



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

DECISION NOTICE

Date of Hearing:	22 July 2026
Sub-Committee Members:	Councillor Lavinia Edwards Councillor Keith Horgan (Chair) Councillor Gareth Wilson
Officers	Patrick Adams – Senior Democratic Services Officer Alex Beebe – Senior Licensing Officer Stewart Broome – Licensing Manager Maggie Camp – Director (Legal Services)
Applicant:	Thomas Janes of TDC Group Ltd
Responsible Authorities:	None present
Other Persons:	Amy Robinson, Senior Ecologist (ECDC) on behalf of Richard Kay
Application by:	TDC Group Ltd
Premises Address:	Station Road, Dullingham, CB8 9UT
Date of Application:	Tuesday 2 June 2026
Details of Application:	Application for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

ORAL AND WRITTEN EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE HEARING

Written Evidence

The Sub-Committee members have read the material presented to them and listed below:

The Licensing Officer's Report - this included:

1. A copy of the Applicant's application form and their supporting documentation, including Event Management Plan.
2. A copy of the representations from the Responsible Authority and Other Person.
3. Statement from the applicant.
4. Section 182 Statutory Guidance extracts;
5. Local Policy Extracts. cont.

Oral Evidence

The Sub-Committee members heard the following oral evidence:

The Senior Licensing Officer

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report, which invited the Sub-Committee to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of TDC Group Ltd on land on Dullingham Polo Club, Hill Farm, Station Road, Dullingham, CB6 9UT. He reminded the Sub-Committee to determine the application in line with the four licensing objectives.

Other Persons

The Committee heard objections from: Amy Robinson, Senior Ecologist, Climate Change and Natural Environment, East Cambridgeshire District Council on behalf of Richard Kay.

The following Guidance was considered:

East Cambridgeshire District Council Statement of Licensing Policy – 24 February 2026
Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 – February 2026

DECISION: The decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee (in exercise of the powers delegated by East Cambridgeshire District Council as Licensing Authority) is to grant the licence subject to conditions, as per the operating schedule and further modification of conditions in order to promote the licensing objectives, as set out below:

GRANT the application for a premises Licence to TDC Group Ltd in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Officer Report subject to:

- (i) the conditions contained in the operating schedule accompanying the application.
- (ii) the following conditions to be applied to Annex 3 of the licence:

Condition 1

- Events limited to one per calendar year, to take place on a Saturday in August.

Condition 2

- Attendance at the event shall be limited to 2,500 persons at any given time, including ticketed customers, staff and volunteers.

Condition 3

- The premises licence holder shall give notice of any events dates (where more than 1000 people will be in attendance) together with the proposed licensable activities and timings permitted, no later than 3 months before the date of the event to the Council's Licensing Authority and the Safety Advisory Group (SAG). The notice will include a draft version of the Event Management Plan (EMP).

Condition 4

- The premises licence holder shall submit the final agreed version of the EMP to the Safety Advisory Group no later than 28 days (14 days (2026 event only)) before the day of the event itself, not including the day of the event. The final version of the EMP must be agreed by the Licensing Authority and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The Event Management Plan shall comprise of, but not be limited to:

- Detailed site plan showing the locations of fencing, bars and entertainment areas
- Details of security (including fencing) and stewarding arrangements for the event
- Details of the event hotline (in the event neighbours wish to contact the organiser)

- Noise monitoring procedures including management and control measures being in place to adequately address music noise impacts
- Traffic management plan
- Major incident plan (including counter terrorism measures)
- Security & crowd management plan (including search, admissions and eviction Policies)
- Medical risk assessment and plan
- Adverse weather plan
- Children & vulnerable adults safeguarding policy (including reference to a risk assessment relating to presence of open water on site)
- Alcohol management plan
- Drugs policy
- Environmental Protection and Ecological Management plan

Condition 5

- Any changes to the final EMP may only be made with the written agreement of the Licensing Authority as the contents of the EMP will be regarded and treated as though they are premises licence conditions.

Condition 6

- Condition 3 of this Annex will only be applicable to events from 2027 onwards.

Condition 7

The Environmental Protection and Ecological Management section of the Event Management Plan will include the following amended statements:

- All contractors, staff and volunteers will be instructed that no trees or vegetation are to be removed without prior consultation with the Council's Ecology Officer.
 - Should any active bird nest, bat roost, badger sett or other protected species be identified during event build, the affected area will be protected and works will cease within that location pending appropriate advice of the Council's Ecology Officer.
 - Following the event, the Event Organiser will undertake a post event review and produce a report, which will be submitted to the Council's Ecology Officer, to identify any environmental issues and implement improvements for future events
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- (iii) Any mandatory conditions that must be included in the licence.

REASONS: In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee had regard to the evidence contained within the Licensing Officers report, the presentations of the applicant and Other Person present, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act").

In making their decision, the impact of the application on the four licensing objections was considered, namely the impact on public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, the protection of children from harm and more particularly, the prevention of crime and disorder. Members noted the concerns of the Senior Environment Health Officer regarding the potential impact from increased use of the location due to multiple licences being in effect. Members also noted the concerns raised by the Other Person regarding the future possibility of environmental crime occurring from the use of the site for a one day event occurring in the month of August; however, the Sub Committee found that the Other Person failed to provide sufficient evidence to support the claims that protected species were present in the area to be used, and that they would be disturbed or harmed directly as a result of a one day event. After giving appropriate weight to the evidence that was provided and having considered the mitigating steps set out in the amended Event Management Plan submitted by the applicant, Members determined that the additional conditions stated above would be sufficient to promote the licensing objectives.

In arriving at this decision, the Sub Committee recognised that promoting the licensing objectives is paramount, but they also noted that the National Licensing Policy Framework

published in November 2025 which asks Licensing Authorities to consider giving appropriate weight to the economic benefit that events of this nature can bring to the local area.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL

The Applicant or any persons who made a relevant objection have a right of appeal against this decision within 21 days of notification of the Licensing Authority's decision. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Cambridge Magistrates' Court, The Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough PE1 1ED. Email: cb-enquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk