



**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**

Our ref:

Your ref:

Inspector:

James Vaughan

Date:

7 July 2017

Licensing Department
Shepway District Council
Civic Centre
Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone
CT20 2QY

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application to vary the Premises Licence under the Licencing Act 2003, in respect of The Cinque Port Arms, 1 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BU

With reference to the application dated 15 May 2017, the application has been examined and on behalf of the Fire Authority I wish to make a representation to the licensing committee that the Public Safety objective of the Licensing Act has not been adequately addressed.

The Fire Authority wish to make a representation for the following reasons:

1. The request to change the maximum capacity condition on the premises licence to 350 persons does not align with the current DCLG fire safety guidance; 'Fire Safety Risk Assessment: Small and Medium Places of Assembly'.
2. A Fire Safety Inspector from Kent Fire and Rescue Service visited the premises on 23 May and concluded that, based on the current exit capacity at the time of visit, the maximum occupancy should be increased to no more than 180 persons, in line with the above mentioned guidance.
3. The responsible person, Mr Kevin Gibbons, has been advised that if a suitable external means of escape from the garden area can be provided, which will accommodate at least 100 persons, the maximum capacity for the premises could be increased to 220 persons, in line with the above mentioned guidance.

This letter is without prejudice to the powers of the licensing authority and to any requirements or recommendations that may be made by enforcing authorities under other legislation.

If you require any further advice please contact this Fire Safety Office.

Yours faithfully

Candice Watson
Fire Safety Manager



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