

1. CHRISTCHURCH KART CLUB LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION

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The purpose of this report is to gain the Council's approval (as lessor) for the Christchurch Kart Club Inc to apply for a liquor licence at Carrs Reserve.

Background

The purpose of this report is not to seek approval for an application for a Liquor Licence, but rather to gain permission from the lessor (Council) to apply for one subject to certain conditions, such as specified hours of operation. The District Licensing Authority is the appropriate body to deal with such issues as the suitability of the applicant to hold a licence. A Club Liquor Licence does not allow the Kart Club to serve members of the public, only to provide for members and reciprocal visitors to the Club.

The Christchurch Kart Club Inc. is situated at 92 Carrs Road and is zoned Recreation 1 in the Paparua Section of the Christchurch Transitional Plan and Open Space 3 Carrs Reserve in the Proposed City Plan. These zonings allow for limited retailing in association with recreation activities as a predominant use. The Christchurch Kart Club currently leases Carrs Road Reserve for the operation of kart club recreation from the Council. The Kart Club's current lease was issued for a period of 33 years, being granted on 1 August 1988 to conclude on 1 February 2021, with a right of renewal for a further 33 years.

The proposed use of the premises meets the requirements of the NZ Building Code under the Building Act 1991 due to the existing building not having a change of use or any alteration. There is a condition that the maximum number of occupants permitted to be in attendance at any one time does not exceed 140 persons.

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Usage of Track

Practice days (testing) is currently from 11.00am to 6.00pm daily, broken up into age groups. Race days (every three or four weeks part) start at 10am and conclude between 4.00 and 5.00pm. On race days once the competition is finished, there is no use of the circuit.

The raceway is used regularly in the mornings and evenings by the roller skating fraternity for training and some competition. The Junior Cycling club and sometimes the seniors make use of the raceway for competitions. Parents giving their youngsters the first drive of a motor car have also used the raceway.

Liquor Licence Hours of Operation

It is the Council's policy that clubs applying for licences should have the approved hours specified in their leases to provide control by Council if their operation creates a nuisance to neighbours. Irrespective of the hours sought, closing times in a residential area as determined by the City Plan may be no later than 11.00pm.

The Christchurch Kart Club have requested the following hours to operate their liquor licence:

Saturday and Sunday	4.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday	7.30pm – 10.30pm (once monthly)
Thursday and Friday	4.00pm – 10.30pm (2x per year)

Liquor Licence Justification

The Christchurch Kart Club currently trades every Saturday and Sunday from 4.00pm to 7.30pm. Once a month the premises are required on a Tuesday evening for technical nights. The Club's annual and general meetings are held on a Thursday and Friday evening two times per year which also requires the use of the premises. During the operation of the club bar, food such as filled rolls, pies/savories and chips will be available for patrons. During the winter hot dogs and soup will be provided.

Car Parking

Car parking is available informally on the site. Council does not wish to formalise parking as the medium term proposal is to relocate the club and this would put the club to an unnecessary expense.

Conclusion

There are obvious benefits to the Christchurch Kart Club to gain a Liquor Licence at the Carrs Reserve premises, bar profits assisting in the provision of funds. The Council would have a great deal more control over the activity than if no licence were held as Council can hold the Club to a standard of conduct with a licence, and failure to comply with the licence would be a breach of the lease.

The Liquor Licensing Act requires that a certified bar manager must be on duty at all times when liquor is sold, to ensure there is control over behaviour and that minors and intoxicated people are not served with liquor. The terms of a Club Licence do not allow the sale of liquor to the public, but to members and guest only. Any operation outside the requested hours would contravene the conditions of the lease which enable Council to take necessary measures to control the Club's activities.

A condition of the lease will be that the Club has a Host Responsibility Programme (Council Policy 29 October 1991). The District Licensing Agency has a programme of random visits to licensed premises, which has resulted in licences being revoked or suspended in the past when conditions have not been adhered to.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Christchurch Kart Club be granted permission by the Council as lessor of the land leased by the club to apply to the District Licensing Authority for a liquor licence to supply liquor to members and invitees during the following hours:

Saturday and Sunday 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 7.30pm – 10.30pm (once monthly)
Thursday and Friday 4.00pm – 10.30pm (2x per year)
 2. That this permission be subject to the following conditions:
 - 2.1 A host responsibility programme being instituted by the club, the principles of which are to be met at all times.
 - 2.2 This permission to be for a one-year trial period, to be reviewed in the light of any objections received at the time of the liquor licence renewal.