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**COMMITTEE: LICENSING & REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE****DATE: 6 MAY 2025 – 10:00am**

**SUBJECT: LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATION FOR  
VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – THE FLYING  
HORSE, 4 WATERFORD ROAD, IPSWICH, IP1 5NW**

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An application for a new premises licence has been received under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. Relevant representation concerning the application has been received from the Responsible Authorities during the consultation period therefore the Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee is required to determine the application.

***Ward(s) affected:******List of Appendices included in this report:***

- a) *Appendix 1 – Application form*
- b) *Appendix 2 – Plan of Premises*
- c) *Appendix 3 – Public Notice & Press Notice*
- d) *Appendix 4 – Representation from Janet Youngs, local resident*
- e) *Appendix 5 – Emails of support from local residents*
- f) *Appendix 6 – Sarah Wright's additional information & references*
- g) *Appendix 7 – Janet Youngs response to additional information*
- h) *Appendix 8 – Environmental Protection conditions*
- i) *Appendix 9 – Police conditions*

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*This report was prepared after consultation with:*

*Internal consultees*

- Ipswich Borough Council's Environmental Protection Team
- Ipswich Borough Council's Occupational Health & Safety Team
- Ipswich Borough Council's Planning & Development Team
- Ipswich Borough Council's Licensing & Enforcement Team
- Ipswich Borough Council's Legal Team

*External consultees*

- Suffolk Constabulary
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service
- Suffolk County Council Trading Standards
- Public Health Suffolk
- Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)

*The following policies form a context to this report:*

Ipswich Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy  
Proud of Ipswich: Championing our Community & Revitalising our Town

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW**

*(papers relied on to write the report but which are not published and do not contain exempt information –*

1. Revised Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003  
Home Office: April 2018  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/705588/Revised\\_guidance\\_issued\\_under\\_section\\_182\\_of\\_the\\_Licensing\\_Act\\_2003\\_April\\_2018\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705588/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_April_2018_.pdf)
2. Ipswich Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy  
[https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/statement\\_of\\_licensing\\_policy\\_with\\_appendix\\_16july.pdf](https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/statement_of_licensing_policy_with_appendix_16july.pdf)

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## **1. The Application**

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- 1.1 An application was received from Sarah Wright of the Flying Horse, 4 Waterford Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NW for the variation of a Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 on 10 March 2025.
- 1.2 The Applicant applied to vary the existing Premises Licence PLA0412 as follows:-
- Add recorded music indoors from 0900-2300.
  - Add live music outdoors from 1200 until 2000
  - Add an outside bar in the beer garden area and extend the licensed area to sell and consume alcohol in the beer garden and new field from 1800-2200 on Fridays, 1200-2200 on Saturday, 1200-1900 on Sunday and 1200-2000 on Bank Holidays.
  - To permit 5 live outdoor music events per year with up to 499 persons from 1200-2300 to include the beer garden and field. Easter Saturday, Late May Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Anniversary of opening date (around 20<sup>th</sup> September) and one other.
  - To allow children in the beer garden and field
  - Add exhibition of films indoors from 0900 until 2300
- 1.3 The application form provided by the Applicant is attached at Appendix 1. A plan of the premises layout is attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The application is deemed by the Licensing Authority to be correctly served and advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act regulations. A copy of the press and public notice is attached at Appendix 3.
- 1.5 Sarah Wright took over the Flying Horse premises in September 2024. She already operates a childcare business from the premises but has stressed that this is completely separate and is governed by OFSTED. Events at the pub do not take place when the childcare business is open. Approximately 50% of the sales is food and 50% alcohol.

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## **2. Relevant Representations**

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- 2.1 A local resident Mrs Janet Youngs has made an objection and this is attached at Appendix 4. Two residents have emailed their support and these are attached at Appendix 5. Sarah Wright has responded to the representation with additional information including three customer references and this is attached as Appendix 6. Janet Youngs has also responded to Sarah Wright's information, and this is attached at Appendix 7.
- 2.2 The following Responsible Authorities have been served a copy of the application and have made no representations:
- Ipswich Borough Council's Planning & Development Team

- Suffolk County Council Trading Standards
- Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service
- Ipswich Borough Council's Licensing Team
- Ipswich Borough Council's Occupational Health & Safety Team
- Public Health

2.3 Ipswich Borough Council's Environmental Protection Team did make an objection but this was withdrawn when the applicant agreed to comply with the requested conditions. A copy of the conditions is attached at Appendix 8.

2.4 Suffolk Constabulary requested additional conditions to be added to the licence and these were agreed with the applicant. A copy of the conditions is attached at Appendix 9.

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### **3. Options**

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3.1 The options open to the Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee are:

- (a) Grant the application subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application.
- (b) Grant the application subject to modified conditions and/or timings, where the committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- (c) To reject the whole or part of the application.

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### **4. Recommendation**

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4.1 The Licensing & Regulatory Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application for the grant of a Premises Licence with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.

4.2 The Sub-Committee is recommended to give appropriate weight to:

- (a) The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;
- (b) The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties;
- (c) The Ipswich Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy;
- (d) The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended April 2018).