

LICENSING HEARING PACK

Application Type

New Premises Licence Application

Application Reference

26/00830/LAPRNW

Application Address

**Cornerstone
1 Gloucester Street
Painswick
Stroud
Gloucestershire
GL6 6QN**

Applicant

Cornerstone (Painswick) Ltd – (Director George Kelly)

Hearing Date

**Wednesday 3rd September 2026 – 14:00
Council Chamber,
Stroud District Council Offices**

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Section 1 – Agenda

LICENSING PANEL

A meeting of the Licensing Panel is being held on **Wednesday 3rd September 2026**

in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **14:00**

Members of the Panel: Councillor Martin Brown, Councillor Ian Hamilton and Councillor Paul Turner

A G E N D A

1.	APOLOGIES To receive apologies for absence
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interest
3.	CONSIDERATION OF NEW APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: Cornerstone 1 Gloucester Street Painswick Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 6QN

Section 2 - Order of Proceedings

LICENSING HEARINGS – ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Introductions	
2. Hearing Report a. The Licensing Officer presents the Hearing Report	
3. Responsible Authorities a. Responsible Authorities address the Panel about their representations b. Questions to the Responsible Authorities	
4. Other Persons (this may be local residents, businesses or Parish/Town Councils) a. Other Persons address the Panel about their representations b. Questions to the Other Persons	
5. Applicant a. The Applicant addresses the Panel about the application b. Questions to the Applicant	
6. Summing Up a. Responsible Authorities sum up b. Other Persons sum up c. Applicants sum up.	
7. Panel Retire The Panel will retire to a private meeting to consider the application and make their decision.	
8. Decision A summary of the decision will be notified to all attendees by email as soon as possible but no later than 5 working days.	
9. Decision Notice A Decision Notice containing the full decision, any conditions imposed and the reasons, will be forwarded to applicant and all those persons that have made representation within 5 working days.	

Section 3 – Licensing Officer’s Report

PREMISES NAME: Cornerstone

PREMISES ADDRESS 1 Gloucester Street, Painswick, Stroud,
Gloucestershire, GL6 6QN

APPLICANT: Cornerstone (Painswick) Ltd

APPLICATION TYPE: Application for a premises licence

APPLICATION REF: 26/00830/LAPRNW

1 BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Cornerstone is a proposed new restaurant to be located in a building which is on the corner of Gloucester Street and Cheltenham Road in the centre of Painswick. Cheltenham Road is the main road that runs through Painswick town.
- 1.2 There are doors and windows on each side of the building fronting both roads. The applicant has advised that downstairs historically had planning permission for commercial use and upstairs is residential. This has been confirmed by Planning Officers.
- 1.3 The applicant has said that his intention is to serve food on small plates in a delicatessen/tapas style. Alcohol beverages will be ancillary to the dining experience. The area will be configured for seated eating and there will be no outside seating.

2 APPLICATION:

- 2.1 This application is for a new premises licence to permit sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises every day between 11:00 and 22:30.
- 2.2 The applicant has applied for the opening hours of the business to be 08:00 to 23:00 each day which provides a 30 minute drinking up time.
- 2.3 The applicant has applied, under the non-standard times section on the application form, for an extension on New Year’s Eve. This is to extend sale of alcohol 00:30 and opening hours to 01:00
- 2.4 All applicants applying for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises have an automatic entitlement to the live and recorded music exemption permitted in legislation. This exemption allows live and recorded music to be played, no later than 23:00, during the times that on sale of alcohol is permitted on the licence. In this case, if the licence is granted, the exemption will apply up to 22:30 each day and on New Year’s Eve it will be up to 23:00. The licensing panel, when

considering an application for on sales of alcohol, cannot take account of the right to this entitlement when making their decision. The live and recorded music exemption cannot be a reason why sale of alcohol is refused or conditioned. A licence holder's right to the exemption can only be removed or conditioned through the review process.

2.5 The licensable activities and times requested are:

On Sales of Alcohol	Monday to Sunday New Years Eve	11:00 to 22:30 11:00 to 00:30
Opening Hours	Monday to Sunday New Years Eve	08:00 to 23:00 08:00 to 01:00

2.6 Section 4 of the Hearing Pack is the Application Form

2.7 Section 5 of the Hearing Pack is the Application Plan which shows the area proposed to be licensed. (Redacted for web publication for security reasons).

2.8 During the 28 day representation period the applicant became aware that a letter was being circulated to residents outlining concerns. The applicant wrote a response letter addressing some of the concerns and volunteering some conditions

2.9 Section 6 of the Hearing Pack is the response letter written by the applicant. The conditions volunteered by the applicant in this letter are:

- Recorded music to be background only
- No outdoor drinking or seating
- Seated service only (no vertical drinking)
- Challenge 25 policy
- CCTV covering entry, exit, and customer areas
- Quiet dispersal policy
- Secure waste storage within the premises boundary

It should be noted that the hearing panel cannot impose any conditions restricting a licence holder's right to the live and recorded music exemption.

2.10 Section 7 is a location plan.

3 REPRESENTATIONS:

- 3.1 The Council has received representations against the application from two residents that live very close to the proposed new restaurant.
- 3.2 In addition The Council has received one representation from Councillor Luff who is representing twelve local residents that did not want to submit individual representations themselves. They have asked Councillor Luff to submit representation on their behalf and represent them at a hearing. This representation was submitted as five separate emails from Councillor Luff submitted sequentially through the representation period
- 3.3 Points raised in the representations against the application include:
- Noise from use of the premises
 - Noise from people leaving and arriving
 - Noise transmitting through shared walls
 - Noise from deliveries and collections
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Smoking and vaping in the street
 - The extent of the proposed operating hours
 - Nature of the use of the premises and future use
 - Highway safety of the road and pavement
 - Parking and traffic pressures
- 3.4 The Council has received eight representations in support of the application. Several mention that they welcome a new venture by a local person that lives in the village. Some of the support representations are from residents living close to the proposed new restaurant and saying they have no objection.

4 THE HEARING:

- 4.1 The Hearing Panel should seek to focus on concerns and comments raised in the representations that are relevant to the licensing objectives and within the scope of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.2 The licensing objectives are:
- a) Prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) Prevention of public nuisance
 - c) Public safety
 - d) Protection of children
- 4.5 The Hearing Panel may, with the consent of all parties to the hearing, allow the introduction of additional evidence at the hearing that supports or amplifies the existing representation or the application. However, the introduction of further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing will not be allowed.

- 4.6 Having considered the application and the representation the Hearing Panel may take the following actions:
- Refuse the application for a premises licence
 - Grant the application in the terms applied for
 - Grant the application with conditions or amendments
- 4.7 If the Hearing Panel decides to attach conditions to the Premises Licence, those conditions must be appropriate to promote the Act's objectives and proportionate to the type of premises.