant permission for the use of the Great Stone Road entrance subject to the conditions recommended by the Environmental Protection team; or

- refuse permission.

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Background papers:

LCCC Premises Licence

Representation from the Environmental Protection team of Trafford Council

Email of request from Lancashire County Cricket Club

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In 2007 a Premises Licence was issued to Lancashire County Cricket Club (LCCC) for the whole Stadium which included regulated entertainment and pop concerts and allowed for an agreed number and type of events each year.
- 1.2 The conditions relating to maximum numbers of concerts were included to take into account noise limits detailed in the national “Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts” and the previous numbers, types and experience of concerts held at the Old Trafford Stadium.
- 1.3 The current licence imposes a range of specific conditions and in respect of pop concerts these are detailed below:

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Licensing Authority:

- No more than 7 days of outdoor concerts with a capacity of more than 5,000 ticket holders shall be held on the Licensed Premises in any calendar year.
- If in any calendar year 7 days of outdoor concerts with a capacity of more than 5,000 ticket holders are held on the Licensed Premises, no more than 5 days of concerts with a capacity of more than 5,000 ticket holders shall be held on the Licensed Premises in the next succeeding calendar year.
- Outdoor concerts where the audience exceeds 5,000 ticket holders shall not be held on the Licensed Premises on more than 4 consecutive days in any calendar year.
- In the event that four outdoor concerts with a capacity of more than 5,000 are held in a 28- day period, starting with the date of the first concert held in any such period, no outdoor concert with a capacity of more than 5,000 shall be held in the 14-day period following the date of the fourth concert without the written consent of the Licensing Authority.

- For the avoidance of doubt, a day on which an outdoor concert is held means a day on which the actual concert performance takes place and does not include, if different, days on which setting up/dismantling sound checks and rehearsals take place. A copy of the existing Premises Licence is attached at **Appendix A**.

## **2. PROPOSED CONCERTS FOR 2022**

- 2.1 LCCC has announced that it will be hosting five concerts featuring various bands 'The Killers' 'Foo Fighters', 'Red Hot Chilli Peppers' and 'pop concert' in June 2022 (11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>).
- 2.2 This number of large concerts of 5,000 or more in capacity will mean that the Club plan to have five major events within a 28-day period.
- 2.3 The current licence condition states that in the event that four outdoor concerts with a capacity of more than 5,000 are held in a 28- day period, starting with the date of the first concert held in any such period, no outdoor concert with a capacity of more than 5,000 shall be held in the 14-day period following the date of the fourth concert without the written consent of the Licensing Authority.

## **3. APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL CONCERT**

- 3.1 On the 31<sup>st</sup> November 2021, LCCC submitted a formal request in accordance with their licence to request written consent from the Licensing Authority to hold a fifth concert within a 28-day period.
- 3.2 The applicant does not seek to vary the existing condition which provides that if seven days of outdoor concerts are held in one calendar year, then in the next succeeding calendar year no more than five days of outdoor concerts shall be held.
- 3.3 For 2022 the applicant seeks 5 days of concerts with an audience capacity of over 5,000; two on consecutive days, followed by three further concerts in June 2022.
- 3.4 A copy of the formal request from LCCC is attached at **Appendix B**.

## **4. APPROVAL FOR USE OF GREAT STONE ROAD ENTRANCE**

- 4.1 Under the terms of the existing Premises Licence there is a condition relating to the use of the Great Stone Road entrance to the Cricket Ground by heavy goods vehicles in association with the staging of concerts. The condition reads as follows:  
  
'No heavy goods vehicles associated with the staging of the Concert shall be granted access or egress through the Great Stone Road entrance without the prior agreement in writing between the Premises Licence Holder and the Licensing Authority.'
- 4.2 In addition to the Approval for a fifth concert submitted for consideration, LCCC also seek written approval, in accordance with the above condition, to use the Great Stone Road entrance by heavy goods vehicles before and after the series of concerts. A copy of the request from LCCC is attached at **Appendix B**.

## **5. REPRESENTATIONS**

5.1 We have consulted with Environmental Health and Trading Standards in respect of the requests.

5.2 The Licensing Authority received a representation from the Council's Environmental Protection team. The representation reads as follows:

- 1) For the concert events held on the 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> June 21 the music noise level outside the licensed premises when measured at 1m from the windows of the facades at 23-37 Trent Bridge Walk, 30 Greatstone Road and 19 Barlow Road will not exceed 75dB in any period of 15 minutes.
- 2) Updated noise modelling for events to be held at LCCC in 2022 is provided to the Council 12 weeks prior to the date of the first concert. The noise model shall include any changes to the structure of the venue, e.g removal of the Red Rose Suite, which will take place in 2022.
- 3) The updated noise model for the venue shall be used to inform a resident letter drop strategy which shall be provided to the Council for review 12 weeks prior to the first concert in 2022.

In respect of Approval for the Great Stone Road Entrance:

- 4) HGVs access the ground between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm; but avoiding peak traffic periods;
- 5) HGVs do not use that part of Great Stone Road between Chester Road and Talbot Road, but approach the ground via Talbot Road turning either left or right into Great Stone Road;
- 6) The vehicles are unloaded between 08.00 am and 8.00 pm only in accordance with the licence conditions; and
- 7) Residents are informed of this change in the usual pre-concert letter 12 week prior to the first concert in 2022

5.3 The Sub-Committee must decide whether or not the representation is relevant and if they do decide it is relevant, what weight to give the representation when determining the request.

## **6. OPTIONS**

### Approval of fifth concert

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the request from LCCC to hold a fifth concert in a 28 day period and either:

6.1.1 Grant permission for the fifth concert with the conditions recommended by the Environmental Protection team; or

6.1.2 refuse permission.

## Approval for use of Great Stone Road Entrance

6.2 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the request from LCCC for use of the Great Stone Road entrance for heavy goods vehicles associated with the staging of the proposed concerts and either:

6.2.1 Grant permission for the use of the Great Stone Road entrance subject to the conditions proposed by the Environmental Protection team; or

6.2.2 refuse permission.