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APPEAL AGAINST LICENCE COSTS GILLINGHAM MAN DEAR

An appeal against a premises licence issued by North Dorset District Council has cost a Gillingham man more than £14,500.

In April of this year, the Licensing Sub-Committee of North Dorset District Council granted a Premises Licence for Churchbury House, Queen Street, Gillingham.

A number of local residents had objected to the granting of the licence and one of them, Richard Barrington of Ralton House, Queen Street, appealed to the Magistrates Court against the decision. The appeal was heard on 23 and 26 November, with the magistrates giving their written decision on Monday 17 December.

The magistrates found in the Council's favour on all the grounds put forward by Mr Barrington and dismissed his appeal. In concluding their decision, the magistrates said: "We find no reason to criticise any of the decisions of the Licensing Sub-Committee nor to overturn their decision to grant a premises licence."

The magistrates also ordered Mr Barrington to pay the Council's legal costs in the sum of £9,226.00 and the licence holder's legal costs of £5,314.64, totalling £14,540.64.

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