

## What happens if there are problems with my Premises Licence Application?

Granting a licence for a new premises or a large-scale event must always take into account the four [licensing objectives](#). This is a major part of the application procedure, and could cause an application to be turned down or to have strict conditions attached to it.

If your application for a new licence, for a variation to your licence, or for a transfer of your licence fails outright, you can appeal our decision. You must make your appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of decision. Please contact the Licensing Section in the first instance on 01622 602000 or [licensing@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@maidstone.gov.uk) as we will be able to advise you.

You can appeal against any conditions attached to your licence, a decision to exclude an activity from your licence or a decision to exclude someone as your nominated premises supervisor. Again, you must appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of decision.

However, even if your licence is granted, an interested party or relevant authority who had made representations can still appeal against the decision. They can appeal against the grant of the licence as a whole, or the conditions attached to the licence, or which activities or premises supervisor are permitted. They must submit their appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of the decision.

## Could there be a review of my licence conditions, once a licence is granted?

### **Yes - if an interested party applies to the Licensing Authority.**

Any interested party directly affected by the activities at your premises, or a responsible authority such as the Police, Fire Brigade or Environmental Health, can apply for your licence to be reviewed if they feel the premises are being managed unacceptably. For example, they might raise concerns about noise levels, underage sales of alcohol, or inappropriate door supervision. We would then hold a hearing. If the interested party is still unhappy with the result, they can appeal to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the notice of decision.

### **Yes - if the licence is transferred.**

If you apply to transfer the licence to someone potentially unsuitable, the Police can give a notice to the licensing authority that the transfer could undermine crime prevention objectives. They must do this within 14 days of receiving notification of the transfer application.

**Yes - if serious crime and disorder breaks out.**

This is quite rare. If your premise is licensed to sell alcohol and the Police feel that it has become a focus for serious crime and/or disorder, they may issue a certificate to that effect to the licensing authority. The Police can then apply for a review of your licence.

If this happens, you as the licence-holder or any other interested party would be able to make representations, and a hearing would be held.