

# PENNINGTON FLASH COUNTRY PARK

LICENSING APPLICATION SUBMITTED 10 MAY 2022

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- Designated 4 event spaces - 7 days a week
- Supply of alcohol on and off the premises 11am to 1am
- Late night refreshments indoors and outdoors 11pm to 1am
- Plays indoors and outdoors - 24 hours a day
- Films indoors and outdoors - 7 days, 4pm to 11pm
- Live music indoors and outdoors, Friday to Sunday 11am to midnight
- Recorded music indoors and outdoors, Monday to Thursday 9am to 10pm, Friday to Sunday 9am to midnight
- Dance indoors and outdoors, as above
- Performance of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or dance - basically anything then!

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- The application was not disclosed in the presentation to local stakeholders including Leigh Ornithological Society and Pennington Flash volunteers on 23<sup>rd</sup> May - almost 2 weeks after submission resulting in a loss of trust
- Two notices posted at the Flash but no awareness until the notice was posted on line around 1<sup>st</sup> June, with a deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> June for objections
- 194 objections were submitted but only 19 eventually judged to be relevant
- Massively reduced amended application was submitted for just the café / decking area with hours alcohol licence hours reduced to 7 days a week, 11am to 10pm. However, existing legislation does allow for up to 15 temporary events per annum
- The 19 were then asked if they wished to proceed with the objection. Only 3 people responded YES, so a Sub-committee hearing was arranged for the 4<sup>th</sup> July. Two people attended, and following discussion and questions the reduced application was passed. More later.

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- Licensing applications should be printed on pale blue paper - not white - watch out for them
- It is essential to use the relevant criteria when objecting against any application. For licensing it is concerns about:
  - crime and disorder
    - public safety
    - public nuisance
  - protecting children from harm
- Clarification has been sought whether applications are approved without going before a sub-committee if no objections are taken forward

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- It is well worth objecting and going all the way - don't let applications sneak through
- Going to sub-committee meant that the application was discussed and minuted
- It was put on record that stakeholders were not notified - this was acknowledged as an omission in retrospect though the applicant emphasised that all legal requirements had been met - 2 notices at the Flash and a notice for one week in the Leigh Journal - which hardly anyone gets now!
- Issues about the application could be clarified and minuted by asking questions, as follows
- The café opening hours are likely to be 9 or 10am to 6pm in summer, and 9 or 10am to 4pm in winter. The 10pm licence allows some flexibility for private bookings or planned events
- In the café the emphasis will be on coffee / cakes / snacks with just small bottles of beer or wine on sale - no draught alcohol
- Temporary events will be discussed in advance with stakeholders such as Leigh Ornithological Society - examples given were Christmas or artisan markets
- In response to a question the Notice of Determination states that profits from the café would be reinvested in Pennington Flash - though I did ask about events too