

**New grant or variation of premises licence
Or club premises certificate
Form for representations from Hampshire Constabulary**

Before completing this form, please refer to FPP 07001 (Licensing (Licensing Act 2003))

Hampshire Constabulary is a responsible authority and wish to make a representation regarding under the Licensing Act 2003, regarding the:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1: Grant for a personal licence	(Object within 14 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2: Grant for a temporary event notice (TEN)	(Object within 3 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3: Transfer of a premises licence	(Object within 14 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4: Variation of designated premises supervisor	(Object within 14 days)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5: Grant/Variation of a premises licence/club prem' certificate	(Object within 28 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> 6: Minor variations	(Object within 10 working days)

Name of Applicant:	Tony Noakes
Name of Proposed DPS:	N/A

Details of relevant conviction (Personal Licence Applications ONLY)
N/A

Postal address of premises:	The Rockhouse, 41/41A London Street, Andover
Postcode:	SP10 2NU

Details of responsible authority applicant

Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other title / Rank:	16866
Surname:	Pollard
First Names:	Colin
Current postal address :	Licensing & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team Bishops Waltham Police Station Bishops Waltham Hampshire
Postcode:	SO32 1DS
Daytime telephone number:	-----
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Hampshire Constabulary is a responsible authority and the applicant has the delegated authority of the Chief Officer of Police in respect of his responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003

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

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| 1) The prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Please select
one or more
boxes</i> |
| 2) Public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3) The prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4) The protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please state the ground(s) for representation:

This application seeks the following variations:

- 1) Amend condition 6 regarding last entry to the premises to 0230 hours (currently 0100 hours).
- 2) Amend condition 7 regarding start time for door supervisors to 2200 hours (currently 2000 hours).
- 3) Increase the number of times that licensable activities may be provided until 0400 hours to 24 times a calendar year (currently 12 times a year).

The Rockhouse is an existing business operated by Tony Noakes on behalf of his charity the Abel Foundation. The business is popular with a young clientele and the bulk of the trade is late night, drink led business until 03:00. It is positioned with two other night club style premises. Their combined capacities, notified to us by the venues is 1640 people, pre Covid-19 restrictions. This area is a bottle neck and the customers frequently clash resulting in violent incidents of crime and disorder with injuries, sometimes serious in nature, to members of the public.

For at least the first 6 weeks following 04/07 the Rockhouse was the only Night Time Economy Licenced Premises, in the Town Centre, operating past 00:00 and using their full permitted hours until 03:00/03:30 Wednesday through to Saturday

Since the 04/07 there have been 7 incidents of crime and disorder reported to police which relate to the rockhouse. 5 of these are assaults on members of the public which include GBH and ABH level injuries as well as intoxication as a factor.

In 2019 until lockdown in March 2020 there were 21 incidents of crime and disorder reported to police which relate to the Rockhouse or it's customers. Many of these include assaults on members of the public and intoxication.

Police Licensing Officers have made frequent visits to Andover since reopening. This includes visits to the Rockhouse to check compliance and follow up in response to incidents. The queue which forms outside the Rockhouse has been a matter for concern to our local policing colleagues, the Local Authority and members of the public. I have enclosed some

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pictures from the town CCTV to highlight the reason for these concerns. Despite a number of visits whereby the lack of social distancing of the queue and threat to public safety has been highlighted, there remains concerns that it is a potential flash point for ASB and does not meet the governments guidance for the Covid Safe operation of Pubs and Bars.

The last entry time changing from 0100 to 0230 will result in more people attending the Rockhouse in the early hours after already consuming an evening's worth of alcohol elsewhere. More drunk people will result in more confrontation and violent crime in this bottle neck area of Andover Town Centre. Should this aspect of the variation be permitted a larger queue will form and will remain for an hour and a half later than it does currently, increasing the risk of alcohol fuelled violent disorder. The capacity limit, self-imposed by the Rockhouse through their Covid-Safe risk assessment is not increasing. With this limited capacity already resulting in a non-socially distanced queue until 01:00 it is clear that extending the last entry time will only serve to extend this queue and increase the risk it presents.

Any increase to the opening hours at the Rockhouse will result in a longer period of consumption of alcohol which we know will cause more intoxication. Any increase will encourage more people, from premises which currently close at 01:00 or 02:00, who have often been drinking all evening, to gravitate to the premises and the bottle neck area outside. With incidents already on-going, which involve intoxication in this area and from the Rockhouse, it is very likely that we will see an increase in alcohol fuelled violent incidents if the additional 12 occasions permitting the premises to open until 04:00 are granted.

To date the Rockhouse does not use its full quota of 12 occasions per year opening until 04:00. I am only aware of one occasion when a notification has been received to enact this part of the licence. If an additional 12 are granted, totalling 24, it is likely that we will see one weekend per month, throughout every calendar year where the Rockhouse trades to 04:00. Further to this the applicant will still retain his allocation of Temporary Event Notices which could licence a further 10 weekends throughout the year. That's almost 2 weekends per month trading until 04:00 at a premises which is already producing intoxicated customers and incidents of violent crime.

With regards to the variation for the SIA security start time police have concerns with how this could impact the current volume of crime and disorder based upon the current incidents reported. Whilst a majority of incidents occur later in the evening and into the early hours the job of the SIA security staff to vet the customers upon entry, to refuse entry, identify those banned from the premises and to check for intoxication or valid forms of ID does influence who is on the premises later in the evening. Without these checks this could increase intoxication levels and incidents of violent crime. Police accept that the premises is not regularly busy at 20:00 and can see the financial burden the requirement for SIA, during this quiet time can be. If the applicant was willing to apply appropriate conditions, to have effect from 20:00, such as the conditioned use of an ID scanning system which would allow a staff member time to engage effectively to spot intoxication and make an appropriate judgement, to check the ID on the system against any previously banned individuals and temporarily, lawfully retain the customers information to act as a deterrent to them committing any crime

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on the premises then police would be content for the SIA start time to be varied to 21:00.

**It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement
in or in connection with this representation**

Police recommendations (including any conditions)

The Chief Officer of Police respectfully requests the Licensing Sub Committee to refuse all aspects of this variation to ensure there is no increase to the existing volume of crime and disorder related to this licenced premises. Should the Licensing Sub Committee see fit to grant the variation to the SIA Security start time please give due consideration to the impact this could have and apply appropriate conditions to ensure this additional risk is effectively managed.

In coming to your decision please give due consideration to section 9.12 of the Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Signature of Officer Completing

Name	<u>Colin Pollard</u>	Collar Number:	<u>16866</u>
Signature:	<u>Colin Pollard</u> -----	Date:	<u>11/09/2020</u> -----

Signature of Authorising Officer

Name	<u>Julian Ainsworth</u>	Collar Number:	<u>1878</u>
Signature:	<u>Julian Ainsworth</u> -----	Date:	<u>11/09/2020</u> -----

Area view



Tile pattern

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22-08-2020 20:29:00



Screen shot of the ROCK HOUSE and waiting patrons from Saturday 18th July 22:30hrs

