



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

**to
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
11 MARCH 2021**

**LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR VARIATION TO A
PREMISES LICENCE - CROUCH RIDGE VINEYARD, FAMBRIDGE ROAD,
ALTHORNE, MALDON, ESSEX, CM3 6BZ**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for a major variation to a current premises licence, reference 19/00160/LAPRE, under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, having regard to representations received and the requirement to promote the four licensing objectives:
1. the prevention of crime and disorder
 2. public safety
 3. the prevention of public nuisance
 4. the protection of children from harm

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Licensing Sub-Committee determines the application for the variation to the current Premises Licence taking into consideration the options that are available as detailed in 4.1 below.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Crouch Ridge Vineyards is a 15-acre vineyard with a wine barn where wine is sold and made from grapes grown from the vineyard. The existing licence authorises the sale of alcohol between 10:00 until 18:00 daily for on and off sales, allowing consumption on the premises. Due to an increase in wine production and the range of wine on offer the premises licence holder is looking to expand the business. This includes wine tasting, wine & food pairings and a restaurant.
- 3.2 The applicant has applied to extend the licence to sell alcohol until 23:00 on all days in order to hold evening wine tasting, tasting evenings and food & wine pairings.
- 3.3 The complete application was received on 21 January 2021 for the following licensable activity:
- Sale or supply of alcohol from 10:00 – 23:00

- 3.4 As part of the licensing process, a complete copy of the application was sent out to responsible authorities for consultation that concluded on 18 February 2021.
- 3.5 The application has been properly made in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and all procedures correctly followed. The completed application form is attached as **APPENDIX A**.
- 3.6 The application was correctly advertised in a locally circulated newspaper within the timescale allocated under legislation, on the premises and on Maldon District Councils Website.
- 3.7 Members are asked to note that as this report is published publicly, personal details have been redacted from some documents; however, the licensing authority and the applicant have received complete copies of all documents.
- 3.8 During the course of the consultation period relevant representations were received from 4 members of the public on the grounds of 3 of the licensing objectives. Copies of all representations received are attached to this report as **APPENDIX B**.
- 3.9 A Plan indicating the location of the premises is attached as **APPENDIX C**.
- 3.10 A copy of the current premise licence ref, 19/00160/LAPER, is attached to this report as **APPENDIX D**.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Members are advised that they have the following options when determining the application.
- (i) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for.
 - (ii) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for modified to such extent as considered appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
 - (iii) Refuse the application in whole or in part.
- 4.2 Members are reminded that the applicant and/or any person making representation in relation to this matter may appeal the decision of the Council to the Magistrates' Court.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 The following strategic themes underpin the Council's vision for the District:
- Enabling, supporting and empowering communities to be safe, active and healthy;
 - Protecting and shaping the District and balancing the future needs of the community;
 - Meeting the housing needs of the District; and

- To be an organisation which delivers good quality, cost effective and valued services in a transparent way.

5.2 This report supports the Council's strategic theme of, 'Enabling, supporting and empowering communities to be safe, active and healthy.'

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

Background Papers:

1. Statutory Guidance issued in accordance with S.182 of the Licensing Act 2003
2. Maldon District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
3. The Licensing Act 2003
4. Application file held by Licensing Authority

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