

**COMMITTEE:** TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING PANEL

**DATE:** 11 OCTOBER 2005

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – THE SOMERSET TAVERN,  
263 CRAWLEY GREEN ROAD, LUTON

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL** ☐

**COMMUNITY SAFETY** ☐

**EQUALITIES** ☐

**ENVIRONMENT** ☐

**FINANCIAL** ☐

**OTHER** ☐

**STAFFING** ☐

**WARDS AFFECTED:** ROUND GREEN

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**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Licensing Panel to determine the request for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence for The Somerset Tavern, 263 Crawley Green Road, Luton.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. That the Licensing Panel determine the application for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence for The Somerset Tavern, 263 Crawley Green Road, Luton.
3. That if the Licensing Panel approve the application for the grant then the maximum number of persons permitted on the premises at any one time is as set out in paragraph 8 of this report.
4. That if the Licensing Panel approve the application for the grant then the permitted hours as set out in paragraph 7 of this report.
5. That if the Licensing Panel approve the application for the grant then it place any special conditions on the Licence that it considers necessary.

**BACKGROUND**

6. The request for the consideration of the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence has been received from Mr Peter Ongom the licensee of The Somerset Tavern, 263 Crawley Green Road, Luton.

7. The following hours have been requested:-
- Monday to Saturday - 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m  
Sunday - 12 noon to 10.30 p.m
8. The maximum number of persons including staff on the premises at any one time is:
- Function Room – 100  
Main Bar - 200
9. Bedfordshire Police have been consulted and they have no objections to the grant of a Licence.
10. The Environmental Health Manager (Public Safety) has been consulted and has no objections, however he has requested that conditions recommended from the Pollution team be attached to the licence regarding noise. A copy of these conditions are attached at Appendix A (pages )
11. Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted and have no objection to the grant of a licence.
12. On the 30 June 2005, a letter signed by 21 residents local to The Somerset Tavern in Crawley Green Road, Luton was received complaining that the premises promotes Anti Social Behaviour. These letters made reference to issues arising from the recent May bank holiday weekend. A copy of this letter is attached at Appendix B (pages )
13. On the 22 August 2005, a letter was received from residents of Crawley Green Road, Luton objecting to the application for a Public Entertainment Licence on the basis that:-
- (i) The premises has a history of crime and disorder with examples given of incidents that involve arguments and anti social behaviour by customers from the premises. The objection states that the Police have been called several times.
  - (ii) There are perceived problems in relation to Health and Safety with the number of people attending the premises.
  - (iii) The premises often create a noise nuisance with loud music and also from customers leaving the premises.
  - (iv) The objectors feel that the problems witnessed so far will increase if a licence is granted.

A copy of this letter is attached at Appendix C (pages )

## **APPENDICES**

14. The following Appendices are attached to this report:

- Appendix A - Copy of suggested conditions from Environmental Health Officer (pages )
- Appendix B - Copy of letter of complaint received 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (pages )
- Appendix C - Copy of letter of complaint received 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 (pages )

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS, SECTION 100D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 15. Local government (Miscellaneous Provisions) act 1982.
- 16. Luton Borough Council's Public Entertainment Licence Standard Conditions