

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE: LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE AT WINSCOMBE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, THE LYNCH, WINSCOMBE, BS25 1AZ**

**TOWN OR PARISH: WINSCOMBE**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the sub committee determines the application for the grant of the Club Premises Certificate for Winscombe Rugby Football Club.

### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 An application has been received for the grant of a club premises certificate in the name of Winscombe Rugby Football Club.

Consultations have been carried out and objections received from 4 residents. The objections received relate to the potential for noise intrusion and nuisance from patrons and to public safety concerns around toilet facilities and waste disposal.

Consultations have also been carried out with the relevant responsible authorities and no adverse observations have been received.

### 2. POLICY

- 2.1 The Council's statement of Licensing Policy applies to this application.
- 2.2 The Licensing Act 2003 requires licensing authorities to carry out their functions with a view to promoting the following four licensing objectives:
- a) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
  - b) Public Safety.
  - c) The Prevention of Public Nuisance, and
  - d) The Protection of Children from Harm.
- 2.3 The Licensing Authority should have regard to the Statutory Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and the provisions of the Licensing Act itself.

### 3. DETAILS

- 3.1 An application was received on the 13 November 2020 from Winscombe Rugby Club for the grant of a Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of Winscombe Rugby Football Club, The Recreation Ground, The Lynch, Winscombe, BS25 1AZ. A copy of the application made is shown at **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 The premise comprises two multi-purpose container units and pitch side viewing area running the length of the Longfield playing fields as a designated space for on and off sales. One container is designated as a pitch side café, the second as a bar.
- 3.3 Winscombe Rugby Football Club has commercial and residential properties within 100 metres of the licensed premises. A copy of a location plan of the premises is shown at **Appendix B**.
- 3.4 A more detailed site layout plan of the location, including internal layouts of the container units is shown at **Appendix C**.
- 3.5 The licensable activities and opening times of the premises to members of the public being sought are as follows:

Licensable Activity	Hours Sought	
	Supply of alcohol	Monday to Friday
Saturday & Sunday		12:00 to 23:00
Hours premises will be open to the public	Monday to Friday	17:00 to 23:30
	Saturday & Sunday	12:00 to 23:30

There are no other non-standard timings being sought.

### 4. Consultations

- 4.1 In accordance with the requirements of the Act the applicant has:
- (a) Served copies of the application to the Responsible Authorities.
  - (b) Advertised the submission of the application in a local newspaper.
  - (c) Placed a notice at the property detailing the application made.
- 4.5 In relation to the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003, the following matters have been raised:

Licensing Objective	Responsible Authority	Interested Party
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	The Police have not made any representations.	No representations have been received

Public Safety	Avon Fire and Rescue Service/Environmental Health have not made any representations.	4 representations have been received in relation to concerns regarding safe disposal of used water from the premises and the lack of provision of toilet facilities.
Public Nuisance	The Environmental Protection team have not made any representations.	Representations have been received in relation to possible noise intrusion to local residents and an increase in litter. Also, possible contamination to land from disposal of waste water and the possibility of public places being used where toilet facilities are not provided.
<b>The Protection of Children from Harm</b>	Children and Young People's Services have not made any representations.	Representations suggest that the provision of alcohol is inappropriate next to areas being used for youth activities.

4.2 Copies of the representations which have been received are shown at **Appendix D**.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Costs** - None.

**Funding** - None.

## **6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that its licensing function is only one means of securing the delivery of the service. The Licensing Authority will therefore continue to work in partnership with other stakeholders, such as the Police, Crime & Disorder Partnerships and the Vehicle and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) towards the promotion of any licensing objectives.

6.2 In undertaking this licensing function, the Licensing Authority has regard to the following legislation:

- Licensing Act 2003
- Gambling Act 2005
- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations
- The Equality Act 2010
- The European Convention on Human Rights, which is applied by the Human Rights Act 1998
- The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002

6.3 The Licensing Authority also has regard to any other relevant legislation, strategies, policies and guidance in its decision-making.

## **7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no climate change or environmental implications noted as part of this report.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 8.1 Regularly reviewing licensing policies and practices and using a risk-rated approach to both proactive and reactive enforcement reduces the risk to the Authority. Ensuring MoU agreements are in place with external partner agencies will also help strengthen roles and responsibilities surrounding Licensing work.

## **9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None – no Equality Impact Assessment carried out as part of this report.

## **10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 If the application is refused or amended the applicant may appeal within 21 days of the notification of the Committee's decision to the Magistrate's Court. If the application is granted a person making a relevant representation may also appeal within 21 days of the notification to the Magistrates' Court.

## **11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Committee may after hearing the application:

- a) Grant the application as applied for, or
- b) Grant the application with modifications to the dates or timing of licensable activities or conditions to be attached to the licence.
- c) Refuse the application.

For the purpose of sub section 8(b) above conditions are modified if any of them are altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

## **AUTHOR**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance to the Licensing Act issued under section 182 of the 'Act'.

Statement of Licensing Policy for North Somerset Council.

# APPENDIX A



**North Somerset**  
**Application for a new club premises certificate**  
**Licensing Act 2003**

For help contact  
[licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 01934 426800

\* required information

## Section 1 of 17

You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

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Your reference

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes  No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

### Applicant Details

\* First name

CHRIS

\* Family name

MARSH

\* E-mail

C.MARSH985@BTINTERNET.COM

Main telephone number

07485061763

Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader  
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

### Applicant Business

\* Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?

Yes  No

\* Registration number

IP28570R

\* Business name

WINSCOMBE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

\* VAT number

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Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

\* Legal status

Charity or Association

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\* Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

**Registered Address**

Address registered with Companies House.

\* Building number or name

\* Street

District

\* City or town

County or administrative area

\* Postcode

\* Country

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**APPLICATION DETAILS**

Name of club

The above named club applies for a club premises certificate under section 71 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in this section 2 (the club premises).

The club is making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 68 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**Postal Address Of Club**

- Address     OS map reference     Description

OS map reference

**Contact Details Of Club**

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

- Yes     No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

**Name Of Person Performing Duties Of A Secretary To The Club**

First name

Family name

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**Address Of Person Performing Duties Of A Secretary To The Club**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**Secretary Contact Details**

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of club premises (£)

Are the club premises occupied and habitually used by the club?

- Yes  No

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**CLUB OPERATING SCHEDULE**

When do you want the club premises certificate to start?  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the certificate to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

**General Description Of Club**

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

PITCHSIDE CAFE, MULTI PURPOSE CONTAINER UNIT AND PITCHSIDE VIEWING AREA RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE LONGFIELD PLAYING FIELDS AS A DESIGNATED SPACE FOR ON AND OFF SALES.

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WE MAY ERECT A MARQUEE AT TIMES ON THIS SPACE TO CONDUCT LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES.

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**PROVISION OF PLAYS**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing plays?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF FILMS**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing films?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing live music?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing recorded music?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing performances of dance?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

See guidance on regulated entertainment

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

Yes  No

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**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Will you be supplying alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of a member of the club?

Yes  No

**Standard Days And Timings**

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.  
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days  
of the week when you intend the premises  
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

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End

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End

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

Start

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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End

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Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption?

On the premises       Off the premises       Both

If the club wishes members and their guests to be able to consume alcohol on the premises tick on, if the club wishes people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises tick off. If the club wishes people to be able to do both tick both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the club intends to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, provide list

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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**HOURS CLUB PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Will you be selling by retail alcohol by or on behalf of a club to a guest of a member of the club for consumption on the premises where the sale takes place?

Yes       No

**Standard Days And Timings**

MONDAY

Start   
Start

End   
End

Give timings in 24 hour clock. (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

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State any seasonal variations

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, provide list.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the club premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

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## LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

OUR CLUB CONSTITUTION DETERMINES HOW THE CLUB OPERATES AND WE WILL BE PROMOTING THIS AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CLUB. HOW WE APPROACH THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES IS ALL ENCOMASSING WITHIN THIS DOCUMENTATION. WE WILL PROVIDE THIS AS EVIDENCE.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

THE CLUB HAS ITS OWN DISCIPLINARY PROCESS FOR MEMBERS AS A DETERANT. IF ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE LICENSABLE AREA WE WILL LIASE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE WILL BE LIASING WITH THE OTHER LOCAL LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS WORKING ON A LOCAL "PUB WATCH" SCHEME. SIGNAGE WILL BE PLACED ON SITE EXPALINING THE CLUBS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TO DRUGS

c) Public safety

THE CLUBS RISK ASSESSMENTS WILL BE ADHERED TO AND HAS PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE IN PLACE.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

SIGNAGE WILL BE PLACED IN THE OUTSIDE AREAS ASKING MEMBERS TO KEEP NOISE TO A MINIMUM TO ENSURE OUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURS ARE NOT DISTURBED.

e) The protection of children from harm

WINSCOMBE RUGBY FOOTBAL CLUB HAS SAFEGUARDING POLICIES IN PLACE AND A DESIGNATED CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - VICKY BROOM IS OUR PRESENT INCUMBANT. WE WILL BE OPERATING A CHALLENGE 21 POLICY.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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### PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Club Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at [http://www.voa.gov.uk/business\\_rates/index.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm)

Band A - No RV to £4300	£100.00
Band B - £4301 to £33000	£190.00
Band C - £33001 to £8700	£315.00
Band D - £87001 to £12500	£450.00
Band E - £125001 and over	£635.00

\* Fee amount (£)

100.00

### DECLARATION

\* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

\* Full name

CHRIS MARSH

\* Capacity

PRESIDENT - WINSCOMBE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

\* Date

11 / 11 / 2020  
dd mm yyyy

Add another signatory



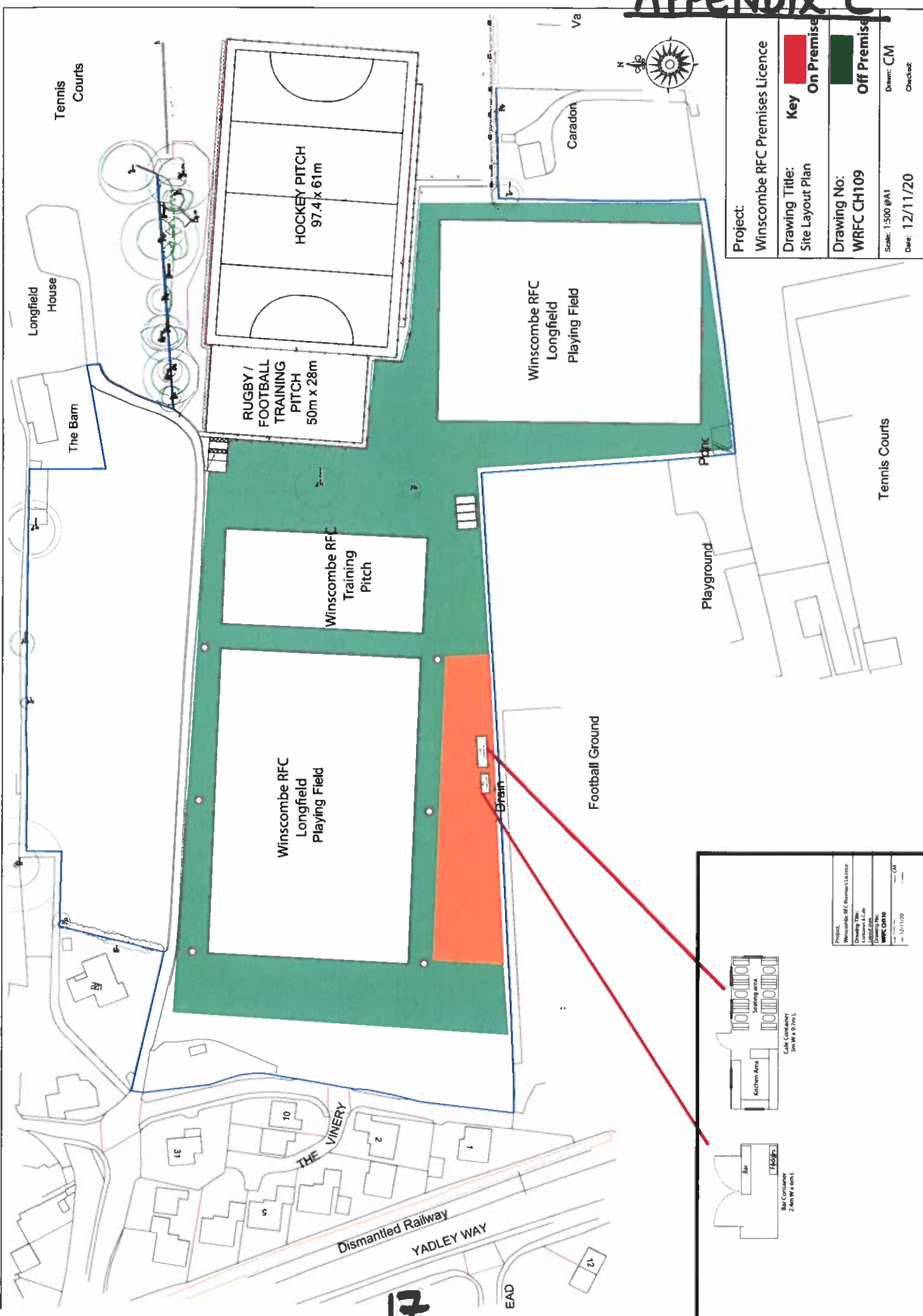
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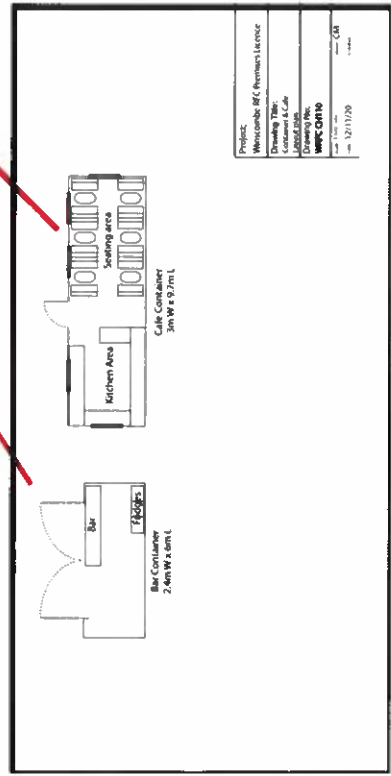


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# APPENDIX D

**PROFESSOR NICHOLAS BARR, FRSA**

**THE BARN,  
LONGFIELD,  
THE LYNCH,  
WINSCOMBE  
SOMERSET BS25 1LR**

01934 844 531  
Email: [N.Barr@lse.ac.uk](mailto:N.Barr@lse.ac.uk)

30 November 2020

North Somerset Council  
Licensing Team  
Town Hall  
Walliscote Grove Road  
Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ  
[licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Supply of alcohol

Winscombe Rugby Football Club, Longfield, Winscombe Recreation Ground, BS25 1AZ

I object to this application for the following reasons:

#### 1 The proposed facility is inadequate

1. The proposed facility is a Portacabin with no capacity for people to drink inside.
2. There are no toilet facilities. A pub with no loo makes no sense; a Portaloo is unsightly and problematic in terms of hygiene; and the hedge between the rugby field and adjoining football field is not an acceptable substitute.
3. There is no provision for runoff of wastewater.

#### 2 The proposed facility will be intrusive

4. Since the proposed facility has no indoor accommodation
  - There will be no weather protection for customers in winter; and
  - Drinkers are likely to cause noise intrusion in summer when surrounding neighbours have their windows open.

#### 3 A better, long-established facility is within 80 metres

5. The proposed facility is unnecessary: the clubhouse on the War Memorial Recreation Ground, 80 metres away (see attached picture) is a facility for the village as a whole, and addresses all the inadequacies of the Portacabin proposal: there is spacious social club bar, toilets, electricity, hot and cold water, and connection to wastewater outflow and sewerage.
  - The clubhouse has changing rooms and toilets which the rugby club uses on match days.

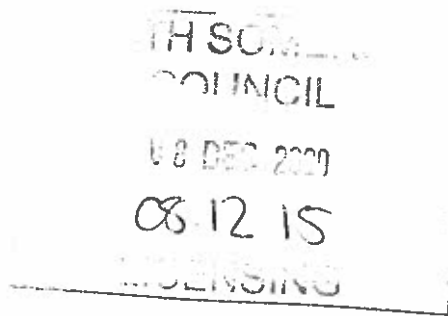
- The bar area's customary opening hours (currently subject to Covid restrictions) are Monday – Thursday 7pm-11pm, Friday 5pm-11pm, and Saturday and Sunday 12-11pm.
- Since the rugby club already uses the clubhouse facilities, a separate, sub-standard bar area is both unnecessary and undesirable.

Yours faithfully

Nicholas Bask



Portacabin, with clubhouse on the War Memorial Recreation Ground in the background



Longfield House.  
The Lynch.  
Winscombe.  
North Somerset.  
BS25 1LR  
Tel 01934842304

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam.

Re application for the Grant of a Club Premises Certificate from Winscombe Rugby Football Club.  
BS251AZ.

I strongly object to the above application. The reasons are as follows.

The premises have no drainage or toilet facilities and are not connected to any type of septic tank.

The incoming water is supplied by an unprotected, uninsulated blue plastic water pipe. Furthermore at a recent Parish Council planning meeting, in an item relating to the containers, a picture was provided (enclosed) showing a brown underground soil pipe discharging into the nearby stream, The pipe was then promptly removed but indicates the measures used in the past.

I hope all necessary electrical certificates are in place as they would have to be if this application goes any further.

The question of waste disposal also arises as no hard access for vehicles is available to the premises and all current waste is placed out to be removed by the domestic system in contravention of business waste charges.

The local recreation grounds provided in the Parish are well run, well supported and have all the necessary facilities required and are the envy of many visiting clubs.

This is a totally opportunistic application because of internal disputes which are taking place within the local clubs which are well known in the area.

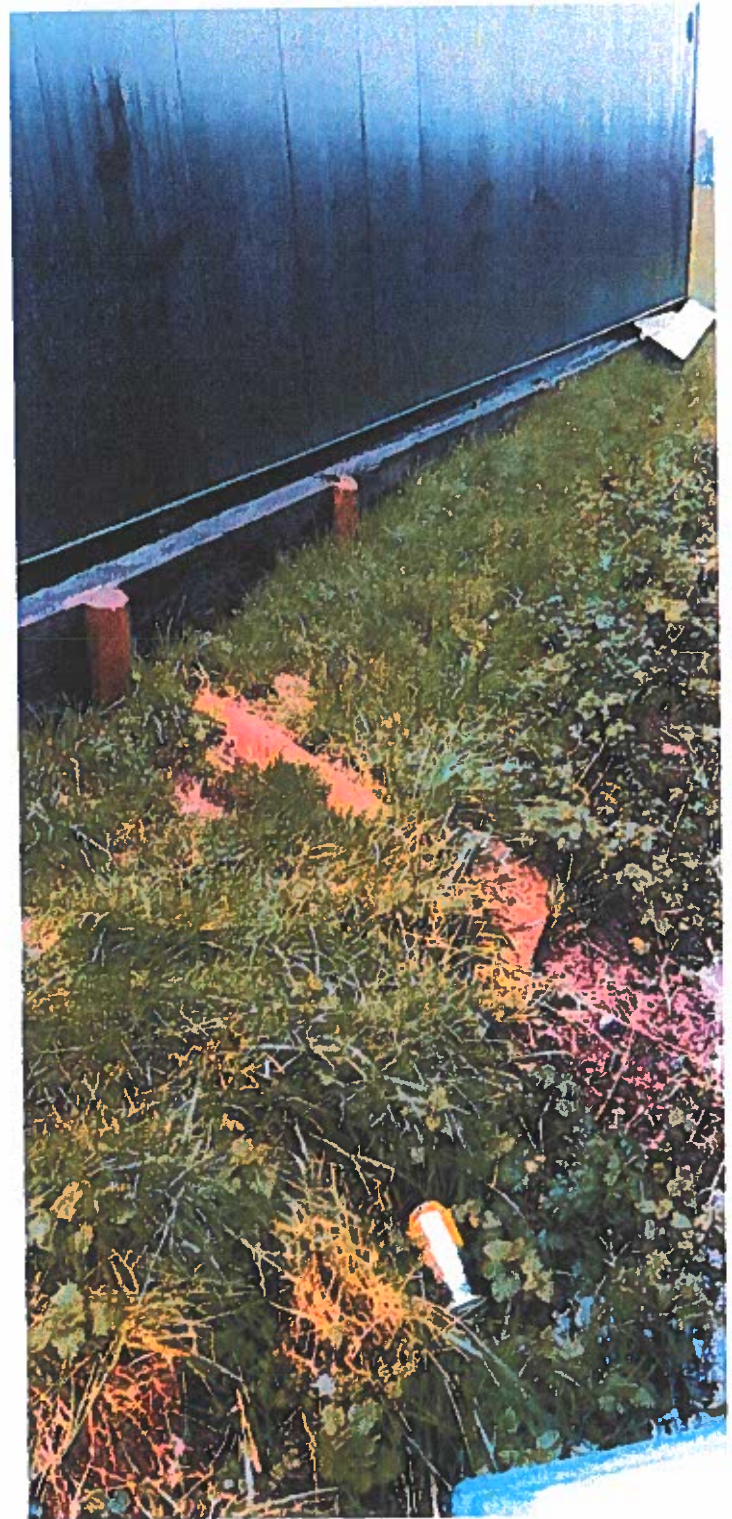
I urge that this application is refused

Kevin Joyce.  
E-mail [kj.lfh1234@gmail.com](mailto:kj.lfh1234@gmail.com)

Attached: picture of soil pipe



Soil pipe (since removed) at rear of Portacabin



[REDACTED] Fox Lane, Winscombe, Somerset, BS25 1NF

01934 [REDACTED]

North Somerset Council  
Licensing Team  
Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1UJ

7 December 2020

Dear Sirs,

Application for the GRANT of a CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE  
Supply of Alcohol  
Winscombe Rugby Football Club, Longfield, Winscombe Recreation Ground  
Winscombe, North Somerset, BS25 1AZ

As a nearby resident I write to object to this Application and request it is refused.

I attach a photograph of the "Premises" from which you will see this is just a converted storage container. It is not suitable as premises for this activity, there are no Toilets or any other facility at all.

There is a temporary water supply from, I believe, a nearby residential house; you can see the water inlet pipe in the photo next to the red and white traffic cone. The only drainage is into a surface water ditch at the rear of the cabin.

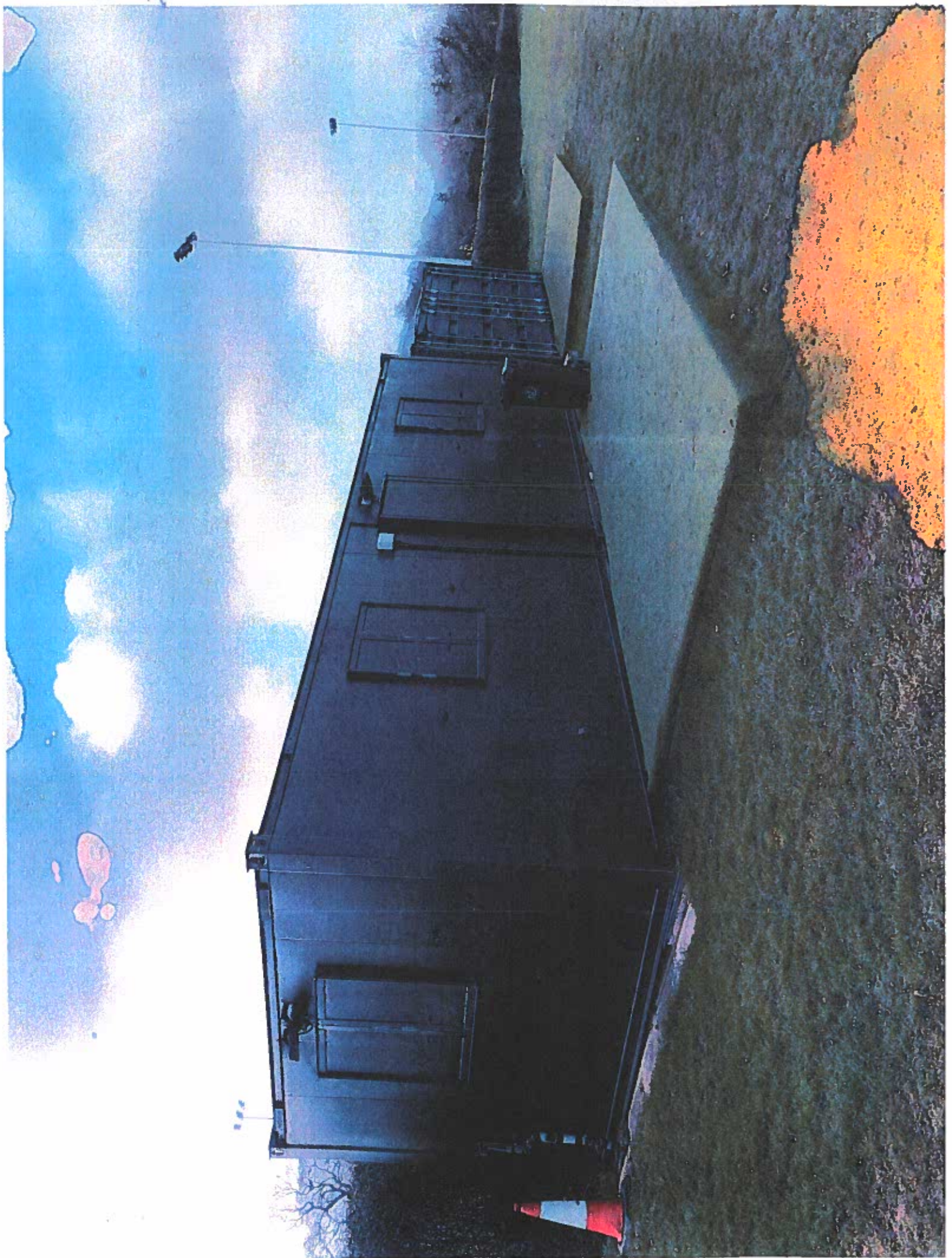
There is an existing full On License at the Cricket Club building only a couple of hundred metres away. An additional License is not needed in this residential location. It is only a few metres from the rugby pitch touch line with young and teenage children nearby and playing on the pitch.

I look forward to hearing you have refused this Application.

Yours faithfully,







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**From:** Larry Van Haaren <larryvh@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:26 PM  
**To:** LICENSING <licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Winscombe Rugby Club - Objection to Alcohol Licence application

**Caution:** This email originated from outside North Somerset Council.  
Only click on links or open attachments if you recognise the sender  
and if you are certain that the content is safe.

Dear Sir / Madam

As a close neighbour to the Winscombe Recreation Grounds, we have noted that, Winscombe Rugby Club have made a formal application for a Club Premises Certificate to supply and sell alcohol, and wish to lodge objections to this as follows:

1. The application states 'Club Premises' - and to our certain knowledge, WRC as such do not have any 'premises' which could deemed be suitable for purpose. Therefore, any alcoholic drinks would almost certainly be supplied and sold in the open on or around the field of play - a situation which we feel is totally inappropriate.
2. We feel that such uncontained consumption, would be detrimental to the village recreation grounds - having the potential of creating noise and nuisance behaviour for local residents, increasing litter and more importantly sending wrong messages to younger players and spectators
3. There are no player / spectator toilet facilities formally available to the Rugby club (the closest public conveniences being situated 0.5 miles away in Woodborough Road). Drinkers are therefore very likely to answer 'calls of nature' in situ - which is obviously totally objectional, and raises unwanted and unwarranted health and safety issues.

We would state, that whilst we greatly admire and support Winscombe Rugby Club for their contribution to local sport and the respect they engender throughout the Rugby fraternity in our region, we regretfully cannot condone their application to supply liquor.

Yours Faithfully

Mr L. & Mrs P. van Haaren  
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BS25 1LD

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