

DECISION

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IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 ("the Act")

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of an application from **COUNTRY ROAD HIGH TEA LIMITED** for the Variation of Conditions of an On Licence, in respect of the premises situation 167 Oroua Road, Kairanga and known as Country Road High Tea.

BEFORE THE MANAWATU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: District Licensing Commissioner Ross Brannigan
Members: Mrs Alison Short
Mr Rob Duindam

HEARING at Feilding on 09 October 2026

APPEARANCES

- (a) Country Road High Tea – Ben Gadsby representing Tanya and Ken Watson – Applicant
- (b) Joseph Sule – Environmental Health Officer (Licensing Inspector)
- (c) Matthew and Jen Nairn – Objector
- (d) Alistair Collis – Objector
- (e) Annabel Renting – Objector
- (f) David and Irene Sharland – Objector

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This decision relates to an application for an on-licence conditions variation by Country Road High Tea Limited, situated at 167 Oroua Road, Kairanga, trading as Country Road High Tea.
- 1.2 The application was filed on 20 July 2026, with the hearing held on 09 October 2026. The application was advertised on the council website between 22 July 2026 until 26 August 2026. Four public objections were received.

2. Reporting agencies

- 2.1 The reporting agencies are not objecting.

3. Environmental Health Officer – Joseph Sule

- 3.1 Mr Sule spoke to his report with a recommendation that the licence be approved. Mr Sule answered a number of questions from the Hearing Panel for clarification.

4. Objectors Concerns

- 4.1 Each of the Objectors spoke, detailing and outlining their concerns regarding the application. They were each asked a number of questions from the Hearing Panel for clarification.
- 4.2 The Objectors key issues were; Traffic volumes and speed on Oroua Road, noise management and mitigation, onsite parking availability, delivery vehicles and time of deliveries, and the effects on the local amenity. They also had concerns about Staff and their competency in managing large

events including operational controls and systems. The Objectors also voiced concerns about their perceived lack of consultation in this process.

5. Considerations of Section 120 matters

5.1 There are no Considerations under Section 120.

6. On-Licence variation conditions:

2. Alcohol may be sold or supplied only on the following days and during the following hours, subject to the restrictions below:
 - (a) Indoor licensed area: Monday to Sunday, 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.
 - (b) Outdoor licensed area: Monday to Sunday, 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied on no more than five days in any Monday-to-Sunday period and for no more than eight hours on any individual day.
 - (d) Outdoor events may occur only between 1 November and 30 June inclusive.
 - (e) No more than 30 outdoor events may occur on Saturdays and/or Sundays during each period from 1 November to 30 June inclusive.
 - (f) Guest numbers must not exceed 50 seated indoors, 60 outdoors, or 80 in total at any one time.
8. The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan received by the District Licensing Committee with the application dated 20 July 2026, and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.

All other conditions of the on-licence remain unchanged.

7. Recommendation from Hearing Panel:

- (a) That Country Road High Tea advise patrons that they are required to park within the designated parking areas (sealed or unsealed within their property) provided, which is to be notified on their website and the booking confirmation back to patrons.

and

- (b) Monitor to ensure there is no patron parking outside the venue, on Oroua Road, while frequenting Country Road High Tea.

8. Decision

- 8.1 The decision of this Committee is to grant the application for Variation of Conditions of the On Licence to **COUNTRY ROAD HIGH TEA LIMITED**. In coming to this decision, the Committee has considered all aspects of section 120 and 105 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

DATED this 09th day of October 2026.



R J Brannigan
Chairperson

