

## ***LICENSING PANEL Regulatory Committee Agenda***

Date Monday 1 December 2025

Time 8.30 am

Venue J R Clynes Ground Floor Room 1 - The JR Clynes Building

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING PANEL  
Councillors Adams, J. Hussain and S. Hussain

### Item No

1 Election of Chair

The Panel is asked to elect a Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies For Absence

3 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

5 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

6 Order of Proceedings (Pages 3 - 6)

7 Church Inn, 477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0AA (Pages 7 - 40)

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## **OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING PANEL - ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

The procedure outlined below, which was enclosed with the notice of hearing sent to each party, and a copy of which is before you today, will be followed.

Documentary evidence may be relied upon and considered by the Panel if it has been served on the Licensing Authority prior to the hearing, or if all parties consent it can be produced on the day of the hearing.

Any person wishing to call a witness to speak at the hearing must have applied in writing for permission from the Licensing Authority at least 2 working days before the hearing and must also have provided the name of the witness and a brief description of the points on which that person may be able to assist the authority in relation to their application, representations or notice. Any application to call a witness where the party has not given 2 working days' notice will be considered by the Panel at the beginning of the hearing and permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

Each party will have the same amount of time in which to address the Panel, each party will have up to 60 minutes to address the authority and give any further information (which must be relevant to that party's or another party's application or representation). Where any party considers this time to be insufficient then, a request in writing may be made to the Constitutional Services Officer for an extension of time at least two working days before the hearing; however this will not automatically be granted, and will be at the discretion of the Panel.

Any person behaving in a disruptive manner will be asked to leave the hearing, however, if this occurs that person will be entitled to submit in writing any information they would have been entitled to give orally.

The Authority will provide a record of the hearing in a permanent and intelligible form and keep it for 6 years from the date of determination or disposal of any Appeal.

Members are advised that they are making decisions in a quasi-judicial manner. As such, they have a duty to view all evidence presented before them impartially. Members must disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Panel is not bound by the formal rules of evidence. Nevertheless, Members must carry out their duty placing what weight they feel is appropriate given the nature of the evidence and the manner in which it was obtained, and communicated.

## **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Chair will welcome those present and outline the procedure to be followed (as set out below) and the Clerk will record those present. The Clerk will remind everyone that each party will have up to 60 minutes to address the Panel and give any further information.

### **APPLICATION**

The Licensing Officer will outline the nature of the application.

The applicant and/or their representative to address the Panel, present additional information in support of the application (where consent to do so has been granted) and call any witnesses (subject to having given the required prior notice or having received permission at the beginning of the hearing). The Applicant and any witnesses may be questioned by Members of the Panel.

Any party, if given permission by the panel, may question the applicant and his witnesses, but this shall not take the form of cross examination.

### **REPRESENTATIONS**

The Party making the representation and/or their representative to address the members of the Panel, providing any additional information in support of their representation (where consent to do so has been granted) and call any witnesses (subject to having given the required prior notice or having received permission at the beginning of the hearing). The party and any witnesses may be questioned by Members of the Panel.

In the event that a number of members of the public are present at the meeting who intend to make a representation in relation to the application as interested parties then the Chair has discretion to ask that they appoint a nominated spokesperson to present their representations.

Any party, if given permission by the panel, may question the party making representations and his witnesses, but this shall not take the form of cross examination.

These representations will be taken in the following order: -

- Police Representation (unless they are the applicant)
- Licensing Authority
- Environmental Health Representation
- Other Responsible Authorities Representation
- Public Representation (Interested Parties)

### **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

The party making the representation may summarise their representation and make a closing statement.

The holder of the premises licence may summarise their representation and make a closing statement.

The Applicant may summarise the application and make a closing statement.

**SUMMARY** The Chair to summarise who has made representations.

**DETERMINATION**

The Panel Members will leave the hearing to consider their decision in private. The panels may request the services of a legal representative and Constitutional Services Officer.

The Chair of the Panel will announce the determination of the application and the reasons for that determination, and it will then be confirmed in writing within 5 working days of the hearing.

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## **Licensing Panel**

### **Licensing Act 2003 – Review of a Premises Licence under Section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003**

**Church Inn**  
**477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0AA**

Report of: Executive Member – Neighbourhoods

Officer Contact: Nicola Lord

**Date of Hearing: 4 November 2025**

#### **Reason for Hearing:**

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#### **Recommendations**

Members are recommended to consider the application, taking into account the representations received.

## Licensing Panel

Application for Section 53C Review

Church Inn, 477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0AA

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Pursuant to Section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003, the purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider a Review of the premises licence in respect of Church Inn, 477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, following an application for a Summary Review made by Greater Manchester Police on 3 November 2025.

### 2. The Application

- 2.1 On 3 November 2025 Greater Manchester Police applied for a summary review of Church Inn. The application and accompanying authorisation certificate are attached to the report at **Appendix 12.1**.
- 2.2 The application relates to an incident of serious disorder at the premises on 1 November 2025 which resulted in the serious injury of a police officer. The application also outlines a series of earlier incidents occurring at the premises.
- 2.3 The Police used powers under Section 76 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 1976 to close the premises for 48 hours following the incident.
- 2.4 The existing premises licence is attached at **Appendix 12.2**.

### 3. Interim Steps

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 53B of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Panel considered whether it was necessary to impose interim steps against the premises licence pending the full review hearing. On 4 November 2025 the panel resolved to suspend the premises licence pending the hearing.
- 3.2 On 17 November 2025 the premises licence holder made representations against the interim steps, which the Licensing Panel duly considered on 18 November 2025. A temporary agreement between Greater Manchester Police and the premises licence holder was presented to Members for their consideration, which is attached at **Appendix 12.3**. The Panel resolved to lift the suspension with effect from 18 November 2025 and impose the conditions specified in Appendix 12.3.

### 4. Review of Interim Steps

- 4.1 The Panel's decision on the review of the premises licence does not take effect until the end of the 21 day period for appealing the decision. To ensure that there are appropriate and proportionate adequate safeguards in place at all times, when Members have made their decision on what action, if any, to take against the premises licence, a review of the Interim Steps must take place.



4.2 In reviewing the interim steps Members must consider whether it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives for the interim steps to remain in place or if they should be withdrawn or modified. In making their decision Members must consider any relevant representations made.

4.3 If members are minded to say the interim steps should continue but be modified, the options open to Members include:-

- a) The modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- b) The exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence;
- c) The removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- d) The suspension of the licence

Any interim steps taken at the review hearing apply until the end of the 21 day appeal period referred to above, or if an appeal is made, until the outcome of that appeal or such other time period determined by the Panel.

## 5. Representations

5.1 The Licensing Authority has received no formal representations relating to the review of the premises licence but has received emails of support for the premises which have been included at **Appendix 12.4**.

## 6. Statutory Guidance

6.1 Members must consider statutory guidance issued, by the Secretary of State, under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (revised February 2025). Of particular note are the following sections:

12.22 The licensing authority must hold a full review of the premises licence and determine the review within 28 days after the day of receipt of the chief officer's application. There can be no adjournment of the hearing or delay in reaching a determination beyond the end of the 28 day period. This must take place even if the chief officer or other responsible authority and/or other person asks to withdraw their application or representation (as the case may be). At the review hearing, the licensing authority must consider what steps are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives taking into account the application and any change in circumstances since any interim steps were imposed, consider any relevant representations, and review the interim steps already taken (if any).

12.23 In making its final determination the steps the licensing authority can take are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- the suspension of the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; and
- the revocation of the licence.

12.24 Modification of the conditions of the premises licence can include the alteration or modification of existing conditions or addition of any new conditions, including those that restrict the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.

6.2 A full copy of the guidelines will be available at the hearing.



## 7. Options

7.1 The options available to Members, having had regard to the information before them, including any verbal representations made by parties to the hearing are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- the suspension of the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; and
- the revocation of the licence.

Modification of the conditions of the premises licence can include the alteration or modification of existing conditions or addition of any new conditions, including those that restrict the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.

7.2 Any steps appropriate to promote the licensing objectives should be specified. If none of the steps are appropriate and proportionate, no action should be taken.

7.3 In arriving at a decision Members must have regard to the relevant provisions of national guidance and the licensing policy statement and reasons must be given for any departure. The decision should be based on the individual merits of the application.

## 8. Consultation

8.1 Consultation in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 was undertaken.

## 9. Legal Services Comments

9.1 In determining the application Members should have regard to the Authority's licensing policy statement and the Secretary of State's Guidance. The applicant for the review, the holder of the premises licence or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application have a right of appeal to the Magistrates' court within 21 days of being notified of the Council's decision. (A Evans)

## 10. Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

10.1 None

## 11. Equality, Community Cohesion & Crime Implications

11.1 The Councils Statement of Licensing Policy considers these matters. All decisions made by the Licensing Panel must have regard to this policy and national guidance.

## 12. Background Papers

12.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

File Ref: Records held in Directorate  
Officer Name: Nicola Lord

## 13. Appendices

- 13.1 Application
- 13.2 Premises licence
- 13.3 Temporary Agreement
- 13.4 Emails of Support

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## **CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime.

Premises: Church Inn, 477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0AA

Premises licence number (if known): PL 0074

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Miss Kerry Dowdall

I am a (Police Chief Superintendent Estelle Mathieson) of the Greater Manchester Police force. I am giving this certificate because I believe other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because:

On the 31/10/2025 approximately 23:30 hrs at the Church Inn in Failsworth, a fight broke out in the dance floor area. This involved the defendant and several unknown offenders.

The cause of the fight is unknown however via CCTV, one unknown male can be seen smashing a bottle on the head of one person and then using his arm in a stabbing motion against another, this would be considered a section 20/18 assault under the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

Another male can be seen to throw a wooden stool towards another male. The security team arrives but can be seen to keep their distance from the aggressors and do not intervene or take any form of positive action to deal with the events as they make their way out via the beer garden. After a few moments the offenders move out of the premises onto Oldham Road whereby the fight continued in the road. This was dangerous for road users and the individuals fighting. Once again, no intervention is taken by the door team on the premises. It is also of note that Greater Manchester Police did not receive any calls from the premises to report the matter or request the police. Even though one of the individuals had smashed a bottle over another person's head and had made stabbing motions, then it continued outside the premises.

PC 05079 Alexander was passing in a liveried vehicle and stopped to de-escalate the situation, which to be clear the door team should have already taken actions to resolve. As she attempted to detain one of the offenders, another male from the group can be seen on CCTV approaching from behind and punching PC Alexander to the face.

This caused PC Alexander to immediately fall, banging her head on the floor and was then rendered unconscious. Witnesses reported seeing her begin having what was described as fits or convulsions.

One would expect that the door team or members of the management would have assisted the seriously injured officer and intervened. At no point did either of the door security assist in trying to separate the fighting outside the premises and help the lone police officer.

When officers arrived, she was not conscious but breathing and NWS quickly attended and transported her to hospital. All offenders had run away from scene prior to further patrols attending the scene.

A crime scene was secured in the premises and Oldham Road (A62) which required police patrols to guard over night during a busy weekend.

The male responsible for the attack on the police officer was subsequently arrested and charged with section 20 assault, affray and possession of class A drug (cocaine).

The DPS was not present and left her father in control of the premises and to manage the public house. The father was witnessed by the officer who had attended to view and seize CCTV immediately after the events to be heavily under the influence of alcohol, so much so, that he became obstructive to the officer. To allow the officer to be able to undertake the investigation he was arrested for obstructing the police officers in the execution of their duties. This was a dynamic situation to apprehend the individual who had assaulted the officer. The manager of the premises at the time only hindered matters and was clearly not in complete control due to his intoxicated state.

Three of the four licensing objectives have been breached; Crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety. This was a serious incident which took place at the premises. There were crimes of S 20 assault, what could be considered violent disorder and serious disorder. Members of the public were in danger and or fear and apprehension of violence. Outside the premises where a female police officer was punched unconscious was also not dealt with appropriately by the door team or premises overall.

I am satisfied that the conduct constitutes an offence for which a person aged 21 years of age or over with no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 or more years as per section 81(3) Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA 2000). Satisfying the definition for serious crime.

It was also what would be considered a scene of violent disorder and serious disorder inside and outside of the premises. Using bottles as weapons and fighting in the main thoroughfare of a busy road.

In the interim, Greater Manchester Police would request that the licensing authority consider suspension of the premise licence until the full review is heard before the committee. At that time all matters can be fully addressed whilst being able to consider all the necessary evidence.

The premises has not been managed appropriately and that due to these concerns until Greater Manchester Police can investigate, discuss and consider the management of the premises that it would be unsafe for patrons to attend at this present time.

The incident which occurred raises concerns over the management of the premises and the ability of the Licence Holder and the Designated Premise Supervisor to promote the licensing objectives.

There have also been some other incidents of note involving the use of knives which were being brought to the premise and a glassing which occurred in May 2025. A full analysis will take place in relation to the premises.

I have considered all powers available and feel that closure powers contained within Section 76 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 are inappropriate due to the limited 48-hour closure not being sufficient to protect the public. The notice would expire before the matter was heard and in any event once heard would be transferred to the licensing authority for consideration.

Section 51 of the Act in addition to the above is inappropriate due to the serious nature of the offence being investigated.

The powers contained under Section 53A the Licensing Act 2003 are appropriate to be exercised due to the above previously mentioned powers being inappropriate for the purposes of this review. There are safeguarding issues and immediate concerns that the management of the premises is failing to promote the licensing objectives or the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety. It is correct and proper that the committee should consider such an application having the necessary knowledge and understanding of the area and premises.

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Chief Superintendent Estelle Mathieson – 03/11/2025

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**APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION  
53A OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003  
(PREMISES ASSOCIATED WITH SERIOUS CRIME OR DISORDER)**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

I, Pc 1095 Julian Addison on behalf of the chief officer of police for Oldham District, Greater Manchester Police, apply for the review of a premises licence under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

**1. Premises Details**

Name & Postal address of premises: Church Inn, 477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, M35 0AA

**2. Premises Licence Details**

Name of premises licence holder (if known): PL 0074

Name of premises licence number (if known): Frederic Robinson Ltd

**3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003**

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

Please tick to confirm X

#### **4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime.**

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**Signature of Applicant: J. Addison**

**Date: 03/11/2025**

**Capacity: Police Licensing Officer**

**Contact details for matters concerning this application:**

**Address: Sir Robert Peacock House,**

**Vulcan Street,**

**Oldham**

**OL1 4LA**

**Telephone: 07387 099 458**

**Email: 01095@gmp.police.uk**

Licensing Act 2003  
**Premises Licence**

**PL0074**

LOCAL AUTHORITY



**Oldham Council**  
Sir Robert Peacock House  
Vulcan Street  
Oldham  
Greater Manchester  
OL1 4LA

tel:  
web: [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

Part 1 - Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

**Church Inn**

477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0AA.

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

**Licence Issued** 11/06/2025

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- a performance of live music
- any playing of recorded music
- provision of late night refreshment
- the supply of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

| Activity (and Area if applicable)                            | Description         | Time From | Time To |
|--|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| E. Performance of live music (Indoors)                       | Monday to Sunday    | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
| F. Playing of recorded music (Indoors)                       | Monday to Sunday    | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
| I. Late night refreshment (Indoors)                          | Monday to Thursday  | 11:00pm   | 1:00am  |
|  | Friday and Saturday | 11:00pm   | 1:30am  |
|  | Sunday              | 11:00pm   | 1:00am  |
| J. Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises | Monday to Thursday  | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
|  | Friday and Saturday | 9:00am    | 1:30am  |
|  | Sunday              | 9:00am    | 1:00am  |

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

| Description        | Time From | Time To |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Monday to Thursday | 11:00am   | 2:00am  |
| Friday to Sunday   | 9:00am    | 2:00am  |



WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- J. Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises



Licensing Act 2003  
**Premises Licence**

**PL0074**

Part 2

**NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Frederic Robinson Ltd

Unicorn Brewery, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1JJ.

**REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)**

Frederic Robinson Ltd

00170679

**NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE  
AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Kerry DOWDALL

**PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR  
WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Licence No. TDX2345

Issued by Tendring



ANNEXES

**Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol**

- (1) Where a premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol, the licence must include the following conditions.
- (2) The first condition is that no supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-
  - (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- (3) The second condition is that every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

**The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2014**

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1-

- (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula-

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

where-

- (i) P is the permitted price,
  - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
  - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence-
- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
  - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 4.-(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a





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day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

**The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014**

1.-(1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(4) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises-

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to-

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

(e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

3. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either-

(a) a holographic mark, or

(b) an ultraviolet feature.



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**4. The responsible person must ensure that-**

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures-

- (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."

**ANNEX 2 - Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. All staff trained in relation to the licensing objectives. All training documented and made available to any authorised officer on request
2. CCTV system installed at the premises. The system must display on any recording the time and date of said recording. The system must cover both internal and external areas. The system must be recording whenever the premises is open to the public. Any recording must be retained for a minimum of 30 days after they are made and must be produced to an authorised officer on request, as long as the request is in accordance with the Data Protection Act or any other subsequent or alternative legislation
3. Appropriate signage must be displayed in a conspicuous position, alerting customers to the use of CCTV
4. A clear, legible, and conspicuous notice requesting patrons to avoid causing noise, nuisance or disturbance to local residents must be displayed at every exit
5. Doors and windows must be closed when live regulated entertainment is taking place after 10pm, apart from egress and access
6. Challenge 25 policy in operation and enforced at the premises, whereby any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall be required to provide identification to prove they are over the age of 18 before they are permitted to purchase alcohol. The only forms of acceptable ID will be: valid passport, UK photocard driving licence, an official ID card issued by HM Forces or EU bearing a photograph & date of birth of the holder, a Home Office approved proof of age ID card bearing the PASS hologram
7. All staff involved in the sale of alcohol must be trained in relation to the Challenge 25 policy upon commencement of their employment, following which they will undertake refresher training at suitable intervals. All training documented and made available to any authorised officer on request
8. There must be no persons under the age of 18 years permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a responsible adult

**ANNEX 3 - Conditions attached after a Hearing**

N/A



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**ANNEX 4 - Plan(s) Associated with the Premises Licence**

Approved plans deposited and kept with the Licensing Authority

**ANNEX 5 - Seasonal Variations/Non-Standard Timings**

Section E (Live Music)

Seasonal Variations

N/A

Non-Standard Timings

11:00 to 02:00 on all Bank or Public holidays (including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and on any Sunday or Monday forming part of a Bank or Public holiday weekend

Further Details

N/A

Section F (Recorded Music)

Seasonal Variations

N/A

Non-Standard Timings

11:00 to 02:00 on all Bank or Public holidays (including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and on any Sunday or Monday forming part of a Bank or Public holiday weekend

Further Details

N/A

Section I (Provision of Late-Night Refreshment)

Seasonal Variations

N/A

Non-Standard Timings

23:00 to 02:00 on all Bank or Public holidays (including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and on any Sunday or Monday forming part of a Bank or Public holiday weekend

Further Details

N/A

Section J (Supply of Alcohol)



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Seasonal Variations  
N/A

Non-Standard Timings

09:00 to 02:00 on all Bank or Public holidays (including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and on any Sunday or Monday forming part of a Bank or Public holiday weekend.

An additional 60 minutes on the day when British Summer Time commences

Further Details  
N/A

Section O (Hours premises are open to the public)

Seasonal Variations  
N/A

Non-Standard Timings

09:00 to 03:00 on all Bank or Public holidays (including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and on any Sunday or Monday forming part of a Bank or Public holiday weekend.

An additional 60 minutes on the day when British Summer Time commences

Further Details  
N/A



**Neil Crabtree**  
**Assistant Director-Public Protection**



## LOCAL AUTHORITY

**Oldham Council**

Sir Robert Peacock House  
Vulcan Street  
Oldham  
Greater Manchester  
OL1 4LA

tel:  
web: [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

## Premises Details

## POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

**Church Inn**

477 Oldham Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0AA.

## WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

**Licence Issued** 11/06/2025

## LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- a performance of live music
- any playing of recorded music
- provision of late night refreshment
- the supply of alcohol

## THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

| Activity (and Area if applicable)                            | Description         | Time From | Time To |
|--|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| E. Performance of live music (Indoors)                       | Monday to Sunday    | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
| F. Playing of recorded music (Indoors)                       | Monday to Sunday    | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
| I. Late night refreshment (Indoors)                          | Monday to Thursday  | 11:00pm   | 1:00am  |
|  | Friday and Saturday | 11:00pm   | 1:30am  |
|  | Sunday              | 11:00pm   | 1:00am  |
| J. Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises | Monday to Thursday  | 11:00am   | 1:00am  |
|  | Friday and Saturday | 9:00am    | 1:30am  |
|  | Sunday              | 9:00am    | 1:00am  |

## THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

| Description        | Time From | Time To |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Monday to Thursday | 11:00am   | 2:00am  |
| Friday to Sunday   | 9:00am    | 2:00am  |



**WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES**

- J. Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises

**NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Frederic Robinson Ltd

Unicorn Brewery, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1JJ.

**REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)**

Frederic Robinson Ltd

00170679

**NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Kerry DOWDALL

**STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED**

No one under the age of 16 will be allowed to enter or remain on the premises after 22:00 save on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Anyone who appears to be under the age of 18 and who is attempting to buy alcohol must be required to produce proof of age before such a sale is made.

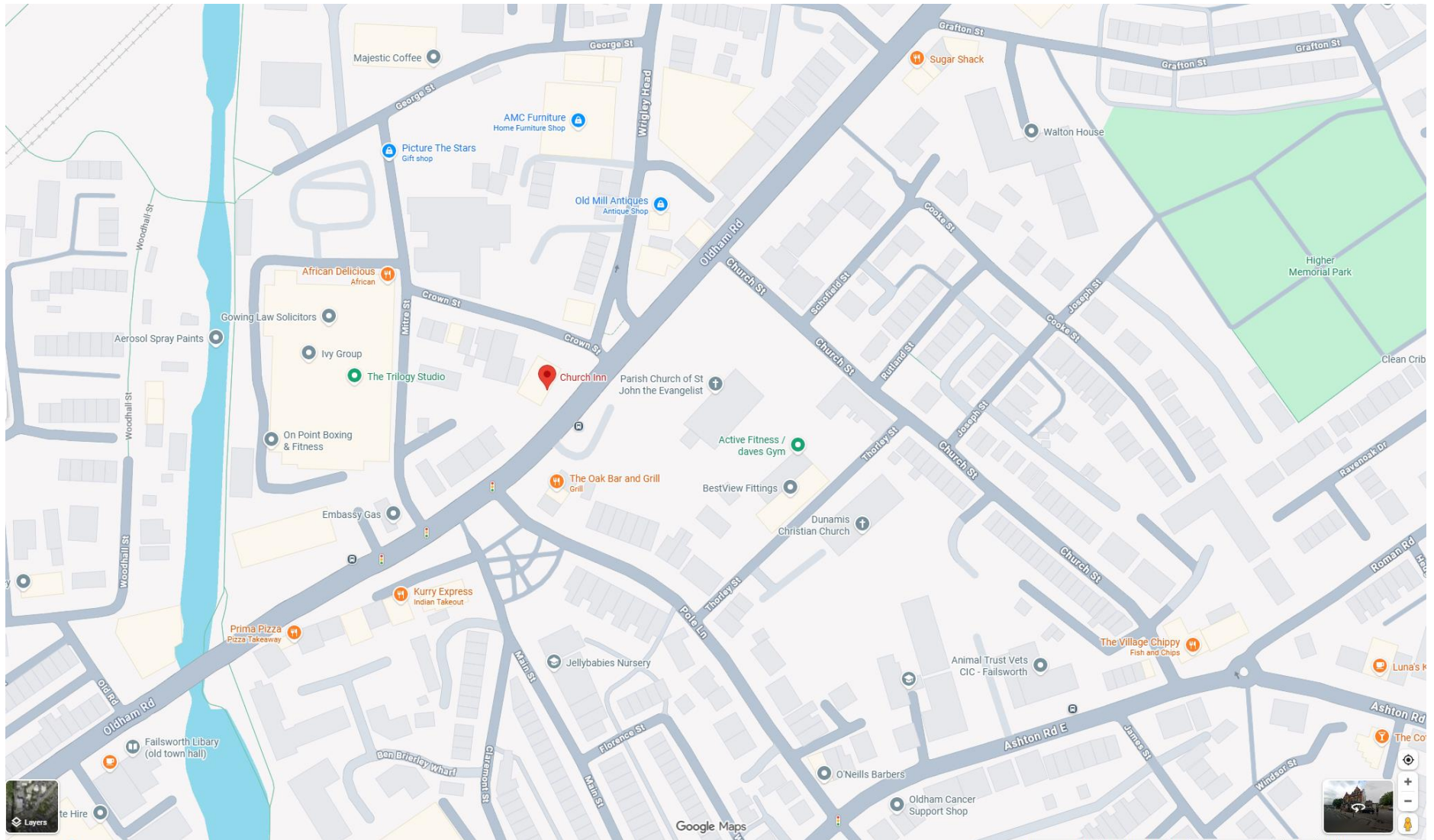


**Neil Crabtree**

**Assistant Director- Public Protection**















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Following our discussions and having discussed matters with my client's representative (Ben Robinson) today regarding interim steps the proposal from the premises licence holder is that in return for the police agreeing to the lifting of the suspension of the premises licence the following measures are proposed.

1) The existing Door team will be removed with immediate effect. I understand the proposed replacement team is to be Capricorn and there has already been discussions in that regard.

A minimum of 2x SIA registered door staff from Capricorn will be risk assessed to be on site from 2130hrs to 0230hrs on Friday and Saturday evenings. An SIA officer will be added from 0000hrs to 0230hrs.

Signatures –

Kerry Dowdall (DPS)  13/11/25

Helen Brierley (Business Development Manager) -  13-11-25


2) So far as the DPS is concerned, as Kerry (the existing DPS) was not in attendance at the time of this incident the proposal is that she will remain as DPS until the final hearing of this matter, on the following provisos.

- a. Kerry will be in day-to-day control of the premises.
- b. Kerry will be on site at peak periods of trading – we would suggest peak periods be defined as the period of 8pm until close on Friday and Saturday evening.
- c. At any time that Kerry is not at site Kerry will nominate in writing a suitable member of staff to supervise the premises and be available by telephone.

So far as David is concerned, he will not be involved in the management of the premises or left in sole charge of the premises at any time.

Signatures –

Kerry Dowdall – (DPS)  13/11/25

Helen Brierley – (Business Development Manager)  13-11-25

In addition, if possible, you (Julian) to attend site and meet with Kerry in advance of re-opening to discuss the re-opening and operation at site. This can be arranged for later this afternoon or tomorrow if convenient. The issue which leads to Kerry being away from the site (illness of a relative)

has been resolved and there are other measures in place which no doubt Kerry will be able to expand upon at the meeting

These interim measures are aimed to address the concerns raised.

**From:** Philip Harding  
**Sent:** 08 November 2025 19:19  
**To:** ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** The Church Inn 471 Oldham Road Failsworth Pole

This is to comment on the decision to suspend the licence of the Church Inn, following the incident outside the pub on October 31st.

I have been a regular customer for many years, and I believe this decision is an overreaction to say the least. The landlord and his staff have worked extremely hard to make the Church a welcoming family friendly venue, and while it is impossible to keep every undesirable out (short of searching every person who enters) they have done as much as they can to create a safe environment. Therefore it is most unfair not only to deprive to take them of their livelihood but also the people of Failsworth of a popular social outlet.

Phil Harding

From: Bev Molden

Sent: 09 November 2025 14:13

To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: Church Inn Pub, Failsworth

I would just like to say what a fantastic pub we have in our community. I have lived in Failsworth all my life and have seen different landlords come and go but I must admit Dave and Kerry have really turned it around making it into a family run pub, with great food and entertainment. The staff go out of there way to make you feel comfortable and I can honestly say they are all very good friends of ours.

We are very much hoping the pub will be open very soon.

Regards

Mrs Beverley Litherland

From: graham tardif

Sent: 10 November 2025 13:30

To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: Church inn Oldham rd Failsworth

To whom this may concern, this is a mail in support of the church inn, Oldham road failsworth. This pub is my local and has been since Dave and Kerry took over, there is no other place like it in Failsworth and many of the locals will agree, you can not get the same kind of entertainment anywhere else and the environment and bar staff are second to none if this pub closes there are staff that will lose their income and not only that the people that have come to love the place like my self will have lost a place to go for things like playing darts and pool there really is no other place like it. All this is down to people who can't handle their drugs which the pub has no control over please do not take away our place to go regards Graham Sent from my iPhone

John Litherland

Hi there,

I was shocked and saddened to see the notice outside the Church Inn, Failsworth, so much so that I had to email you.

My wife and I frequent the pub at least 2 times a week, sometimes more, as it's a lovely place where we have gotten to know all the staff and most of the people that go in. It's one of them places you can go in on your own after work, or on a weekend, and you'd end up chatting and having a laugh with one of the others, knowing that you're safe. We've made so many friends in there including the staff. There's only one pub I can say I know all the staff's names and proudly call them friends.

The landlords Dave and Kerry have worked so hard to improve the pub since their arrival. They've made the pub, easily, the best in Failsworth. It makes me sad to think they're in there now unable to open the doors. The list is endless but they've improved the beer garden, built a stage, created a fun duck theme, offer free pool, have a great jukebox, have great snacks and more recently opened the kitchen to some amazing food. They really have worked their socks off.

I feel for the staff too, they work so hard (and you can tell they enjoy working there) and they all have families to look after, so I really hope the pub can be open soon so they can carry on doing the amazing job they do.

I could go on, and I can't understate how saddened I am that Dave, Kerry and all the staff are being punished because a couple of people came in and couldn't behave themselves. I don't know the full story (only what I've read online), but I'm sure you know that drugs in Failsworth is a problem at the moment. Not just in one pub, but all of them. I've walked in some gents toilets in another pub and they're blatantly taking drugs in plain sight, and that was in a pub you really wouldn't expect it (not that we should expect it anywhere).

Despite the zero tolerance signs in all pubs, it makes no difference. The problem is much bigger than one pub. It's everywhere. Until that is tackled, then we're getting nowhere and punishing the wrong people along the way.

Apologies if this isn't the right address to express my concerns but I had to email anyway as I'm in shock that this pillar of the Failsworth community is unable to run right now.

Kind regards

John