



APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE / PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE*

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 20

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Question 1 – Name, address and postcode of premises to be licensed

Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, EH331AN

Question 2 – Particulars of applicant

2(a) Where applicant is an individual, provide full name, date & place of birth, home address including postcode, telephone number & email address.

2(b) Where applicant is a partnership, please provide full name, and postal address of partnership.

2(c) Where applicant is a company, please provide name, registered office and company registration number.

2(d) Where the applicant is a club or other body, please provide full name, and postal address of club or other body.

Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, EH331AN

President - Gordon Pryde

Vice President - Matthew Osborne

Secretary - Laura McCrorie

Treasurer - Stephen Whitson

Tranent Bowling Club Committee (Names and positions listed above, additional details attached)

2(e) Where applicant is a partnership, company, club or other body, please provide the names, dates and places of birth, and home addresses of connected persons.*

* Connected person is defined in section 147(3) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 20(2)(a)

Question 5 – Description of premises

(where application is submitted by a members' club, please also complete question 6)

Single storey bowling facility, contained bowling green situated in the grounds of Polson Park

Facilities include lounge and bar area, kitchen, games room and changing facilities

Question 6 – To be completed by members' clubs only

Do the club's constitution and rules conform to the requirements of regulation 2 of the Licensing (Clubs) (Scotland) Regulations 2007?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Question 3 – Previous applications

Has the applicant been refused a premises licence under section 23 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in respect of the same premises?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES – provide full details _____

Question 4 – Previous convictions

Has the applicant or any connected person ever been convicted of a relevant or foreign offence (1)

YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES – provide full details. For the purpose of this Act, a conviction for a relevant offence or foreign offence is to be disregarded if it is spent for the purpose of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

NAME	DATE	COURT	OFFENCE	SENTENCE

- (1) In addition to any convictions held by the applicant at the time of application, applicants should also familiarise themselves with the contents of section 24(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in respect of any convictions for relevant or foreign offences which they may receive during the period beginning with the making of the premises licence application and ending with determination of the application.

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

The contents of this Application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ * (see note below)

Date _____

APPLICANT / AGENT (delete as appropriate)

Telephone number and email address of signatory _____

I have enclosed the relevant documents with this application – please tick the relevant boxes

- ☒ Operating plan
- ☒ Layout plan (highlighting the area where alcohol is sold/consumed)
- ☒ Planning certificate
- ☒ Building standards certificate
- ☒ Food hygiene certificate

* Data Protection Act 2018

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OPERATING PLAN

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 20(2)(B)(i)

**This application should only be completed by the Licence Holder
of the appropriate Premises Licence or their Agent.**

1. STATEMENT REGARDING ALCOHOL BEING SOLD ON PREMISES/OFF PREMISES OR BOTH

Name and Address of Premises

Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park

Post Code

EH33 1AN

- 1(a)** Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely ON the premises? YES ☒ NO ☐
- 1(b)** Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely OFF the premises? YES ☐ NO ☒
- 1(c)** Will alcohol be sold for consumption both ON and OFF the premises? YES ☐ NO ☒

2. STATEMENT OF CORE TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES

DAY	ON CONSUMPTION	
	Opening time	Terminal Hour
Monday	11.00 am	11.00 pm
Tuesday	11.00 am	11.00 pm
Wednesday	11.00 am	11.00 pm
Thursday	11.00 am	11.00 pm
Friday	11.00 am	1.00 am
Saturday	11.00 am	1.00 am
Sunday	11.00 am	12.00 Midnight

3. STATEMENT OF CORE TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES

DAY	OFF CONSUMPTION	
	Opening time	Terminal Hour
Monday	N/A	
Tuesday	N/A	
Wednesday	N/A	
Thursday	N/A	
Friday	N/A	
Saturday	N/A	
Sunday	N/A	

4. SEASONAL VARIATIONS

Does the applicant intend to operate according to seasonal demand?

YES ☒ NO ☐

*If YES – provide details

The premises would like to take advantage of general or special extensions granted by the Licensing Board and may apply, on specific occasions, for extended hours. Application will be made for occasional licences where the club will be open to non-members who are not guests on specific days.

5. PLEASE INDICATE THE OTHER ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE PREMISES IN ADDITION TO SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY PROVIDED? YES / NO	To be provided during core licenced hours. Please confirm YES / NO	Where activities are also to be provided outwith core licensed hours. Please confirm YES/NO
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5a.

Accommodation	NO	N/A	N/A
Conference facilities	YES	YES	YES
Restaurant facilities	NO	N/A	N/A
Bar meals	YES	YES	N/A

Social functions including:

5b.

Weddings, funerals, birthdays, retirements etc.	YES	YES	YES
Club or other group meetings etc.	YES	YES	YES

Entertainment, including:

5c.

Recorded music – see 5(g)	YES	YES	YES
Live performances – see 5(g)	YES	YES	YES
Dance facilities	YES	YES	YES
Theatre	YES	YES	YES
Films	YES	YES	YES
Gaming	YES	YES	YES
Indoor/outdoor sports	YES	YES	YES
Televised sport	YES	YES	YES

5d.

Outdoor drinking facilities	YES	YES	YES
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5e.

Adult Entertainment	NO	NO	NO
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Where you have answered YES in respect of any entry in column 4 above, please provide further details below.

Tranent Bowling Club offers an outdoor bowling facility to approximately 50 members. We have indoor sporting facilities in the form of darts and pool table.

The club is established within the grounds of Polson park and have recently agreed to be the home of "The friends of Polson park" encompassing the newly built memorial garden, The gardeners / volunteers of the group have been granted to storage within the grounds of Tranent BC and access to an external water tap.

We have no current ongoing arrangements with external community groups but have been approached by a local Alzheimer's group looking to gather in a warm space weekly. The extensive lists of YES in the above column is to ensure maximum coverage and an unrestricted access to the premises for a wide range of activities while remaining transparent about the clubs uses at all times in conjunction with East Lothian licencing

The outside drinking out with the core hours would be to cover tea/coffee, soft drinks etc..

5(f) If you propose to provide any activities other than those listed in 5(a) – (e), please provide details or further information below.

N/A

5(g) Late night premises opening after 1.00am

Where you have confirmed that you are providing live or recorded music, will the decibel level exceed 85dB?

YES ☐ NO ☒

When fully occupied, are there likely to be more customers standing than seated?

YES ☐ NO ☒

6. ON-SALES ONLY – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

6(a) When alcohol is being sold for consumption on the premises will children or young persons be allowed entry? YES ☒ NO ☐

6(b) Where the answer to **6(a)** is YES provide statement of the TERMS under which they will be allowed entry

Children and young persons must be supervised by an appropriate adult or coach

6(c) Provide statement regarding the AGES of children or young persons to be allowed entry

Ages – 0-17 years

6(d) Provide statement regarding the TIMES during which children and young persons will be allowed entry

Times - 0-15 years permitted to be on the premises until 9pm, 16-17 years permitted to be on the premises until 11pm. Children and young persons are permitted to stay until the terminal hour if part of a pre-arranged function.

6(e) Provide statement regarding the PARTS of the premises to which children and young persons will be allowed entry

Parts – all public areas. Excludes Bar and Kitchen areas

7. CAPACITY OF PREMISES

What is the proposed capacity of the premises to which this application relates?

60

8. PREMISES MANAGER

(NOTE: not required where application is for grant of provisional premises licence)

Full Name

Date of birth

Contact address

 Post Code

Tel. No.

 Email address

Personal licence

Date of issue

Name of Licensing Board issuing

Reference no. of personal licence

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

The contents of this operating plan are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

Signature _____ (* see note below)

Date _____

Capacity APPLICANT / AGENT (delete as appropriate)

Tel. No. of signatory _____

Email address _____

*** Data Protection Act 2018**

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SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

This information is required in relation to all Premises Licence/Provisional Licence applications or any application which is a Premises Licence Variation, not considered to be a Minor Variation.

Application submissions generally tend to be insufficiently detailed as to provide a complete picture of what businesses propose to provide the public. Therefore, Licensing Boards often have too little information, in advance of Board hearings, to fully appreciate what is being applied for. This situation often leads to numerous unnecessary objections and representation being made due to interested parties, such as neighbouring residents, not understanding what proposed activities really relate to i.e. What does Live Music actually mean and how will it impact on their lives. For these reasons, the Board has made a policy decision to require applicants to provide a fuller description of their business proposals and detail how the five licensing objectives will be met.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Please describe your business offering

Tranent BC in the heart of Polson park has been in the Tranent community as far back as 1925

We believe we offer a large part in the community with several recognised national, international and world bowlers in our small bowling ranks. We have recently began ties with the newly formed 'Friends of Polson park' focussing on the rejuvenation of the public park. As a result we are in conversations with a number of community groups looking to utilise the building throughout the day/week

ON CONSUMPTION

(a) Please describe the type of business you intend to operate in respect of On consumption.

We are a members club. allowing full membership, concession membership for senior and junior members as well as social membership. The bar is operated solely by volunteers that have completed mandatory licence training (refresher session to be carried out in advance by personal licence holder Lynn Doig - ELCO-OP)

OFF CONSUMPTION

(b) Please describe the type of business you intend to operate in respect of Off consumption & deliveries

The club intends to be used throughout the day, the main focus at the off consumption times will be on hot drinks and soft drinks

CLARIFICATION IS REQUIRED IN RELATION TO THE CONTENT OF YOUR PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN

To what extent do you intend to use any of the following:

Accommodation; Conference Facilities; Restaurant Facilities; Bar Meals:

The club does not offer accommodation facilities or restaurant facilities.

Any events with catering are normally outsourced catering companies, however the club has just been re-certified by East Lothian Council for health and hygiene

The club supplies hot pies on a Friday evening, these are temperature checked and recorded within the kitchen cook safe documentation

Social Functions – Weddings; Birthdays; Retirements ; Other:

If you intend to provide for any of these functions please describe the nature and extent and likely frequency of each:

The club intends to maximise it's use in 2025. however our belief is that majority of these functions will be carried out Friday-Sunday. The function hall and bar facilities are available to hire but done through a club member

Entertainment – Recorded Music; Live Performances; Dance Facilities; Theatre; Films; Gaming; Indoor/outdoor sports; Televised Sport – If you intend to provide for any of these facilities please describe the nature and extent and likely frequency of each:

As above. The frequency of these events will vary throughout the year, often following major sporting events, Football, Rugby, Golf etc...

Outdoor Drinking Facilities – If you intend to provide outdoor drinking facilities please describe where and what the facilities will be used for. You will also be required to provide a statement in the objectives section how you intend to prevent public nuisance from use of such facilities:

We as a club to intend to provide outdoor drinking area. There are a number of benches located around the bowling green. The playing surface is fully enclosed with a clear barrier for a 'no alcohol to be taken passed this point'

Majority of the outdoor drinking facilities will be utilised during the outdoor bowling season, the club is currently represented in 3 divisions of the East Lothian Bowls leagues, this means at any one point there are a minimum of 12 clubs members and committee to a maximum of over 30 on any one evening

The outside facilities are to be vacated by 10pm with the bar providing plastic alternatives to glasses for outside consumption

Adult Entertainment – If you intend to provide any entertainment of a sexual nature please state the type and likely frequency if use. Adult entertainment is any form of sexual stimulation and includes adult humour or explicit language. The Board will also expect you to address the objective of preventing harm to children and young persons:

N/A

Activities Outwith Licensed Core Hours – In your Operating Plan, at 5(e), you should have given details of any activity that will be provided outwith core licensed hours. If you wish you can expand on your explanation here:

While the club has no ongoing arrangements to be open for activities before the licensed hours, the excessive use of YES to these activities is to ensure compliance without restricting the clubs ability to take on any new community groups

Bowling events often start in advance of the licensed hours, these competitions are few than 6 throughout the year

Any Other Activities – In your Operating Plan at 5(f) you should have given details of any other type of activity you are likely to cater for. It would be useful to give an indication of the extent and frequency of such events:

Children and Young Persons – If you intend to provide access for children and young persons on the premises please provide details of what facilities you have on the premises in respect of different age groups. In addition, please state where and what baby changing facilities will be provided for children under five years.

0-15 years permitted to be on the premises until 9pm, 16-17 years permitted to be on the premises until 11pm. Children and young persons are permitted to stay until the terminal hour if part of a pre-arranged function.

They are allowed access to all public areas of the building, excluding those highlighted on the layout plan

The club has baby changing facilities and can be found in the disabled toilet

LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Please provide details below of how you will ensure that the 5 Licensing Objectives are complied with. It may be helpful in answering this section if you refer to the East Lothian Council Licensing Board's 'Statement of Licensing Policy', which can be found at

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/27884/statement_of_licensing_policy_2018-2023

Preventing Crime and Disorder

Tranent BC prides itself on its reputation as a friendly family club that have successfully operated without incident for several years.

We display a number of the downloadable signage including the PASS scheme, Zero tolerance for any person caught with illegal substances, right to refuse service, children proximity exclusion to bar area etc. All bar volunteers have completed mandatory licence training, with an emphasis on conflict management and refusal of service where required.

As a members club, any non-club member have their details recorded, along with their alcohol sales throughout their time in the club. In addition the club hold a sales refusal book

The club surroundings have access to a number of bins, units for cigarette disposal and the grounds are well kept and in good condition visually at all times. Last orders are called 15 minutes before the terminal hour and signalled by a bell behind the bar.

Securing Public Safety:

The club's capacity of 70 is based on majority of members being seated within the main function hall

While the club is at its busiest during an open, the club intend to use the occasional licence programme where by they may look to hire a marquee of similar to temporarily increase the capacity where possible. This would likely be a maximum of 2 or 3 times throughout the year

The club has 3 well lit and clearly marked fire escapes and modern heat/smoke detectors and an emergency lighting system. all maintained by East Lothian Council. We also have 2 different use fire extinguishers and fire blanket on site. We have 2 first aid boxes on site, located in the Kitchen. These are checked quarterly and restocked where required

members are encouraged to return used glassware to the bar and have alternative plastic receptacles for outside consumption

We have a zero tolerance policy for any abuse towards volunteers/bar staff. we currently have over 20 members bar trained so have adequate numbers where they are required

Preventing Public Nuisance:

The club is fortunate to be located with no neighbours in immediate close proximity to the premises the building is north facing and faces across the bowling green and onto the Edinburgh road

All outside drinking to end by 10pm with last orders of 9.45pm called in the outside area.

The club are more than willing to adhere to conditions the licensing board would see fit to implement as part of the application. The entry to the grounds is a single point of access with no ability to enter the building without entering here.

Last orders are called 15 minutes prior to the terminal hour. There are signs at the exit asking members to be respectful of our neighbours when leaving the building.

The club recycle all glass, plastic and cardboard in conjunction with East Lothian Council recycling programme. This includes 5 marked wheelie bins. These are mirrored in the bar area, these are not emptied after 9pm to minimise noise and disruption

Protecting and Improving Public Health:

All bar staff have completed mandatory licence training and are aware of their responsibility of the responsible sale of alcohol.

The club offer several low alcohol or 'zero' alcohol alternatives at all times in addition a large variety of soft drinks. The club do offer bottled water but can provide tap water. With the exception of the two draught options the club intend to sale bottles and cans, this removes the use for measure options on wine etc.

The bar stock crisps and chocolate to encourage people to eat while drinking. all options are packaged and display ingredients etc.. however the club do display an allergen warning poster to encourage those with allergies to ask staff where required.

Any member deemed to have consumed an excessive amount of alcohol are refused service and encouraged to have an alternative soft drink option. Those who that do not respect the decision are asked to leave. This is done by a committee member to avoid conflict

The club have a defibrillator installed on the front of the building, with a number of members trained on how to use.

Individual volunteers do not set pricing of items however the committee have set prices, conforming to minimum unit pricing throughout

Protecting Children and Young Persons From Harm:

The club have a number of members that currently hold PVG certification as well as a child welfare officer.

Children under direct supervision of an adult partaking in alcohol will have their sales scrutinised

No children under the age of 12 is permitted to use the pool/darts facilities within the club.

The club display and operate the Challenge 25 programme and the PASS scheme to minimise the risk of fraudulent ID being provided.

Glass alternatives are available to young persons

Baby changing facilities available

1.5m exclusion from the bar area in place for young persons.

APPLICATION SUPPORTING COMMENTS

Additional Information

Supporting Comments

i.e. reasons why the Board should support your application.

After the cuts made by East Lothian Council for the 2025 green maintenance, the use of the bar facilities and the reinvestment into the club has become more crucial than ever. The clubs ability to become self sustainable and fund raise in excess of £10k per year to maintain the playing surface of the green.

Tranent BC have occupied the new pavilion and operated as a tenant of East Lothian Council. The club have made significant investment in improving the fixtures and fittings to the club, including upgrading of the seating, decoration, creation of a fixed bar area, new kitchen over the years and believe we have a huge part to play in the community and surrounding areas

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

(Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995 Section 44(2)(b))

The contents of this Application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____

Date 14/04/2025



SCHEDULE 6 Regulation 7

DISABLED ACCESS AND FACILITIES STATEMENT

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 20(2)(b)(iia)

1. DISABLED ACCESS AND FACILITIES

1(a). Is there disabled access to the premises

YES ☒ NO ☐

1(b). Do you have facilities for those with a disability

YES ☒ NO ☐

1(c). Do you have any other provisions available to aid the use of the premises by disabled people

YES ☒ NO ☐

If you have answered Yes to any of the questions above please complete, as appropriate, the following sections.

2. DISABLED ACCESS TO, FROM AND WITHIN THE PREMISES

Please provide clear and detailed description of how accessible the premises are for disabled people. e.g. ramps, accessible floors, signage.

Access to the building can be gained by a ramp to the main door. Inside the building it is on a uniform level with no physical barriers between the rooms allowing free movement for a wheelchair. There is a stand alone disabled toilet.

The 3 external doors to the property all measure 928mm and have an open gap of 865mm

The tables within the premises can be accessed by removal of physical chairs and sit at a height of 700mm

3. FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Please describe in detail the facilities provided for disabled people.
e.g. disabled toilets, lifts, accessible tables.

Disabled toilet, with extra wide door opening and lift aid to the side of toilet
moveable seating to allow close proximity to table at suitable height

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

Please provide details of any other provisions made to aid the use of the premises by disabled people. e.g. assistance dogs welcome, large print menus.

Assistance dogs welcome

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

The contents of this disabled access and facilities statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature  * (see note below)

Date 09/04/2025

Capacity Vice-President

APPLICANT/AGENT (delete as appropriate)

Tel. no. of signatory 

Email 

* Data Protection Act 2018

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**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACTS 2003****SECTION 50
BUILDING STANDARDS CERTIFICATE****Section 50 Application No:** 24/00013/S50**Applicant:** Matthew Osbourne 4 [REDACTED]**Agent:** None**Premises Address:** Tranent Bolwing Club Polson Park Tranent East Lothian EH33 1AN**Proposed Use of Premises:** Bowling Club

I confirm that a late completion certificate acceptance **24/00750/LCC** was issued for these premises on **30.01.2025**

Therefore, in terms the above Acts, I have no objections to the granting of a Premises License.

Drwg No.	Rev.	Description.	Source.
		Building Warrant & Licensing drawings	

Signed:[REDACTED]
Frank Fairgrieve
Building Standards Team Manager**Date:** 25.02.2025**Contact
Details:****Address:** Building Standards, Engineering Services & Building Standards,
East Lothian Council, Penston House, Macmerry, East Lothian,
EH33 1EX**Tel No:** 01620 827 216**Email:** buildingstandards@eastlothian.gov.uk
[Marked for the attention of Frank Fairgrieve]**Issued
To:**

Matthew Osbourne [REDACTED]

**Copied
To:**

Licensing, East Lothian Council, John Muir House, Haddington (by e mail)



East Lothian Council

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

**SECTION 50
PLANNING CERTIFICATE**

APPLICANT: Matthew Osborne

**NAME AND
ADDRESS OF
PREMISES:** Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, EH33 1AN

SECTION 50 PLANNING CERTIFICATE

- ☒ I confirm that planning permission (ref: 02/00174/NID) under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 in respect of any development of the subject premises in connection with their proposed use as a licensed premises has been obtained.
- ☐ I confirm that planning permission is not required.

SECTION 50 PROVISIONAL PLANNING CERTIFICATE

- ☐ I confirm that planning permission (ref:.....) or outline planning permission (ref:.....) has been obtained in respect of the construction or conversion of the subject premises.
- ☐ I confirm that planning permission is not required.

I hereby confirm that, in terms the above Acts, I have no objections to the granting of the Confirmation of the Premises License to cover the above proposals.

Signed:



Date: 31st July 2024

Keith Dingwall
Service Manager, Planning (Chief Planning Officer)

Our ref: 03180/2003/2/000
Your ref: TBC/MM
Direct Line: 01620 827365
E Mail: ehs@eastlothian.gov.uk

John Muir House
Haddington
East Lothian
EH41 3HA
Tel 01620 827827

18th March 2025

Tranent Bowling Club Committee
Polson Park Clubhouse
Edinburgh Road
Tranent
East Lothian
EH33 1AN

Dear Sir,

THE LICENSING (FOOD HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2011

Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park Clubhouse, Edinburgh Road, Tranent, East Lothian EH33 1AN

I hereby certify, in terms of Section 50 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, that the premises operated by Tranent Bowling Club Committee at Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park Clubhouse, Edinburgh Road, Tranent, East Lothian EH33 1AN comply with the requirements the EU provisions which are listed in Schedule 2 to the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/3)

Yours faithfully,



Marion Muir
Food & Safety Officer

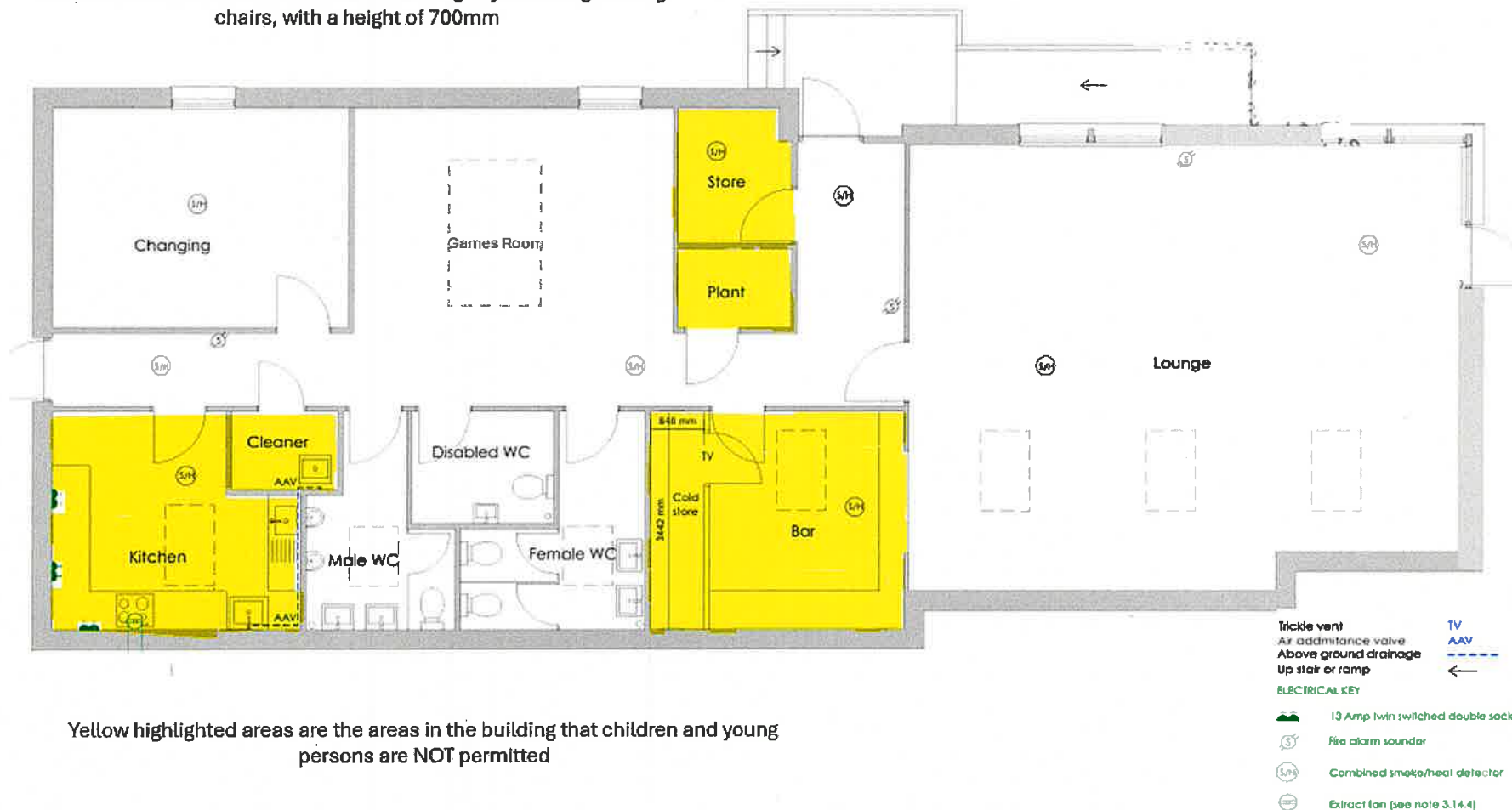
cc Licensing Board

An invoice for £135.60 will be issued by our Finance department.

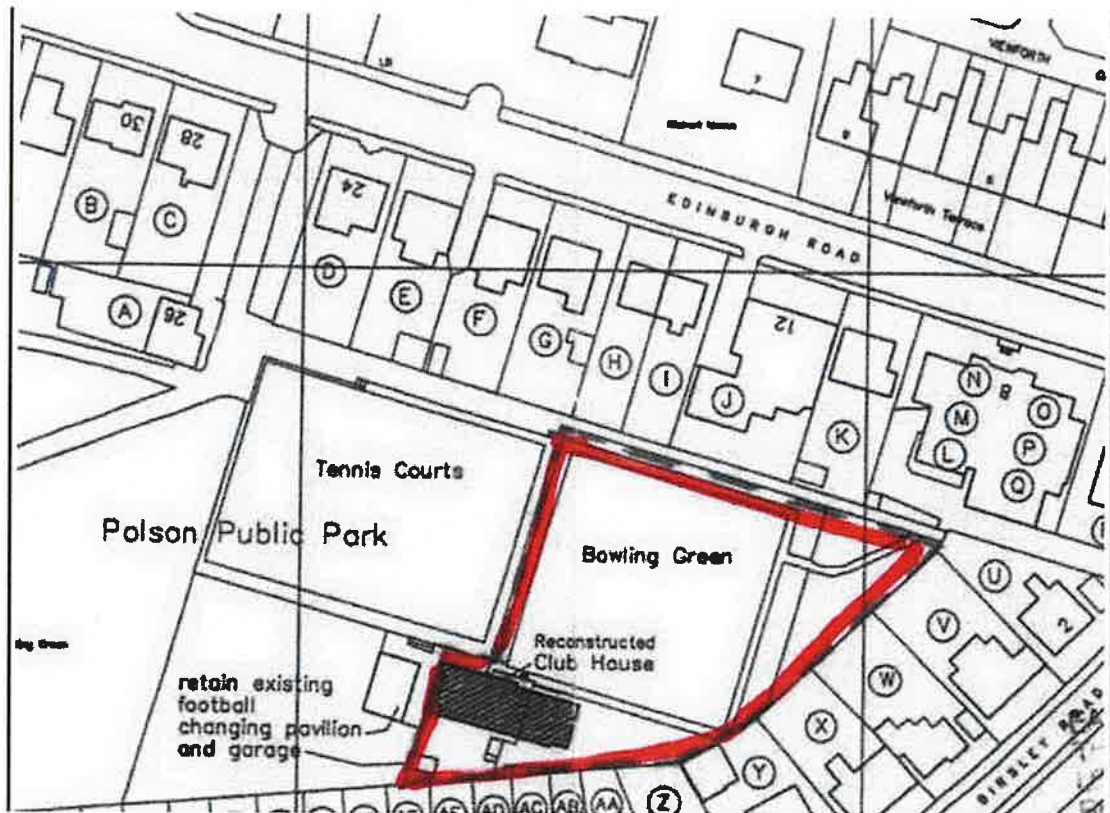
cc copy to Licensing Board

NB There will be a charge of £135.60 for this Certificate which will be invoiced in due course.

The Three external building doors all measure 928mm with a clear opening of 865mm wide. Corridors throughout the building measure 1200mm to ensure ease of movement throughout including mobility chairs etc. Tables are accessible in the lounge by removing existing chairs etc. Tables are accessible in the lounge by removing existing chairs, with a height of 700mm



Yellow highlighted areas are the areas in the building that children and young persons are NOT permitted



Aerial view of bowling green and surrounding area to be licensed. The green is enclosed on all sides by a hedge, access can only be gained by 2 lockable gates

18/04/2025

Your Ref:

Our Ref: 915914

The Clerk of the Licensing
Board
East Lothian Council
John Muir House
Haddington
East Lothian
EH41 3HA



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**

Keeping people safe

Gregg Banks
Chief Superintendent
Divisional Commander
The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division
Dalkeith Police Station
Newbattle Road
Dalkeith, EH22 3AX

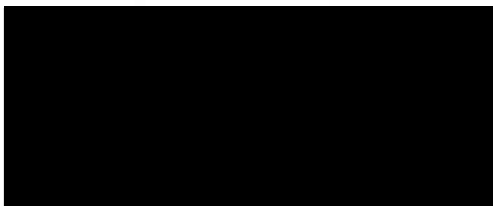
Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PREMISES LICENCE
TRANENT BOWLING CLUB (PREV. POLSON PARK BOWLING
ASSOCIATION)
TRANENT BOWLING CLUB, EDINBURGH ROAD, TRANENT, EAST LoTHIAN,
EH33 1AN.
TRANENT BOWLING CLUB, POLSON PARK, TRANENT EH33 1AN**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 21(4)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I have to advise you that neither the applicant nor any connected person has been convicted of any relevant offence.

I am unable to confirm the existence of any foreign offence in respect of the applicant or any connected person.

Yours faithfully



Gregg Banks
Divisional Commander

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

Licensing Standards

From: Licensing Standards Officer

To: C. Grilli
Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 6th May 2025

Subject: LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

TRANENT BOWLING CLUB, POLSON PARK, TRANENT, EAST LoTHIAN EH33 1AN

I refer to the above subject and can confirm that the applicant has liaised with the LSO in relation to this application and I have visited the premises. The premises was previously licensed under premises licence EL0256 as Polson Park Bowling Club Association. Unfortunately, the Polson Park Bowling Association committee was dissolved in February 2020 and the premises licence was deemed to cease at this time. Alcohol continued to be sold at the premises despite there being no premises licence. Tranent Bowling Club took over the premises following the dissolution of Polson Park Bowling Association and were unaware that the premises licence had ceased to take effect. In July 2024, following a meeting with the club representative Matthew Osbourne, myself and police it was discovered there was no premises licence.

Mr Osbourne took immediate action to cease all sales of alcohol and there after made application for occasional licences to cover the provision of alcohol at bowling matches. He was given guidance on submitting a club premises licence application which he has actioned. I found him knowledgably and very professional fully taking on board his responsibilities. It is of note that Mr Osbourne and none of the current committee were part of the previous committee.

I can confirm that the application is compliant with the Act. The on-sales hours applied for are within the hours stated in the Board Policy.

The bowling green and area surrounding it have been included in the licensed area. This area is enclosed with the entrance and exit being the gate to the side of the building.

As this is a club premises licence application it can not be considered in terms of overprovision. The club constitution supplied with the application is compliant with the Act and Mr Osbourne has been given guidance on alcohol sales within the club.

In relation to the outdoor drinking area, I recommend the following conditions:

1. No public entertainment, amplified music, amplified vocals or live music are to be played in the outdoor area to ensure the use does not cause nuisance to neighbouring residential properties.
2. The use of the outdoor area will cease by 10.00pm.

If successful in obtaining the premises licence, the premises will be subject to a licensing inspection.

Licensing Standards Officer

Email title: Licensing Board Applications – Objection by NHS Lothian Public Health

As a statutory partner in the licensing forum and reviewer of applications, NHS Lothian value receiving license applications and the opportunity to comment.

NHS Lothian continue to support the licensing board particularly in relation to the objectives of protecting and improving public health, and protecting children and young people from harm.

The licensing regime does not have responsibility for promoting business growth, but does have a legal requirement to promote the licensing objectives of ***Preventing crime and disorder; Securing public safety; Preventing public nuisance; Protecting and improving public health Protecting children and young persons from harm.***

Alcohol deaths in Scotland are increasing. There were 1,276 alcohol specific deaths registered in Scotland in 2022, an increase of 2%.¹ Levels of alcohol related harm in relation to crime, community safety, child welfare, health and wellbeing are concerning and have a greater affect in our most deprived communities, contributing to inequalities.

NHS Lothian is submitting the following objection with regards to the premises applications at:
Tranent Bowling Club,
Polson Park,
Tranent,
EH331AN

The objection is based on the application being inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives.

We believe the application listed above is located within an area we have identified as having higher health related harm.²

There has been good evidence for over a decade that increased alcohol outlet density is associated with harms to health. Overprovision of alcohol creates harm by directly increasing opportunities for purchases, and influences the perceived normality of alcohol consumption, including the exposure to children and young people. Overprovision also makes it more difficult for people to recover from alcohol dependence. Specifically within Scotland, researchers at the University of Edinburgh have found that alcohol related mortality and morbidity are significantly higher in neighbourhoods with a greater density of alcohol outlets (on and off sales). This relationship was particularly striking for off sales outlet density.³

Protecting and improving public health

There is strong evidence that when alcohol is more available, due to more places to buy or longer opening hours, people buy and drink more, resulting in an increase in harm to health and alcohol related crime.⁴

¹ <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/deaths/alcohol-deaths>

² As calculated by Public Health and submitted to be considered as part of the licensing statement consultation.

³ [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4415114/#:~:text=An%20IQR%20increase%20in%20off,%2C%2015%25%20higher%20mortality\).](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4415114/#:~:text=An%20IQR%20increase%20in%20off,%2C%2015%25%20higher%20mortality).)

⁴ <https://exilens.stir.ac.uk/>

Excessive use of alcohol is linked to a range of physical and mental health problems, as well as accidental injury and premature mortality. Medical conditions linked with alcohol use include high blood pressure, liver disease, stroke, cancer and brain damage.

The license board should consider the cumulative implication for each license application across the population, including implication on children and young people, and those recovering from alcohol dependency. The licencing board has a powerful role in reducing availability and acceptability over time, by acting on both the number and opening hours of on and off licence premises.

More licensed premises contribute to population alcohol related harm:^{5, 6}

- Alcohol-specific deaths are 4.3 times higher in the most deprived areas compared to the least deprived areas (1.8 times higher for all causes of death).
- Alcohol related death rates in neighbourhoods with the most off-sales outlets were 2.4 times higher than in neighbourhoods with the least.

Protecting children and young persons from harm

Alcohol use is the leading cause of harm in young people and increases the risk of alcohol dependency in adulthood. Children have no control over what they are exposed to and therefore limiting exposure to alcohol is crucial, especially since:⁷

- Off sale alcohol outlets accounted for 47% of children's exposure.
- Children living in the most deprived communities were almost 5 times more likely to be exposed to off sale alcohol outlets than children in the least deprived areas.
- Children living in the most deprived communities were almost 3 times more likely to be exposed to on sale alcohol outlets than children in the least deprived areas.
- Children in deprived areas experienced 31% of their exposure to off sales outlets within 500 m of their homes compared to 7% for children from less deprived areas.
- Children from all areas received 22—32% of their exposure within 500 m of schools, but the proportion of this from off sales outlets increased with area deprivation.

Thank you for considering this written objection. We will not be objecting in person. Please contact us directly if you wish to discuss further.

⁵ <https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/media/310734/alcohol-outlet-availability-and-harm-in-city-of-edinburgh.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/deaths/alcohol-deaths>

⁷ Inequalities in children's exposure to alcohol outlets in Scotland:
<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-022-14151-3>

Herkes, Gillian

From: Robertson, Scott
Sent: 17 April 2025 13:30
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Full Premises Application - Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, EH33 1AN

Hello,

Please note I have no comments or objections to this full premises licence application.

Regards
Scott

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From: Licensing <licensing@eastlothian.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 April 2025 15:01
To: Lothian and Borders Police (lothianscotborderslicensingeastmid@scotland.pnn.police.uk)
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Health/Trading Standards <ehs@eastlothian.gov.uk>; Fire (torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk)
<torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk>; kat.burke@nhs.scot; tecc.secretary@aol.co.uk
Subject: Full Premises Application - Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, EH33 1AN

Dear All

Please find attached application for full premises licence for report/representation for the above premises by 7th May 2025.

Kind regards

Gillian

Gillian Herkes
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Democratic & Licensing Services
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Haddington
East Lothian Council
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Please note :- My working days are Tuesday to Friday

To the Clerk of the Licensing Board,

Subject: Objection to New Premises Licence – Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to formally object to the application for a new premises licence at Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent.

As neighbouring residents living in close proximity to the premises, we already experience significant disturbances from events held there, particularly due to loud music and large gatherings that continue late into the night. These activities directly impact our families' right to peace, privacy, and the quiet enjoyment of our homes.

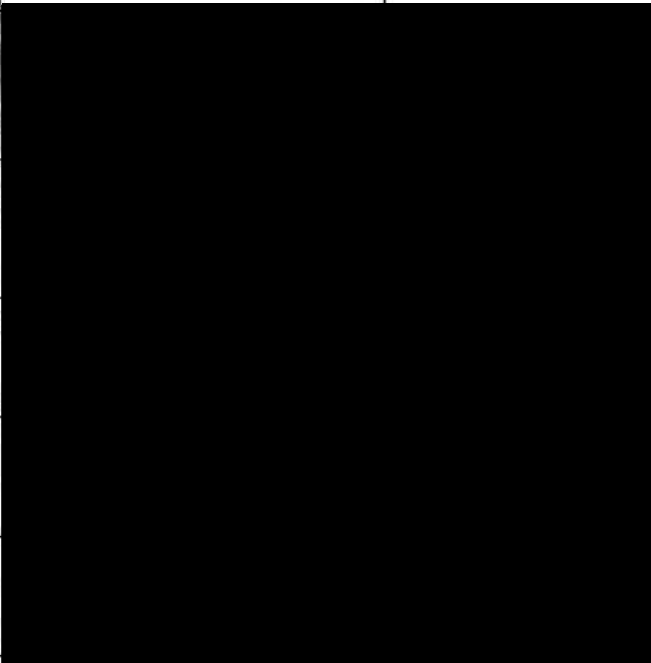
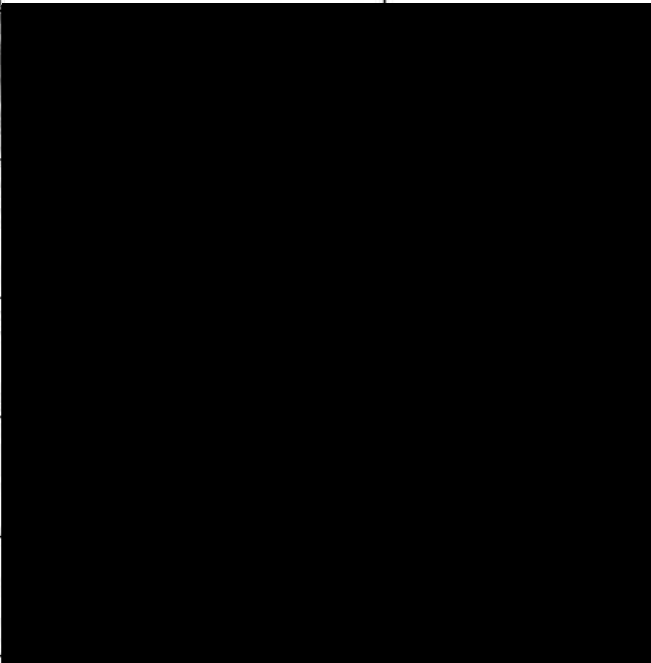
The proposed extended hours are completely unacceptable to us as local residents. The disturbance already caused by the current operations is difficult enough, and an extension would only worsen an already problematic situation.

Additionally, it is important to highlight that residents on Lammermoor Terrace already endure substantial noise and pollution from R Flynn & Sons Haulage contractors, whose operations frequently run from 4:00-5:00 AM until 9:00-10:00 PM in summer months. We intend to raise a separate formal complaint regarding R Flynn & Sons Haulage contractors operating hours, which appear to exceed licensed limits. It is unacceptable for the Council to permit such ongoing disturbances without appropriate oversight and monitoring.

We strongly urge the Licensing Board to refuse the application for extended opening hours at Tranent Bowling Club in recognition of the serious impact it would have on the surrounding residential community.

Yours faithfully,

East Lothian Council
Licensing
- 7 MAY 2025
Received

Names of the Objecting Residents	Addresses of the Objecting Residents	Signatures
DENISE AND STEVEN HERON		
JEANETTE HERON		
JOHN ARLOW		
Edna Kovacs		
DAVID KOVACS		

Mr R K Griggs



Your Ref CG/mjw/EN/L/L1

23rd April 2025

Dated 16 April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

East Lothian Licensing Board

Licensing (Scotland) ACT 2005

Premises- Tranent Bowling Club, Polson Park, Tranent, East Lothian, EH33 1AN

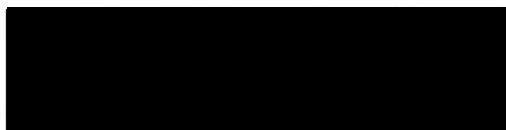
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As the above Premises backs directly onto my property and others, I therefor object to the excessive application of Licensed opening hours, I have in the past had to express my concern over noise from the club, I do not accept the late opening of the club will take into account of the close proximity of the adjacent houses with young children, elderly and residents working shifts, 12 hrs of drunken activity 7 days a week and until 01:00 On a Saturday & Sunday, (That's only the sale of drink hours).

Yours Faithfully



R.K.Griggs



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