



## Licensing Sub-Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 22 August 2024  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

**Members (Quorum: 3)**

Derek Beer, Jack Jeanes and David Shortell

**Chief Executive:** Matt Prosser, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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### Agenda

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1.	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND STATEMENT FOR THE PROCEDURE OF THE MEETING</b>	3 - 6
	To elect a Chair for the meeting and the Chair to present and explain the procedure for the meeting.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration. If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.	

**4. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

**5. LICENCE REVIEW – BUTCHERS DOG, 6 EAST STREET, WIMBORNE**

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An application has been made by Dorset Police to review the premises licence at the Butcher Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne. A Licensing Sub Committee must consider the application and representations from all parties at a public hearing.

**6. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

**There are no exempt items scheduled for this meeting.**



## **THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATIONS 2005**

### Rights of a Party

1. A party has the right to attend the hearing and may be represented by any person.
2. A party is entitled to give further information where the authority has asked for clarification.
3. A party can question another party, and/or address the authority, with consent of the authority.

### Failure to Attend

4. If the authority is informed a party does not wish to attend, the hearing may proceed in their absence.
5. If a party has not indicated their attendance and fails to attend the hearing may be adjourned if considered in the public interest, or hold the hearing ensuring the party's representation is considered.
6. Where the authority adjourns the hearing it shall notify the parties of the date, time and place.

### Procedural Information

7. At the start of the hearing, the authority shall explain the procedure which it proposes to follow and shall consider any request for permission for another person to appear at the hearing.
8. A hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority and cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considers that it is required.
9. The authority will allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to speak.
10. The authority may require any person behaving disruptively to leave, and may refuse that person to return, but such a person may, before the end of the hearing, submit in writing information they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

### **FOOTNOTE:**

In relation to all other matters governed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 any party or their representative may contact the Licensing Services at Dorset Council and they will be provided with a full copy of the regulations on request.

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

1. At the start of the meeting the Chairman will introduce:
  - the members of the sub-committee
  - the council officers present
  - the parties and their representatives
2. The Chairman will then deal with any appropriate agenda items.
3. The Licensing Officer will be asked to outline the details of the application, including details of any withdrawn representations.
4. The applicant or their representative is then invited to present their case.
5. Committee members will be invited to ask questions.
6. Where appropriate the Responsible Bodies e.g. representatives of Police, Fire Services, Environmental Services or Trading Standards will be invited to address the sub-committee on any relevant representations they may have.
7. The Chairman may then allow an opportunity for questions.
8. The Chairman will ask any person who has made representations, who have already expressed a wish to do so, to address the sub-committee. The sub-committee will have read all the papers before them, including any letters of representation. Members of the public are asked to keep their comments concise and to the point.
9. All parties will be given the opportunity to “sum up” their case.
10. The Chairman will ask the Legal Advisor if all relevant points have been addressed before advising all parties present that the sub-committee will withdraw from the meeting to consider its decision in private. The sub-committee will be accompanied by the Democratic Services Officer and the Legal Advisor can be called upon to offer legal guidance.
11. The Chairman will:
  - advise when the sub-committee’s decision will be confirmed in writing.
  - Inform those present of their right to appeal to the Magistrates’ Court.

## **NOTE**

The Chairman may vary this procedure, as circumstances require but will have regard to the rules of natural justice and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

The meeting will take place in public. However, the public can be excluded from all or part of the meeting where the sub-committee considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the meeting or that part of the meeting, taking place in public.

Under no circumstances must the parties or their witnesses offer the sub-committee information in the absence of the other parties.

The Chairman and the Sub-Committee have discretion whether to allow new information or documents to be submitted and read at the meeting.

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## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

22 August 2024

### Licence Review – Butchers Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne

#### For Decision

**Cabinet Member:**

Cllr G Taylor, Health and Housing

**Local Councillor(s):**

Cllrs Bartlett and Morgan

**Executive Director:**

Jan Britton, Executive Lead for Place

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**Report Status:** Public

**Brief Summary:** An application has been made by Dorset Police to review the premises licence at the Butcher Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne. A Licensing Sub Committee must consider the application and representations from all parties at a public hearing.

**Recommendation:** The Sub-Committee determines the application in the light of written and oral evidence and resolves to take such steps as it considers appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives of; -

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- b) The prevention of public nuisance
- c) Public safety
- d) The protection of children from harm

**Reason for Recommendation:** The Sub-Committee must consider all the written representations, the oral representations, and any information given at the hearing before making a decision.

## 1. Background

1.1 Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 sets out the duties of the Licensing Authority, it sets out that a Council's licensing functions must be carried out with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives of:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

1.2 All applications and decisions are made with due regard to the [Licensing Act 2003](#), the [Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#) and the [Dorset Council Statement of Licensing Policy](#).

## 2. Details of the Review Application

2.1 Dorset Police have applied to review the premises licence for Butchers Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne, BH21 1DS, under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application form is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 The review is made under the licensing objective of the prevention of Crime and Disorder on the grounds that; -

there is evidence that this premises has breached conditions attached to the premises licence on several occasions.

Public Safety

Additionally, the breach of conditions and the failure to manage the safety of the public was not recognised by the management of this premises despite advice being offered by Dorset Police

Dorset Police are concerned that the DPS and Premises Licence Holder are failing to uphold the licensing objectives at this premises.

## 3. The Licence

3.1 The Licence was originally held by John Hewitson, who was also the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). Following the submission of the review, the premises licence and DPS were transferred to Miss Laura Green. Mr Hewitson had held the Premises Licence for the Butchers Dog since 2016.

3.2 The licence allows currently allows:

Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises)  
Sunday to Thursday 1100 – 2300 hours  
Friday to Saturday 1100-midnight

Premises opening hours:  
Sunday to Thursday 1100-2330 hours  
Friday to Saturday 1100-0030 hours



- 3.4 A copy of the premises licence is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 The current Premises Licence Holder, Laura Green, has written a personal statement to the police regarding the content of the review. The statement and e-mail correspondence between Miss Green and Dorset Police is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.6 Following the statement from Laura Green, mediation has been taking place between Dorset Police and Miss Green. An agreement has been reached between the two parties on a number of amendments to the current conditions on the premises licence alongside some changes to the operation of the premises, the e-mail can be found at Appendix 4:

A minimum of 1 x SIA Door Supervisor to be present at the premises from 2100hrs until all customers have dispersed from the area for both Friday and Saturday evenings of the Wimborne Music Folk Festival and for a written Risk Assessment to be completed for all other occasions. The written assessment does not need to be individual dates and can apply as a 'standard' policy, however, will need to be regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains relevant.

All staff undertake training every 6 months and that records of such training will remain available for inspection by Police or Authorised Persons

#### **4. Responsible Authorities Representations**

- 4.1 Section 13 of the Licensing Act contains the list of Responsible Authorities who must be consulted on every application. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service, Public Health Dorset, the Immigration Authority, Dorset Council Trading Standards, Dorset Council Children's Services, Dorset Council Planning, Dorset Council Licensing, Dorset Council Environmental Protection and Dorset Council Health and Safety have all been consulted.
- 4.2 Dorset Council's Planning Team made the following comment:
- Dorset Council Local Planning Authority (LPA) have the following comments to provide which may be of interest. On 10th October 2022 DC LPA issued a Breach of Condition Notice on the premises preventing use of rear garden for pub customers. The BOC Notice came into effect on 15th November 2022 but prior to that the LPA were contacted by the Landlady Laura Green to say they had closed rear garden and put a notice on the inside of the door making it clear that the rear garden was out of bounds for pub users. No reports have been received since that date to say further breaches have taken place.
- 4.3 The e-mail from Planning can be found at Appendix 5.

- 4.4 There were no other representations from any of the remaining Responsible Authorities.

## **5. Representations from Other Persons**

- 5.1 There have been 31 representations in support of the premises licence holder. These representations are from current customers of the premises. The representations are attached at Appendix 6.

## **6 Relevant Sections of the Licensing Act 2003**

- 6.1 Section 4 sets out the general duties of the Licensing Authority; -
- (1) A licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act (“licensing functions”) with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.
  - (2) The licensing objectives are—
    - (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
    - (b) public safety;
    - (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
    - (d) the protection of children from harm.
  - (3) In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to—
    - (a) its licensing statement published under section 5, and
    - (b) any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.
- 6.2 The Live Music Act 2012 allows any premises with a licence that allows the consumption of alcohol on the premises to have live amplified music between 08:00 and 23:00 without a licence. This only applies when the audience is under 500 people. The Legislative Reform (Entertainment Licensing) Order 2014 amended the Licensing Act so that there is a similar provision for recorded music, and states that any conditions on a premises relating to any of this entertainment would not have any effect between 8am and 11pm.

## **7 Relevant Sections of the Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182**

- 7.1 Officers have identified the following paragraphs of the Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 issued in December 2023 (The Guidance) to be of particular relevance; -
- 11.1 The proceedings set out in the 2003 Act for reviewing premises licences and club premises certificates represent a key protection for the community where problems associated with the licensing objectives occur after the grant or variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate.
  - 11.2 At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate, a responsible authority, or any other person, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence or certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.

11.10 Where authorised persons and responsible authorities have concerns about problems identified at premises, it is good practice for them to give licence holders early warning of their concerns and the need for improvement, and where possible they should advise the licence or certificate holder of the steps they need to take to address those concerns. A failure by the holder to respond to such warnings is expected to lead to a decision to apply for a review. Co-operation at a local level in promoting the licensing objectives should be encouraged and reviews should not be used to undermine this co-operation.

11.16 The 2003 Act provides a range of powers for the licensing authority which it may exercise on determining a review where it considers them appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

11.17 The licensing authority may decide that the review does not require it to take any further steps appropriate to promoting the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent a licensing authority issuing an informal warning to the licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular period of time. It is expected that licensing authorities will regard such informal warnings as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted and that warnings should be issued in writing to the licence holder.

11.18 However, where responsible authorities such as the police or environmental health officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate. Similarly, licensing authorities may take into account any civil immigration penalties which a licence holder has been required to pay for employing an illegal worker.

11.20 In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.

11.21 For example, licensing authorities should be alive to the possibility that the removal and replacement of the designated premises supervisor may be sufficient to remedy a problem where the cause of the identified problem directly relates to poor management decisions made by that individual.

11.22 Equally, it may emerge that poor management is a direct reflection of poor company practice or policy and the mere removal of the designated premises supervisor may be an inadequate response to the problems presented. Indeed, where subsequent review hearings are generated, it should be rare merely to remove a succession of designated premises supervisors as this would be a clear indication of deeper problems that impact upon the licensing objective

11.23 Licensing authorities should also note that modifications of conditions and exclusions of licensable activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months. Temporary

changes or suspension of the licence for up to three months could impact on the business holding the licence financially and would only be expected to be pursued as an appropriate means of promoting the licensing objectives or preventing illegal working. So, for instance, a licence could be suspended for a weekend as a means of deterring the holder from allowing the problems that gave rise to the review to happen again. However, it will always be important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from a licensing authority's decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives and for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. But where premises are found to be trading irresponsibly, the licensing authority should not hesitate, where appropriate to do so, to take tough action to tackle the problems at the premises and, where other measures are deemed insufficient, to revoke the licence.

## **8 Options**

8.1 The members of the Sub-Committee will determine the application in the light of all of the written representations and any oral evidence given at the hearing. They will take such steps as they consider appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives of: -

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder.
- b) The prevention of public nuisance.
- c) Public safety.
- d) The protection of children from harm.

8.2 The steps that the Sub-Committee may take are to: -

- a) Take no action.
- b) Modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times.
- c) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption).
- d) Remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management.
- e) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months.
- f) Revoke the licence.

## **9 Financial Implications**

Any decision of the Sub Committee could lead to an appeal by any of the parties involved that could incur costs.

## **10 Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications**

The Council is under a general duty to consider the impact any decision will have on the Natural Environment, Climate and local ecology.

## **11 Well-being and Health Implications**

None

**12 Other Implications**

None

**13 Risk Assessment**

13.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

**14 Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable

**15 Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Application for review

Appendix 2 – Copy of the current licence

Appendix 3 – Statement from PLH & correspondence between PLH and Police

Appendix 4 – Mediation between PLH and Police

Appendix 5 - Comments from Planning

Appendix 6 - Representations supporting the premises

**16 Background Papers**

[Licensing Act 2003](#)

[Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)

[Dorset Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2021](#)

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**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the  
Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**I** Sergeant Gareth Gosling on behalf of the Chief Officer of Dorset Police .....

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Butchers Dog 6 East Street	
<b>Post town</b> Wimborne	<b>Post code (if known)</b> BH21 1DS

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b>
Mr John Hewitson

<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b>
PL0278

**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)



**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

<b>Name and address</b>  Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team Bournemouth Police Station 5 Madeira Road Bournemouth Dorset BH1 1QQ
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b> 01202 227824
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b> licensing@dorset.pnn.police.uk

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
|   | Please tick one or more boxes ✓     |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Please state the ground(s) for review** (please read guidance note 2)

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Dorset Police bring this premises licence before the members of the Licensing Sub-Committee for review on the basis that there is evidence that this premises has breached conditions attached to the premises licence on several occasions.

Public Safety

Additionally, the breach of conditions and the failure to manage the safety of the public was not recognised by the management of this premises despite advice being offered by Dorset Police.

Dorset Police are concerned that the DPS and Premises Licence Holder are failing to uphold the licensing objectives at this premises.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application** (please read guidance note 3)

This application for a review of the premises licence for Butchers Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne, is being submitted by Dorset Police as we can demonstrate that this premises has undermined the licensing objectives of the Prevention of Crime & Disorder and Public Safety.

It is and always has been the intention of Dorset Police Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team to engage and support licensees throughout Dorset to promote the four licensing objectives of Preventing Crime & Disorder, Preventing Public Nuisance, Promoting Public Safety and Protecting Children from Harm.

It is our expectation that all licensees will endeavour to meet these objectives and fulfil their duty as licensees with responsibilities to uphold these objectives and meet the conditions of their premises licence.

The following conditions have been breached at this premises over the past two Wimborne Folk Festival events, resulting in public safety and crime and disorder concerns being identified –

*24. Customers will not be permitted to take drinks purchased for consumption on the premises beyond the front door of the premises (i.e. no drinks to be consumed at the front of the premises on the footpath).*

*25. The premises will complete a risk assessment as to the requirement for SIA door supervisors to be deployed at the premises. Specific risk assessments will be carried out for Christmas Eve / New Year's Eve and the period covering the Wimborne Folk Festival. The risk assessment will be documented and made available for inspection by a Police Officer or other Authorised Officer on request.*

Further detailed information and context will be provided for the benefit of the members of the Sub-Committee in due course.

Additionally, there is concern that the premises are not fully engaging with the Pubwatch scheme, which is a breach of the following condition –

*14. The Designated Premises Supervisor shall attend Pub watch meetings (or any equivalent group established).*

The engagement of premises with the Pubwatch is vital to ensure that information is shared related to local threats and identified individuals that are intent on causing harm associated with licensed premises.

Finally, it was clear from officers patrolling Wimborne Town Centre during the Wimborne Folk Festival 2024 event that the following condition was not being met –

*18. The premises licence holder shall ensure that procedures are in place to monitor the noise from inside and outside the premises. Staff shall ensure that any noise shall be kept to a reasonable level.*

The breaches of these conditions were identified during the 2024 Wimborne Minster Folk Festival. Dorset Police, alongside our partners and event organisers, were delighted with the overall delivery of licensable activities throughout the town, except for this premises that failed to meet these conditions during a period of particularly increased demand in the town, resulting in significant disturbance and concerns relating to public safety.

The Section 182 Guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003 envisages at section 11.28 that *'Police...and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the*

*review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime’ and that ‘where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered’.*

Dorset Police, through our Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team, working with other colleagues within Dorset Police and partners in Dorset Council and other responsible authorities, support licensed premises to provide value to their communities and to do so compliantly and in promotion of the licensing objectives.

Dorset Police invite the Sub-Committee to consider all of the options available to them under the Licensing Act 2003 with particular consideration to be given to revocation of the Premises Licence if the members of the Sub-Committee are not confident that the operator will deliver licensable activities compliantly and legally.

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them**

Please tick ✓

yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature 

Date **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

Capacity **Police Sergeant**

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 6)

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Telephone number (if any)**

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)**

**Notes for Guidance**

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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**Dorset**  
Council

**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Premises Licence**

**EDPL0278**

Part 1 - Premises Details

**POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION**

**Butcher's Dog**

6 East Street, Wimborne, BH21 1DS.

**WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES**

Not applicable

**LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE**

- the sale by retail of alcohol

**THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES**

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises	Sunday to Thursday	11:00am	11:00pm
	Friday and Saturday	11:00am	Midnight

**THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES**

Description	Time From	Time To
Sunday to Thursday	11:00am	11:30pm
Friday and Saturday	11:00am	12:30am

**WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES**

- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises

Part 2

**NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE**

John Hewitson

**REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)**

**NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR OR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

John HEWITSON



**Licensing Act 2003  
Premises Licence**

**EDPL0278**

PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR  
WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. BOP\_M003426

Issued by Poole

**ANNEXES**

**ANNEX 1 - MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

1. There shall be no sale or supply of alcohol when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of this premises licence or at a time when the said premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or when his/her licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. Any person used to carry out a security activity as required under the conditions below must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
4. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.  
  
(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises -
  - a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
    - i. drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
    - ii. drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
  - b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can be reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social





**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Premises Licence**

**EDPL0278**

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behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).

5. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

6. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried out in accordance with the age verification policy.

(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either -

- a) a holographic mark, or
- b) an ultraviolet feature.

7. The responsible person shall ensure that -

a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -

- i. beer or cider: ½ pint;
- ii. gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- iv. still wine in glass: 125 ml; and

b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

8. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.



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Premises Licence**

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9. For the purposes of the condition set out above -

- (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979(a)
- (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

Where -

- (i) P is the permitted price,
  - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
  - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant persons" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
  - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994(b)

10. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 9 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

11. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 9 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.



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(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

**ANNEX 2 - CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE**

13. Only persons over the 21 years of age shall be permitted on the premises.
14. The Designated Premises Supervisor shall attend Pub watch meetings (or any equivalent group established).
15. A zero tolerance drugs and violence policy shall be in place at the premises and all staff shall be made aware of the contents this policy.
16. Any incidents involving violence or drugs shall be reported, as soon as possible to Dorset Police.
17. Signage shall be displayed around the premises reminding customers to leave the premises quietly.
18. The premises licence holder shall ensure that procedures are in place to monitor the noise from inside and outside the premises. Staff shall ensure that any noise shall be kept to a reasonable level.
19. A Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) system will be operational at the premises at all times when licensable activities are being carried out and at any other times when members of the public are present on the premises. The CCTV system will cover all areas of the premises occupied by the public. CCTV coverage should also include external cameras to monitor the rear garden and front door areas of the premises. The main camera covering the main entrance must be to identification standard and capable of providing good quality head and shoulder images of persons entering the premises. The remaining cameras must be capable of recognition standard quality. All external cameras shall be fitted in weatherproof casing.
20. The CCTV system will contain the correct time and date stamp information and will have sufficient storage retention capacity for a minimum of 31 days' continuous footage. A designated member/members of staff at the premises will be authorised to access the CCTV footage and be conversant with operating the CCTV system. Any lawful request for CCTV footage will be supplied to Police or any other authorised officer with the absolute minimum of delay.
21. The Premises Licence Holder /Designated Premises Supervisor and Staff will ask for photographic identification in the form of either a passport, EU photographic driving licence or PASS accredited identification, from any person appearing to be under the age of 25 years who attempts to purchase alcohol at the premises.
22. The premises will maintain an accurate and up-to-date incident book which will be kept at the



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premises and be made available for inspection by a Police Officer or Authorised Officer on request. All incidents will be reported to Dorset Police.

23. A log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale, a description of the person refused, why they were refused (e.g. no ID, fake ID, drunk etc.) and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by a Police Officer or Authorised Officer on request.

24. Customers will not be permitted to take drinks purchased for consumption on the premises beyond the front door of the premises (i.e. no drinks to be consumed at the front of the premises on the footpath).

25. The premises will complete a risk assessment as to the requirement for SIA door supervisors to be deployed at the premises. Specific risk assessments will be carried out for Christmas Eve / New Year's Eve and the period covering the Wimborne Folk Festival. The risk assessment will be documented and made available for inspection by a Police Officer or other Authorised Officer on request.

**ANNEX 3 - CONDITIONS ATTACHED AFTER A HEARING BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY**

26. The garden area of the premises is not to be used by customers or members of the public, unless in case of an emergency. Staff may use the garden area to access the cellar of the premises.



Licensing Act 2003  
Premises Licence Summary

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Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

**Butcher's Dog**

6 East Street, Wimborne, BH21 1DS.

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises	Sunday to Thursday	11:00am	11:00pm
	Friday and Saturday	11:00am	Midnight

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

Description	Time From	Time To
Sunday to Thursday	11:00am	11:30pm
Friday and Saturday	11:00am	12:30am

WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises

NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

John Hewitson  
[REDACTED]

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR OR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

John HEWITSON

STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED

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## Licensing

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**From:** Laura - The Butcher's Dog [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2024 15:23  
**To:** gareth.gosling  
**Cc:** Licensing; .Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: The Butcher's Dog  
**Attachments:** LG Statement Licence Review The Butcher's Dog 22 Aug 2024.docx

**Categories:** Kathryn, Aileen

Dear Kathryn, Sarah, Gareth,

Please find attached my personal statement pertaining to the licence review of The Butcher's Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne, BH211DS

Kind regards

Laura



Laura Green  
The Butcher's Dog Bar & Bottleshop  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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On 19 Jul 2024, at 08:00, GOSLING Gareth 2551  
[REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning Laura,

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you, I have returned today from two days out of the office.

Thank you very much for the below email. The changes that you have made and propose are sensible and are positive steps towards reassuring Dorset Police that this premises can be consistently operated to the highest standard, particularly at peak periods such as the WMFF.

I am confident that the concerns associated with WMFF can largely be mitigated through the measures that you propose. In particular, the change of DPS and the qualification of your Manager as a PLH will move considerably towards providing that reassurance.

I believe that the introduction of a minimum of 1 x SIA Door Supervisor moving forward will also ensure that we can be confident that there will be adequate control of the patrons that are outside your premises.

You have highlighted the final outstanding matter, that being the gathering of people outside your premises during the WMFF. One option might have been to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) to cover the pavement outside your premises, however, I do not believe that this would be permitted as the pavement is narrow and there would no alternative for pedestrians other than to cross the road. I am confident that the introduction of a Door Supervisor would ensure that patrons wishing to come outside would be managed effectively and they could also help to discourage others not associated with the premises to disperse from the area.

It is imperative that unless there is a plan in place for customers to be able to consume outside the premises (in accordance with a permission) then the premises cannot and must not encourage or provide an environment that is attractive to those wishing to extend their evening.

Further options might be to seek a road closure, however, as a key thoroughfare through Wimborne, this is unlikely as there are limited suitable alternative routes to divert traffic.

I am happy to continue the discussion around finding solutions to the final point, however, I am grateful for the proposals that you have put forward and I am confident that your approach to this matter will result in us achieving an agreed position. I await with great interest the outcome of your meeting with Sergeant Payne.

I am on annual leave from next week, so will respond as a priority when I return on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Regards,

Gareth



**Gareth Gosling 2551**

Police Sergeant  
[REDACTED]

**Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team**

Bournemouth Divisional Headquarters, 5 Madeira Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 1QQ

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**From:** Laura - The Butcher's Dog [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 11:06 AM

**To:** GOSLING Gareth 2551 [REDACTED]



Cc: .Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: The Butcher's Dog

Dear Gareth,

Thank you for your early response. I now have a better understanding of the review process and I am grateful for the opportunity to work together prior to the Sub-Committee.

In short, I have been working on the following

- removal of the current DPS for The Butcher's Dog Wimborne, replacing John Hewitson with myself. John is semi-retired and has been considering retirement for some time, this is the right time for us to make this change. I live in Wimborne and I have always held a central role in the operational management of The Butcher's Dog Wimborne, as a Director of the business and John's business partner. I received the application forms yesterday and hope that the Council might permit this change to complete prior to the sub-Committee.
- I have spoken to the Wimborne BID Manager about Pubwatch and she has put me in touch with the secretary of the Wimborne Pubwatch group. I genuinely had no idea that Pubwatch was running in Wimborne - I used to be a BID Director and tried to get Pubwatch going to no avail! Tammy is also helping me to get onto the Wimborne Pubwatch WhatsApp group, which I was not aware of.
- I have contacted [REDACTED] to obtain a quote to book an SIA doorman for the Folk Festival in 2025. I hope to hear from them soon.
- I have purchased a noise monitoring device and will train my team in using this device to record noise in our incident/record book on busy nights, live music nights and events.
- I have purchased additional signage to ask Patrons to keep noise down when leaving the premises.
- I am in the process of booking our new manager onto a Personal Licence course. This is something we do with all new managers once they are fully trained and we are confident that they can lead a shift in the bar.

I also plan to ask to meet with our local Sergeant Steve Payne to go through the above. We have a good relationship with local police (we have never had an incident but we have co-operated providing CCTV etc for local area incidents) and I want to reassure Sergeant Payne that we take the management of our business very seriously. I also need to make sure that we are included in any town-wide communication to pubs in future.

With regard to the patrons outside the bar, I would appreciate your advice. Each year, I speak with Wimborne BID, the Police and the Folk Festival Ltd and I ask the question about plastic pints and drinking in the streets. Each year I am told that the rules are 'relaxed' for the weekend and that we are to issue all pints in plastic containers so that the public can enjoy the festival and leave our premises, beer in hand. We have done this for years without issue, comment or complaint, always checking with the relevant authorities/organisers first. I completely appreciate that we have a condition on our licence preventing us from allowing patrons to drink on the pavement at the front of our premises and we strictly adhere to this year-round (public holidays included). How would you like to see us manage the Folk Festival weekend? I am planning to ask the same question to the Council Licensing Officer so that I can fully prepare for next year.

I would appreciate your feedback on my proposals to date and any advice you can give to help me move forward.

Kind regards

Laura

Statement: Laura Green, The Butcher's Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne  
July 2024

The Butcher's Dog Bar and Bottleshop is an independent, family-owned and run craft beer bar and beer takeaway shop on East Street, the secondary shopping area in Wimborne Minster. We have been trading since September 2016 and have seen East St thrive as more independent shops and cafes open around us and benefit from each other's footfall. We employ two full time staff and five part time staff in addition to ourselves.

We are an over 21s venue, open from Wednesday-Sunday. We specialise in premium 'craft' beers, spirit and wine. Our focus is on excellent customer service and building rapport with local people, recommending beers from small breweries and giving the customer an experience above that of 'regular' pubs. We do not have a happy hour, nor do we offer multiple drinks deals.

To our collective knowledge, The Police have never attended The Butcher's Dog Wimborne in relation to our business or an incident related to the business, and our dealings with Licencing and EHO have been absolutely minimal throughout the 7.5 years we have been trading.

We have always worked hard to envelop the business in the local community. I was a Director of Wimborne BID for three years and have organised street parties, created Christmas film advertisements, held charity events, committed money to local sponsorships and more. We are proud of our business and the town that we trade in.

The Wimborne Folk Festival 2024 was the busiest year on record for the town and our business, too. 65,000 people came through Wimborne Minster on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June; no-one anticipated the crowds that appeared, nor the popularity of our small business in particular. This will of course be reflected in each following Folk Festival risk assessment for The Butcher's Dog Wimborne. We have traded at six Folk Festival events (COVID meant that two were cancelled) and we have also operated a separate pop-up stall at the popular 'Microbreweries' area of the Festival, with great feedback and without incident.

Each year, prior to the Festival, I speak with the local Police, Folk Festival Limited and the Wimborne BID to familiarise ourselves with the policies in place for drinking in the streets. We have been told each year that we are permitted to allow people to leave the bar with alcoholic drinks in their hands to enjoy the festival, so long as these drinks are served in plastic cups. Each year, we do our best to fit in with the unique culture of the festival, providing live music (as all pubs and bars do) and a pleasant festival environment over the course of the weekend. We employ extra staff, hold preparatory training meetings and ensure we have highly

trained and experienced management on site throughout the weekend. We close early on Sundays and schedule the more popular bands earlier in the day to mitigate risks from larger crowds drinking later.

Following receipt of the premises licence review, I have scrutinised our management of the Folk Festival in terms of planning and execution and have communicated my proposals for action with Sergeant Gosling.

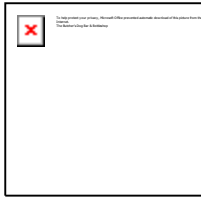
1. The current Premises Licence holder / DPS will step back, transferring the Premises Licence to the business and the DPS position to myself. Mr John Hewitson, my business partner/Father-in-Law, is currently semi-retired and this is a good opportunity for us to transfer responsibility to me as a local, full-time Director of the business.
2. We have updated the risk assessment to stipulate that an SIA-qualified Doorperson will be hired to man the front door of the bar during the Friday and Saturday of Folk Festival. This will be brought into action from 2025.
3. The Risk Assessments for the business will be stored in the premises in a new 'Licence' folder, instead of the health and safety folder. A copy of all staff personal licences and public liability insurance will be stored here and all staff will be trained in accessing licence-related documents for relevant authorities to view when requested. We will continue to use our incident record as per our licencing objectives and continue to train all staff in the use and playback of CCTV.
4. We have booked our new Assistant Bar Manager onto a Personal Licence course on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.
5. We have contacted Wimborne BID Manager Tammy Sleet regarding Pubwatch attendance. We have been invited to the next Pubwatch meeting and are awaiting an invitation to join the Pubwatch WhatsApp group for the town.
6. We have purchased a noise DB monitor and have instigated a procedure to measure decibels on event nights from across the street, outside the cobbler shop, at 9pm and 11pm. These readings will be recorded in the incident record.
7. We are working with the BID Manager, the President of Wimborne Folk Festival, Wimborne Minster's Police Sergeant and Sergeant Gosling to further understand our obligations regarding drinks outside the bar over Folk Festival. I have opened channels of communication with all the above-mentioned parties to try to understand how the unique culture of the Folk Festival Weekend may impact upon my licence conditions and how I can work with all the above agencies to safely trade in line with the nature of the event while satisfying my licencing objectives.

8. Throughout this process I have sought to co-operate and build relationships with The Police and other local authorities. I have communicated with multiple individuals at Dorset Police, Dorset Council, Wimborne BID and the Folk Festival Limited with the joint aims to a) make myself and our business known to local authorities and mitigate the risk of being overlooked as a business in future and b) demonstrate our efforts to learn and better manage our business, especially at The Wimborne Folk Festival and other townwide/national events.

In summary, as a family we have reflected on the unique nature of the Folk Festival, our business growth during the Folk Festival 2024 and our management policies and procedures. We hope that the proposal laid out above will show a renewed awareness of our responsibilities and a willingness to build and maintain a positive relationship with the authorities to uphold the licencing objectives.

Please consider this statement as a plan for the future of our family business.

Laura Green  
Director Shareholder  
The Butcher's Dog  
South Coast Craft Ltd



Laura Green  
The Butcher's Dog Bar & Bottleshop

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On 16 Jul 2024, at 09:51, GOSLING Gareth 2551

[REDACTED] wrote:

Good Morning Laura,

Thank you for your email below and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 it is appropriate to engage in mediation in advance of the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing taking place in August.

To ensure that any mediation is properly audited and to avoid any misunderstanding, in my experience it is best to communicate any concerns or proposals by email. Highlights of these agreements can then be shared with members of the Sub-Committee to demonstrate any progress that has been achieved and to help focus the members on areas which could not be resolved in advance of the hearing.

You may be aware that a hearing will be held as required by the Licensing Act 2003, however, there is the possibility that both the applicant (Dorset Police) and yourselves could attend the hearing having reached an agreement. It would remain then for the members of the Sub-Committee to agree any proposals and to incorporate any conditions etc. to the premises licence.

The concerns relate largely to the performance of the premises during the Wimborne Minster Folk Festival (WMFF) and there is some concern that the premises is not engaging with the local Pubwatch scheme. As the primary area of concern, I would like to focus any proposals on the key issue of how the premises performs during the WMFF and how you propose that the licensing objectives could be better promoted during this annual event.

Over the past two years there have been concerns raised at The Butcher's Dog, particularly that conditions are not being met and that public safety is at risk. Dorset Police have a duty to ensure that any areas where the public may be at risk are addressed as quickly as possible.

I would be grateful for your proposals and to understand what measures you have put in place since the festival. I was in attendance at the festival this year and became concerned that your management at the premises were not fully engaged in meeting the conditions of the licence or appreciating the importance of delivering a safe and compliant premises, particularly at such a peak period for Wimborne. To suggest during the event that the road outside the premises 'should' have been closed is not the level of responsibility that a person managing a premises in a Town Centre location should be displaying. There also needs to be a proper assessment of any requirement for SIA support, which should have resulted in appointing SIA to your premises.

Your premises was unfortunately the only premises that caused concern for Dorset Police during WMFF. I very much look forward to receiving your proposals and

details of the actions completed to date so that we can continue to try and achieve an agreed position in advance of the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing.

Regards,

Gareth



**Gareth Gosling 2551**

Police Sergeant  
[REDACTED]

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**Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team**

Bournemouth Divisional Headquarters, 5 Madeira Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 1QQ

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**From:** Laura - The Butcher's Dog [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 5:32 PM  
**To:** GOSLING Gareth 2551 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** The Butcher's Dog

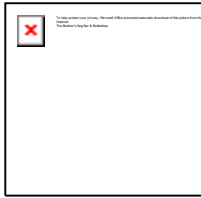
Dear Gareth,

I was given your email address by the Senior Licensing Officer at Dorset Council; I am one of the owners/Directors of The Butcher's Dog in Wimborne and I wonder if you might have some time to meet with me or chat with me following your application to the Council for a review of our licence? I have called Dorset Police but I think I missed you.

I would really appreciate a little of your time in fully understanding your position on the review, experience of the Folk Festival and The Butcher's Dog. I would also appreciate the opportunity to talk to you about some of the actions I have taken since the Folk Festival and proposed ongoing actions; it would be great to run a few things past you, if I may.

Many thanks,

Laura



Laura Green  
The Butcher's Dog Bar & Bottleshop

[Redacted address lines]



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## Licensing

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**Subject:** RE: The Butcher's Dog

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**From:** GOSLING Gareth 2551 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:48 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Miller [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Aileen Powell [REDACTED]; Laura - The Butcher's Dog  
[REDACTED].Licensing [REDACTED]  
<licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: The Butcher's Dog

Good Morning Kathryn,

Following a productive and positive period of mediation and discussion between Dorset Police and the PLH, I am delighted to advise that, subject to the endorsement by the members of the Sub-Committee during the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing next week, we have agreed a number of amendments to the conditions of the premises licence alongside some informal changes to the operating schedule which has restored our confidence that this premises will fully promote the licensing objectives.

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the support of the Licensing Authority and the advice that you offered to the PLH which has provided them with additional knowledge and understanding. Police Sergeant Steve Payne also liaised with the PLH during the mediation period which has established lines of communication in advance of next year's Folk Festival in Wimborne.

During the hearing next week I will acknowledge the submission of Wimborne Town Council who have expressed their desire for licensed premises to consistently promote the licensing objectives, which we believe will have been achieved through the mediation process. Finally, I am grateful for the representations that have been submitted from members of the community, which were largely in favour of this business. It is clear that this premises is valued in Wimborne and we wish the operators every success for the future.

I will ensure our attendance in person at the hearing next week to answer any further questions that members of the Sub-Committee may have in respect of this application and our agreed amendments.

If you have any queries or concerns in the meantime, please do let me know.

Regards,

Gareth



**DORSET  
POLICE**

**Gareth Gosling 2551**

Police Sergeant  
[REDACTED]

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**Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Team**

Bournemouth Divisional Headquarters, 5 Madeira Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 1QQ

**From:** Laura - The Butcher's Dog [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 3:55 PM  
**To:** GOSLING Gareth 2551 [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Licensing [REDACTED].Licensing [REDACTED] Gatehouse, Kirsty [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: The Butcher's Dog

Good afternoon Gareth,

Thank you for your response to my statement. I am in full agreement with your additional comments and amendments, including those minor amendments to our licensing conditions.

I also look forward to receiving further information about the Licensing SAVI tool.

Kind regards

Laura

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On 12 Aug 2024, at 13:54, GOSLING Gareth 2551 [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Afternoon Laura,

I trust that you are well and I hope that you can accept my apologies for the delayed response. This partly due to some annual leave for me and also due to me being recently assigned duties to support the National requirement for enhanced public order capacity.

I have taken the opportunity to review your proposal and I believe that we have achieved a common position, subject to some minor amendments to your proposal, which will give Dorset Police the confidence that the licensing objectives will be promoted moving forwards.

I agree with the comments that you have made in your personal statement and I am grateful to you for the attention that you have given to resolving this matter. I will respond specifically to your specific proposals below. The key areas have been highlighted for your attention –

1. The current Premises Licence holder / DPS will step back, transferring the Premises Licence to the business and the DPS position to myself. Mr John Hewitson, my business partner/Father-in-Law, is currently semi-retired and this is a good opportunity for us to transfer responsibility to me as a local, full-time Director of the business.  
I understand from the Licensing Authority that this is now complete and this will provide Dorset Police with the confidence that we are far less likely to experience the same issues during future WMFF events.
2. We have updated the risk assessment to stipulate that an SIA-qualified Doorperson will be hired to man the front door of the bar during the Friday and Saturday of Folk Festival. This will be brought into action from 2025.

I would be grateful if you could agree to a condition being imposed on the licence through the Review process which 'requires' that there is a minimum of 1 x SIA Door Supervisor to be present at the premises from 2100hrs until all customers have dispersed from the area for both Friday and Saturday evenings of the WMFF and for a written Risk Assessment to be completed for all other occasions. The written assessment does not need to be individual dates and can apply as a 'standard' policy, however, will need to be regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains relevant.

3. The Risk Assessments for the business will be stored in the premises in a new 'Licence' folder, instead of the health and safety folder. A copy of all staff personal licences and public liability insurance will be stored here and all staff will be trained in accessing licence-related documents for relevant authorities to view when requested. We will continue to use our incident record as per our licencing objectives and continue to train all staff in the use and playback of CCTV.

This process is considered to be standard practice and your willingness to ensure that this is met gives Dorset Police the confidence that you are making efforts to ensure compliance. It is imperative, to meet the requirements of your licence, that you ensure that CCTV can be accessed by a member of staff with minimum delay.

4. We have booked our new Assistant Bar Manager onto a Personal Licence course on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

**Once again, any person in a position of authority must ensure that they have a strong understanding of the licensing objectives and this is a preferred method of ensuring that they have a good understanding. Please can you confirm that you would be willing to attach a condition which requires that all staff undertake training every 6 months and that records of such training will remain available for inspection by Police or Authorised Persons?**

5. We have contacted Wimborne BID Manager Tammy Sleet regarding Pubwatch attendance. We have been invited to the next Pubwatch meeting and are awaiting an invitation to join the Pubwatch WhatsApp group for the town.

Noted. Thank you.

6. We have purchased a noise DB monitor and have instigated a procedure to measure decibels on event nights from across the street, outside the cobbler shop, at 9pm and 11pm. These readings will be recorded in the incident record.

I won't comment on this as matters relating to noise nuisance are led by Environmental Health.

7. We are working with the BID Manager, the President of Wimborne Folk Festival, Wimborne Minster's Police Sergeant and Sergeant Gosling to further understand our obligations regarding drinks outside the bar over Folk Festival. I have opened channels of communication with all the above-mentioned parties to try to understand how the unique culture of the Folk Festival Weekend may impact upon my licence conditions and how I can work with all the above agencies to safely trade in line with the nature of the event while satisfying my licencing objectives.

I am delighted that you have been in contact with Sgt Payne of Wimborne Town Neighbourhood Policing Team. We will continue to work with the organisers of the WMFF to ensure that you can offer the best provision to the attendees of your premises. Ensure that you engage in the planning phase at the earliest opportunity and utilise the experience of the organisers to ensure that you can maximise the opportunities presented by the festival.

8. Throughout this process I have sought to co-operate and build relationships with The Police and other local authorities. I have communicated with multiple individuals at Dorset Police, Dorset Council, Wimborne BID and the Folk Festival Limited with the joint aims to a) make myself and our business known to local authorities and mitigate the risk of being overlooked as a business in future and b) demonstrate our efforts to learn and better manage our business, especially at The Wimborne Folk Festival and other townwide/national events.

Thank you for your positive engagement and we look forward to continuing this process in advance of the next festival.

I had tried to speak with you by phone this afternoon. I would be grateful if you could return to me with your agreement to the above which will enable me to finalise my response to the members of the Sub-Committee in advance of next week's hearing. If you are in agreement I propose that we request the members of the Sub-Committee to ratify the above agreement in full.

Regards,

Gareth



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**From:** Mark Newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** Kathryn Miller [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Adams [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Application for Review of Premises Licence - Butchers Dog - PL0278.doc

Hi Kathryn,

In respect of the application by Dorset Police to review the premises licence of the Butchers Dog, 6 East Street, Wimborne, Dorset Council Local Planning Authority (LPA) have the following comments to provide which may be of interest. On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 DC LPA issued a Breach of Condition Notice on the premises preventing use of rear garden for pub customers. The BOC Notice came into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 but prior to that the LPA were contacted by the Landlady Laura Green to say they had closed rear garden and put a notice on the inside of the door making it clear that the rear garden was out of bounds for pub users. No reports have been received since that date to say further breaches have taken place.

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## Representations Supporting the Premises

## Representation 1

I am writing to you concerning the proposed licencing review for the Butcher's Dog public house in East Street, Wimborne. I strongly oppose any proposals to restrict or withdraw their licence.

As a frequent customer of the Butcher's Dog and as a local resident in Wimborne, I have always found this pub to be a well run, friendly and orderly establishment.

I understand that the Police have raised their concerns over alleged lapses during the Wimborne Minster Folk Festival in early June this year, particularly allowing customers to congregate and consume alcoholic beverages on the pavement outside the bar. I can confirm that from my own experience, this would have been a one off situation and that the staff at the bar are strict on ensuring that customers stay within the premises.

On this specific occasion at the Folk Festival, the town was very busy with people crowding bars across the town. At most of the establishments that I passed over the weekend, people were drinking on the pavements outside the bars. If the Police's case is based on public safety because East Street was still open to vehicles over the weekend then, given the expected crowd numbers in Wimborne that weekend, it would have made much more sense to have closed the road (as was the case with other roads in the town). There are many shops and cafes in East Street that people were bound to want to visit.

As I said at the start of this email, the Butcher's Dog is a well run establishment that adds to the appeal of the town, to residents and visitors alike .

## Representation 2

I have been a resident of Wimborne for over 40 years, and am responding to a notice outside one of the bars in town, the Butcher's Dog in East Street - regarding a review of their premises licence.

I am rather astonished by the notice - of all the bars in town, I would rate the standards observed to control sobriety and lawfulness to be outstanding by this premises; they are very strict on the ages allowed on the premises, and the sobriety of the customers - and would not hesitate to remove anyone causing disruption. Even at their busiest, the staff are fully in control of their customers and communicate with other local establishments to advise of anyone causing a problem.

There are many drinking establishments in Wimborne - quite a few of which I would be hesitant to visit alone - but I have never felt uneasy or unsafe at the Butchers Dog. It is a massive asset to the town, with many interesting and local craft beers, and as an independent should be hugely encouraged to remain in our town. I am really shocked by this review from the Police.

If you want any more information, please do contact me - I would be happy to speak up on behalf of the Butchers Dog.

### Representation 3

I am writing to express my strong support for The Butcher's Dog, as a fellow licence holder, I am both surprised and concerned by this decision.

Over the past six years, The Butchers Dog has been an exemplary establishment within our community. They have consistently upheld their licensing objectives. As a customer, I have always felt safe and welcomed, the staff are consistently friendly and attentive, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The weekend in question coincided with our community's long standing Folk Festival, a cherished tradition that has been celebrated for over 40 years. It is well-known that this festival brings increased foot traffic, noise, and activity to our town, creating a vibrant and lively atmosphere. It would be unreasonable and unfair to evaluate noise management during this specific weekend using the same criteria as other, more typical weekends. The unique circumstances of the Folk Festival should be taken into account when considering any complaints or issues arising from that period.

On the Saturday night of the Folk Festival, I personally witnessed the management of The Butchers Dog diligently overseeing patrons outside the bar. They were effectively managing both the crowd and the traffic, ensuring a safe and orderly environment. I found it easier to drive past this area compared to other parts of town, which is a testament to their efficient handling of the situation under challenging circumstances.

I respectfully request that the licensing review take into consideration the outstanding record of The Butchers Dog and the exceptional circumstances of the Folk Festival. Revoking or imposing severe restrictions on their license would not only be unjust but would also deprive our community of a valuable and beloved establishment.

### Representation 4

Please don't close the Butchers Dog, it's one of the friendliest meeting place in Wimborne and fabulous for private parties,

### Representation 5

I am writing in regard to the notice of a license review of the Butchers Dog situated in Wimborne Minster on 6 East Street. Frankly speaking I am perturbed by this notice to say the least. I have been a resident of Wimborne for 24 years and have never known an establishment to feel as safe and secure as the Butchers Dog, especially within Wimborne itself. Despite being anecdotal I can confidently espouse that the Butchers Dog by any metric is a delightful addition to the town and operates with both the highest regard of respect and diligence. I can personally attest to the importance that all staff give in respect to the safety of their punters and everyone is made to feel welcome and secure when patronising the establishment.

I am additionally troubled that throughout the town there is a distressing lack of impetus regarding actual offenders of their license requirements. I have personally witnessed anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and apathy from both punters and staff of many establishments throughout both Wimborne and the Dorset area. [REDACTED] appear to operate with impunity to any license reviews despite



businesses under their umbrella being from what I can see in regular breach of their license conditions.

This smaller family run business is being disproportionately targeted by Dorset Council. The pub is for primarily craft beer drinkers and attracts a kind, sensible and respectful crowd that enjoy the unique products that the Butchers Dog makes available. The management, staff and affiliated persons have always operated the establishment with the highest regard of respect for the town, diligence in the safety of its patrons and a friendly face. In its short time in Wimborne it has truly become an institution with a wonderful variety of persons enjoying the kind and welcoming atmosphere.

### Representation 6

I'm writing to you in support of the Butchers dog, we often go there as its very friendly, the owners always chat to everyone and it always brings a sense of commity in there, we believe small businesses like the Butchers dog are vital to town

### Representation 7

I'm writing as I was shocked to have heard that there are concerns about the licensing at the above premises.

I can honestly say having visited many license holders that this family run business which supports the community in many ways upholds there standards better than anyone locally. They have consistency met licensing objectives and I have always felt safe in the environment as well as outside the establishment.

My understanding is that the police have raised concerns due to people drinking outside during folk festival - The owners of The Butchers Dog paid for a member of staff to be outside the establishment and ensure that everyone was safe. The police were not doing this despite watching on & instead this was done by a paid employee. As I'm sure you are aware, many establishments during folk festival drink outside at this time of the year, so I am perplexed why the police would raise concerns about the butcher's dog. My understanding is that the owners were cooperative with the police & have continued to have been in the past. If the police have concerns about visitors which involves anti-social behaviour then the Butchers dog is not the place & I suggest they pay more visits to the local [REDACTED].

In the years that I have been visiting the butcher's dog, there have never been any fights or issues but instead the venue is visited by an older target audience who enjoy craft beer with friends and family as well as those which will log on and do work from the venue.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Representation 8

I wanted to send you this email as I understand that the Butchers Dog pub licence is under review. I sincerely hope that this does not mean that the licence will be revoked. This pub is a very well run pub and has a lot of very regular support from the local town and beyond, it will be very much missed. Losing this pub will impact on the wider town as it does draw in people

from the surrounding area. They have great bands on occasion, they have a room available for rent for events and have a regularly change list of ales available. All this would be lost.

Please do not revoke this licence in your review.

### Representation 9

Just a quick note of support for The Butchers Dog in Wimborne.

I was extremely surprised to hear that their licence is under review, not exactly clear why, but I have nothing but admiration for Laura Green and the way she has managed the pub since its opening.

The staff and service is second to none in town, and being a 64 year old resident of Wimborne (for over 30 years) and a frequent pub goer, I'm struggling to comprehend what issues there might be.

The Butchers Dog is an established public house in East Street, I have never known or witnessed any real trouble inside or outside the establishment and think they are an integral part of the town, especially East Street, contributing to important and necessary footfall. Should any issue arise within the pub, no matter how small, it has always been dealt with politely and efficiently. They are very strict with the age of customers too which I commend. The pub is extremely customer orientated and I fully recommend visiting as it has a great, cosy, friendly atmosphere.

The current management and pub would be a massive loss to the town, any indiscrepancies that may have occurred must have surely been a one off and probably beyond the control of the establishment, I'd be grateful if you could let me know what the issue is here.

I've been self-employed now for 15 years and have many clients in town, especially East Street (not The Butchers Dog) and have heard nothing but positive remarks/feedback where The Butchers Dog is concerned. It would be devastating to hear that their license had been revoked and I sincerely hope I will be visiting the pub, interacting with current staff/management and enjoying their service for years to come.

### Representation 10

I am writing to express my disappointment that Dorset Police have seen fit to apply for a review of the Butcher's Dog licence in Wimborne following events during the weekend of the Wimborne Folk Festival.

I regularly visit this family-owned pub, that caters for a more mature clientele who enjoy craft beer, and it is a friendly, controlled and safe environment. I have never once seen any trouble which is not something I can say about other venues in Wimborne. I understand the incident that gave rise to the complaint was on Saturday afternoon when the road had been closed for the parade and was suddenly opened by the police/festival organisers with complete disregard for the volume of people on the streets of Wimborne who had gathered for the festival.

I was at the Butcher's Dog with my elderly parents, wife, and friends and the atmosphere was calm and organised. The pub staff were sensibly managing the situation without any police presence or help from Folk Festival stewards. I noticed that the [REDACTED] also had many

people outside their premises at the same time so I assume you are going through this ridiculous exercise with them as well!

I suggest a review focuses on extending the traffic restrictions for this historical community event rather than reviewing the licence of this popular well-run pub. Surely it is not too much to ask that pedestrians and local businesses take priority over cars for one weekend a year!

### Representation 11

I would just like to confirm that in my opinion the Butchers Dog in Wimborne is and always was a lovely friendly and sociable bar. I have frequented it since it opened and have always found it a sociable environment with good and attentive staff.

### Representation 12

I understand there have been complaints regarding the Butchers Dog during the folk festival due to customers spilling into the road due to the excellent band that was playing! This, for the record, was also the case at other establishments in town. As a long term resident of Wimborne and a yearly attendee at the festival this big turnout is most welcome and a testament to the success of the festival, which we should embrace and celebrate! If it is not a good mix for cars and people, perhaps it shows that the centre of town should be open only to local residents and pedestrians for the duration of the festival?

I would also like to add that we have always found the Butchers dog to be a well run and respectful bar that caters well for its customers. The staff have always been polite, friendly and professional - plus they offer the best choice of beer in town, which is a great niche option to add to the other fab features of Wimborne.

### Representation 13

I am contacting your office following the Notice with intent to review the managements licence.

As a resident of the town and customer of the public house I am dismayed to hear of this notice.

I was in town the weekend of the folk festival and walked around with my 83 year old father, enjoying the activities, the procession, the festivities and all round positive good humour. As I'm sure it was reported, this year was one of the busiest & the high volume of people caused some concern for many. People constantly over spilling into the road, families getting stressed with the pushing and shoving. It was also apparent people were walking around the town with alcohol in their hands, something I haven't before and I saw no sign of enforcement. Perhaps this was a decision made in advance?

I witnessed the odd reveller in high spirits but no physical altercations, which was great.

As for the public houses, they all put on a great job over the weekend and the Butchers Dog, a small, well respected business followed suit.

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This pub cannot do enough for its customers, they are aware they are a small business but they serve the community so well. Many of the older generations frequent the pub are always made so welcome, it's the most friendly place I've been in.

Without the likes of management as they are, I/we would not use the place. It's clean always tidy and as far as I see follow their responsibilities seriously & with high regard.

The way they manage the pub works so well, they should be commended not have a review as if they are amateurs.

Ask anyone in town, this small very popular pub should be an example to others...what happens within their premises is 100% controlled. I wholeheartedly and my father, will continue to support the pub and would suggest the overspill of people into the roads outside the [REDACTED], outside [REDACTED] outside the [REDACTED] & more is also reviewed.

## Representation 14

I am writing to you, as a resident of Wimborne, in regard to the proposed review of the licence of The Butchers Dog at 6 East Street.

My understanding, is that Dorset Police have applied for the licence of the venue to be reviewed on the basis that the pub breached its licence during the Wimborne folk festivals held on June 2023 and June 2024. This in itself seems wholly unusual, as I would expect that some leniency would be showed to pub landlords during town wide festivals, however, this nuance appears to have been lost on Dorset Police.

I'm lead to believe that the main arguments underpinning the request for the licence to be reviewed are that the management failed to stop individuals from taking drinks outside of the venue and failed to control noise from inside and outside the venue.

If Dorset Police intend on requesting that all pubs in Wimborne have their licences reviewed for allowing individuals to take drinks outside of their venues (in plastic glasses) and for noise louder than usual taking place during a festival then they may as well submit a group application applicable to every pub in the town.

The very nature of the festival means that people go from pub to pub to listen to music (very often slightly louder than usual owing to it being a folk music festival) and rightly or wrongly take their drinks with them. How for instance do the police know that all of the individuals with drinks on East Street purchased them from the Butchers Dog? I was in attendance both years and didn't notice the police ask anyone where they purchased their drinks from so they could easily have been from the [REDACTED], the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or any other pub or stall within walking distance.

The same argument applies in respect of noise levels, can you honestly say that any pub in Wimborne would be completely within the expected limits of advised noise levels dictated by their licence during what is essentially in many ways a live music festival. Therefore, if you choose to punish this establishment for these proposed offences, you would need to carry out an equivalent investigation into any potential licence breaches of all of the other pubs in Wimborne during the same time periods. Oddly though, Dorset Police appear to have chosen to focus on one small pub and have neglected to report similar breaches elsewhere.

As a resident of the local area, I have found the Butcher's Dog to be a great addition to the pub/restaurant scene and to have in many ways breathed a new lease of life into East Street

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which for many individuals wouldn't be a part of the town you would necessarily choose to visit. They are passionate about the products they serve and often choose to showcase local breweries and during the festival always aim to put on the best bands from the local area. Therefore any limitation imposed on the licence of this establishment would be a great loss to the entire community.

My general opinion on the way Dorset Police approached the last festival is that they were overbearing in how they monitored the pub, when in fact there was no real trouble at all at the venue, other than, there being a large volume of people on East Street which could also have been attributed to the other pubs I have mentioned. What would have been a really sensible idea would have been to have closed the road for the Saturday and Sunday of the festival thereby solving the issue.

I would appeal to you to listen to the local residents rather than just be lead by Dorset Police who, for whatever reason, seemed fixated on having an over the top presence around a small pub in the town which wasn't operating in any way different to almost all of the pubs involved in the festival. It just so happened to be on a road (just as the Rising Sun and the Thirsty Bird are) that became over populated and the police didn't handle it in a particularly efficient way.

I hope you will take these comments on board during your review.

### Representation 15

I am retired businessman and live [REDACTED] from this delightful pub. Since it opened some 8 years ago it has become a local hub for good conversation and good beer. They deserve another chance and would be greatly missed if they were forced to close.

### Representation 16

I was truly disappointed to understand the licence for The Butchers Dog is under question following this year's folk festival in Wimborne. I am writing to express my strong support for an incredible local business that is consistently upholding its licensing laws and significantly contributes to our community's vibrancy.

As a resident of Wimborne for over 15 years, and employee of [REDACTED] my family and I have witnessed businesses coming and going over the years. Particularly the transformation in certain areas of the town where previously I would have avoided certain areas and pubs due to the trouble that frequently ensued.

The owners of The Butchers Dog have created something different. It has felt safe, welcoming and well managed. The owners have been meticulous in abiding by all regulations and boundaries their licence dictates. Their dedication and hard work have been shown in the smooth operating of that business and by the popularity of this unique charm adding to East street's bustling independent businesses.

The weekend in question features a very special event that is a significant part of Wimborne's calendar. Live music events covering the whole town, huge numbers of visitors naturally leading to increased noise levels and alcohol consumption. Recognising this, all businesses take the appropriate means to mitigate any potential problems. Having spent a significant

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amount of time in town that weekend both working and socially, I observed zero issues surrounding this establishment. In fact, I believe the police presence allocated to this area might have been more effectively utilised elsewhere.

The staff at the Butchers Dog are exceptionally well trained and conduct themselves with utmost professionalism and confidence in any situation. This is a testament to the excellent training and deep understanding of the business demonstrated by John, Laura and their management team.

Perhaps the finer details surrounding the enormous influx of visitors and drinkers to the Folk festival and the way the police can support these establishments should be seriously addressed next year so the outcome is a positive one for hard working businesses like this one. I would also be interested in requesting information regarding the incidence of licence related issues in other establishments in comparison to the Butchers dog with regards to disorder and police attendance on a regular basis at these other establishments.

In short, The Butchers Dog is an exemplary establishment that enhances our community and deserves continued support. I am confident that it will remain a positive asset to Wimborne for many years to come.

## Representation 17

I am writing this email in support of my local "The Butchers Dog" in response to the premise license brought by Dorset Police.

When the Butchers Dog first opened it was a place, I would stop with friends for one of their fantastic ales before visiting other establishments in town, but it very quickly become the place we now call our local.

This is down to the friendliness of the owners, bar staff, other users of the pub and the quality of the beer being supplied.

The Butchers Dog is a fantastically well-run establishment with a superb atmosphere and a real feeling of a community where nobody is a stranger for very long with an ethos to support other local businesses, which is demonstrated by the array of beers on offer all from small independently run breweries.

I support as many of the live music events and bottle evenings the Butchers Dog put on as I can as they are always fantastically well run and supported events, which really highlight the best of local small independent beers and bands the area has to offer.

A feature of the Butchers Dog which is rare in this modern world of large brewery owned pubs, is the enthusiasm and knowledge the owners and bar staff have for the beers they are selling. They care about the brewers who supply the pub with beer and have a genuine love of what they do, and this shows in the quality of the product on offer.

In all the year's I have been using the Butchers Dog I have never once felt threatened or unsafe, even when the pub has been very busy on a Friday or Saturday night and this is down too not only the type and age of the clientele attracted to the Butchers Dog, but to the professionalism of the owners and bar staff who make sure anybody who is lucky enough to look under age is appropriately asked for ID and quickly ask any potential trouble makers to leave the premises in a firm but friendly manner.

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The Butchers Dog is an amazing asset to the Wimborne community, and as a small family run business who are trying in every way possible to make the experience of visiting their pub the best experience it can be having their license removed would be a disaster for the family and the community who use this pub and call it home.

This is the reason I am showing my support to the owners of the Butcher Dog which in my opinion is the best run, friendliest and safest pub in Wimborne.

### Representation 18

I feel compelled to contact you in regards to the notice that has been put up outside The Butcher's Dog, 6 East St, Wimborne regarding the risk to their licensing.

I am [REDACTED] Butchers Dog Wimborne bar and have been since they opened in 2015/2016. The bar has a clean record of management and I have never experienced a complaint from either staff or customers regarding safety (or anything else for that matter).

I was [REDACTED] the bar over the folk festival weekend 2024. It was much busier than [REDACTED] anticipated however the management made sure [REDACTED] closed on time (as [REDACTED] always do) and there were no issues from customers regarding their safety. Staff were outside and inside making sure there were no issues.

There were police officers outside the bar for most of the weekend and I'm not sure why they didn't act if they felt there was any risk to public safety. I would think they are best placed to move crowds on who are collecting outside a bar than the staff who work inside the bar.

The Butchers Dog owners are responsible and sensible and have created a safe environment for all types of people to enjoy drink, food and music in Wimborne. They are an asset to the community and it is such a shame that there is a risk to their license. I cannot see that this risk is justified based on what I experienced both over the folk festival weekend and from years of working in the bar.

### Representation 19

I am writing to you, as a lifelong resident of Wimborne, in regard to the proposed review of the licence of The Butchers Dog at 6 East Street.

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louder than usual taking place during a festival then they may as well submit a group application applicable to every pub in the town. The fact that they haven't highlights their biases and makes this license review request appear to be a targeted overreach.

The very nature of the festival means that people go from pub to pub to listen to music (very often slightly louder than usual owing to it being a folk music festival) and rightly or wrongly take their drinks with them. How for instance do the police know that all of the individuals with drinks on East Street purchased them from the Butchers Dog? I was in attendance both years and didn't notice the police ask anyone where they purchased their drinks from so they could easily have been from the Cricketers Arms, the Thirsty Bird, The Rising Sun or any other pub or stall within walking distance.

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My view is that Dorset Police were unnecessarily overbearing in how they monitored the pub, when in fact there was no real trouble at all at the venue, other than, there being a large volume of people on East Street which could also have been attributed to the other pubs I have mentioned. What would have been a really sensible idea would have been to have closed the road for the Saturday and Sunday of the festival thereby solving the issue.

I would implore you to listen to the local residents rather than just be lead by Dorset Police who, for whatever reason, seemed fixated on having an over the top presence around a small pub in the town which wasn't operating in any way different to almost all of the pubs involved in the festival. It just so happened to be on a road (just as the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] are) that became over populated and the police didn't handle it in a particularly efficient way.

I hope you will take these comments on board during your review and reject Dorset Police's targeted campaign completely.

## Representation 20

It has come to my attention that the Butcher's Dog in Wimborne is currently having its licence reviewed.



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While I am unaware of the circumstances, I would like to express my support for the pub and its owners. This is an important community pub operating as a freehouse, giving customers genuine choice. The owners take very seriously their responsibility to the community and have regular clients who rely on this welcoming freehouse as a means of socialising in a safe environment with likeminded people. As a mental health professional, I believe that, should the decision be taken to revoke this licence, it will have a detrimental effect on a significant number of people's mental wellbeing.

Someone from the council is welcome to contact me should you wish me to explain my representation further.

### Representation 21

I understand you are inviting comment for a review of the licence conditions for this bar in East Street, Wimborne following assertions made by Dorset Police at the Folk Festival weekend.

I am a resident of Wimborne

I attended the bar on the Saturday afternoon and saw no undesirable behaviour. Certainly, the live music was loud and the customers were outside as well as inside the bar. However, this was wholly consistent with the occasion with the road closed to traffic and people enjoying the good weather.

Frankly, I cannot believe the Police misjudge the public mood on these matters. The Butchers Dog offers a unique experience in the town and authorities such as yourselves and the police should look to accommodate, support and encourage them as much as possible.

I love the Butchers Dog and urge you to leave its licensing conditions unchanged.

### Representation 22

I understand that the Butcher's Dog pub's license is being reviewed.

I am writing to let you know that I support the Butcher's Dog pub. This unique establishment has been a cornerstone of our community for many years. This local pub, operating as a free house run by local people for local people, is not just a place to enjoy a drink but a vital part of our social fabric. The owners, whom we have known for many years, provide an excellent service for the community and have regular clients who rely on their welcoming environment.

The pub offers a safe haven for many like-minded people and provides a community opportunity and safe space that benefits local people's mental well-being.

I very much hope that the Butcher's Dog will keep their license and continue to offer the excellent community service that is much respected and needed in Wimborne.

## Representation 23

I'd like to offer my support for the butchers dog pub in Wimborne. I understand it's licence is up for review

The pub is one of the few establishments left in Wimborne which offer any form of culture and any complaints on the grounds of unreasonable noise during the annual folk festival should be dismissed. That particular weekend is only annual and the date is known well in advance. The whole town joins in and noise is made from all over. People should be able to factor this into their plans given the well publicised nature of the events.

It would be a great shame if a complaint from the few outweighed the enjoyment of many

Thanks for taking this on board

## Representation 24

I write concerning the review of the alcohol license at the Butchers Dog, East St, Wimborne at the end of July 24

I am aware many people will have offered differing opinions about the events during Folk Festival weekend in June, which is the cause of the Police charges.

However, the purpose of this email is to focus the Courts attention on the Butchers Dog in the other 362 days of the year (actually less as they close every Mon/Tues!).

The Butchers Dog has been my preferred 'local' in Wimborne for the past three years. It is a small, intimate and cosy bar, specialising in 'craft' beers from around the UK and beyond in Belgium and Germany

As such, the prices are not cheap, currently on average you would expect to pay £6/7 for a pint, although smaller glasses are available in 1/2 and 2/3 measures. There are no 'happy hours', unlike other Wimborne pubs, that can encourage binge drinking.

It attracts the more discerning and affluent beer drinker and is at the centre of the so called craft beer 'revolution' in Wimborne.

There are close links with local craft brewers, including the excellent Eight Arch brewery, a flagship for quality ales with a growing reputation, that brings the name of Wimborne to a wider audience.

I have found the regular customers at the Butchers Dog to be an eclectic mix of professional (i.e teachers, civil servants) retirees, private sector and self-employed people, all drawn by the welcoming, friendly atmosphere and love of craft beer.

The conversation is informed, interesting and often humorous. People are generally well read with good educational backgrounds. Being able to listen and disagree agreeably is a particular feature. The politics are broadly centre left and liberal, which reflects the changing voter patterns in the Mid-Dorset and Poole North constituency.

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I have never witnessed any 'trouble' in the pub. Wimborne is a town with its fair share of known problem drinkers, albeit they are a small minority. They do not frequent the Butchers Dog as expensive craft beer holds no attraction for them.

I make the above points to both provide context and highlight the importance of the Butchers Dog as a local community bar with a genuine welcoming 'vibe' with law abiding customers. It is unique in Wimborne and should not be viewed in the same way as other more 'traditional' pubs in the town.

Finally. I have read one comment about 'drug taking upstairs'. This is, in my experience, totally untrue and is likely malicious.

Whatever decision to court takes, I submit the Butchers Dog more than deserves to have it's licence renewed. I hope some form of warning combined with an undertaking to take extra security measures during Folk Festival weekend will suffice.

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### **Wimborne Folk Festival - Butchers Dog**

I understand that the above establishment is the subject of a licence review.

I am a 69 year old resident from Wimborne and attended the festival on all days plus I am a regular customer of this business. This is a small "independent" business which has a steady clientele and an asset to East Street. They sell specialised/selected products which are appreciated by the local residents, young and old. It is a really well run bar and I go there regularly and I have never seen any trouble.

The police presence outside the Butchers Dog during the festival was extreme and they didn't seem to have any reason for being there? As far as I am aware, they didn't get involved with the customers but the guy that was running the bar seemed to have constant dialogue with them.

### **Drinking outside**

I am really confused regarding this, this is what was taking place everywhere in Wimborne? On this basis, unless every establishment could disprove/prove that the drinks had been sold by them, then how can this be applied to one pub or even be controlled? I know for a fact that friends I was with purchased drinks from The [REDACTED] then stood outside the BD? The only place, as far as I am aware. where you couldn't take your drinks from elsewhere was the [REDACTED] because of the greed of a multi million pound brewery?

### **Noise level**

Once again, I cannot understand why this is only being attributed to the Butchers Dog when surely this is applicable to every establishment in Wimborne over the festival?

The biggest mystery is that the council/police had decided not to close the road when all the other roads were closed? Somebody should be accountable for this massive decision and

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the reasoning behind it from a safety point of view! We walked from the BD to [REDACTED] and there was a more mature feller in a very posh sports car who was constantly cruising around Wimborne?? Other fairs this seems to happen automatically, Xmas? Wimborne Council has approved developments that have changed the whole aspect of our small market town without any real change to the infrastructure. Saturday folk was the busiest I have ever seen the festival and I have attended since it began. Maybe this needs to be rethought when something like the Folk Festival is taking place?

This pub is an asset to Wimborne and we need more independent businesses in our small market town rather than the big boys taking over!

I am more than happy to discuss my points or justify anything above.

### Representation 25

I am writing with regards to the potential review of the license of The Butchers Dog at 6 East Street. My understanding is that Dorset Police have requested this review on the grounds that the pub breached its license during the Wimborne folk festivals in June 2023 and June 2024.

I would like to request that the Butchers Dog stays open and continues to serve the local area with its great food and drinks. Personally, I have found the pub to be ran in a very responsible manner and have never seen any trouble at anytime inside or close to the Butchers Dog.

I would like to add that during the folk festival there is often a high level of noise and people moving between pubs around the whole town. Any noise or people with drinks could be from many of the other venues in Wimborne, people are there for a once a year festival and freely move around the town. Are the other pubs around the town also having their licenses reviewed?

Finally, please consider that the Butchers Dog is locally owned and the profit generated stays within the local community unlike many pub chains whose profits will quickly move from the local area.

### Representation 26

I wish to comment upon the review for the above premises. I am aged 67, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and have lived in Wimborne since 1997.

I witnessed some events in East Street over the weekend of the Folk Festival and have the following comments to make:

Upon the Saturday and Sunday I was in East Street quite a lot for the parade on the Saturday and in the afternoons and early evening of both days.

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I did not at any time see customers of the Butchers Dog take drinks from the bar and into the street.

When the road was open to traffic I did witness many people, mostly young men coming from both directions with alcoholic drinks in their hands that had been purchased elsewhere or from shops in the town. Some of these people were intoxicated and were walking in the road despite it being open to traffic. I considered this to be dangerous and it was not the responsibility of the licensed premises. I reported my concerns to a uniformed police officer and said I thought the road should be closed off as there was clear danger to a lot of intoxicated people who were wondering in the roadway. I asked the Police Officer to use his authority to close off the road before someone was hurt, he declined.

Upon one occasion I did stop on the opposite side of the street and saw a band playing in the pub (I think it was Pronghorn) and it was clearly very busy but I would not think the noise was excessive. I did not witness people bringing drinks outside from the bar but I did witness members of staff doing all they could to keep the pavements clear of rubbish and empty cans and cups a number of times.

I believe that for the folk festival weekend East St between the Rising Sun and where it meets the High St. Should be closed off to motor traffic to make the area safe. There could then be, as was done after covid, tables and chairs set up for the four cafe's and two pubs to extend their trading opportunities AND make the street safer. This could even be supervised by SIA staff who could be communally funded perhaps.

The Butcher's Dog also operate in circumstances which many people believe to be grossly unfair in that they are not allowed to use their back yard when two neighboring cafes are allowed to use their back yards for customers. I believe this is due to noise concerns and I am sure stipulations could be applied that it is not to be used after a certain time in the evening. If they were able to utilise this area then any need for people to use the pavement to smoke would be eliminated. I also believe that if you live in a property in a town centre then you have to expect there to be an added level of noise and this can be monitored and appropriate action taken by the licensee if it becomes too noisy at any time.

I trust the correct decisions will be made.

## Representation 27

I am writing to express my support for the continuation of the license of Butchers dog bar that operates in Wimborne.

I am a 40 year old woman that has lived in and worked in Wimborne my whole life. I have seen not only pubs come and go but other local businesses too.

If the Butchers dog lost its license it would be a huge loss to the community. As a woman, I have never felt safer than whilst visiting there. On my own and with friends. I contribute that feeling to the excellent staff that work there. Not only do they know their jobs inside out, but they go above and beyond by knowing their customers. Many who are locals and regularly visit. These locals are a cross section of Wimborne society. People who on the whole live and work in Wimborne. I've seen older generations, women, people with disabilities and all of those people have been treated with respect and compassion and courtesy by not only the staff but also by other customers. I have never witnessed a fight on the property or on the street outside.

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I think it's incredibly sad that a small, independent business, that creates a sense of community, and that has already been through so much with the pandemic and cost of living crisis is now facing this. Not only would the Butchers dog be affected, but the other businesses that they have links with. The craft workshops ran at Christmas and Mother's Day for example. As well as the East Street Deli and Flaming Peaches.

When so many houses are being built in the surrounding Wimborne area, I think it's particularly important that we support those small, local businesses that help make Wimborne the beautiful and desirable town it is.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to read this e-mail. I am available to attend on the day of the hearing.

### Representation 28

I am writing in relation to the licensing review of The Butcher's Dog to provide some feedback on my experiences with the establishment.

My partner and I live in Blandford but consider The Butcher's Dog our favorite bar/pub. We regularly travel to Wimborne specifically to visit the bar, enjoy the variety of drinks on offer, and interact with the staff and other patrons. For example, we recently celebrated a birthday by dining in Wimborne, primarily to visit the bar afterward. Additionally, we have inadvertently developed a Christmas tradition where Wimborne is the only town we do any physical shopping, as we enjoy stopping at the bar for a few drinks after finishing our Christmas shopping.

The bar not only draws our business but has also cultivated a strong sense of community. Whenever we visit, there is a diverse mix of people, whether they are drinking alone, as couples, or in groups. The atmosphere is always pleasant, and I have never witnessed any altercations or security issues during my visits. The staff are diligent in adhering to the licensing hours, and I have never seen anyone served beyond closing time.

I strongly encourage you to consider the wider impact of curtailing the licence of the Butchers Dog, considering how difficult it can be to operate a successful small local business in 2024. The Butchers Dog is a vital part of Wimborne's diversity of business and its clear effort to avoid becoming another copy and paste high street with no reason to visit.

If we lived closer to Wimborne, we would certainly visit the bar more frequently. As it stands, The Butcher's Dog remains a significant reason for our trips and spending in the other businesses in town.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

## Representation 29

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms regarding the application to review the license for the Butchers's Dog pub in Wimborne (<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/d/guest/review-of-premises-licence-butchers-dog> redacted).

I am a regular customer of the Butchers Dog and have been since it opened in 2018.

Since then the staff have demonstrated nothing but the utmost professionalism, friendliness and kindness to its multitude of customers.

It is more than a bar, its an important part of the local community.

Unlike the majority of pubs in Wimborne, it is a locally owned, small business employing local people.

The team behind the Butchers Dog work closely with other local East Street businesses and have supported the promotion of the shops on the street and were one of the key voices in the opening of East Street during the difficult Covid times, forming links to the the benefit of other small businesses.

The staff are knowledgeable about beer and have always promoted an environment of sensible drinking where taste and flavour is key. It is a place where you are comfortable to go on your own, a place where female drinkers feel comfortable on their own as well. This is due to the environment created, not least, by Laura and Dean.

The Butcher's Dog is the only pub that I know in town that does not use offers and deals that promote binge drinking. Larger establishments such as [REDACTED] promote cheap shots and happy hours and although not as aggressive this is common in some ways at all the other pubs in town.

The Butchers Dog host local groups, including arts and crafts causes, charitable bike rides and beer tasting for women only.

The atmosphere of the Butchers Dog is key. Warm and friendly (constantly mentioned in Google reviews). If a little drunk the staff encourage lower alcohol beer, or encourage you to move on or move home. The staff care about their customers. I have never seen any trouble in the Butcher's Dog.

Alongside this the complaint centers around one particular event.

The Wimborne Folk Festival

Folkie is a huge event and like it or not alcohol consumption plays a significant part across the 3 days.

Bars serve in plastic cups which are encouraged to be carried from pub to pub.

Micro breweries, stalls and pubs sell beer in the streets. The majority of people do not mind. It's one weekend a year and a fabulous celebration of music, culture, art and crafts

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Pubs are spilling out onto the streets throughout. I noticed on street drinking outside the following pubs [REDACTED] (disrupting performers) [REDACTED]. I am sure they weren't the only pubs.

The Butcher's Dog changes its menu during this time, serving only lower abv beers and include options as low as 2.5%.

Noise wise..... the Dog is only a small issue!

[REDACTED] can be heard for miles. Events at [REDACTED] take place throughout the summer (including on Sunday and Thursday nights where people are at work the next day). I am told residents have complained about the noise. I believe the complaints have been ignored or rejected. I live locally and can hear many events throughout the summer.

The noise from the stages at the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] are significant, they are more likely to cause large scale noise pollution as they are big and outside.

I would also like to highlight the issues of [REDACTED]. Issues such as fighting and anti social behaviour (last year was significant) are common.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

Outside [REDACTED] we have broken glass up and down the street.

I am unsure as to why one pub is being singled out, a pub with a fantastic reputation and kind friendly welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

I am in no way affiliated with The Butcher's Dog or its staff or management.

I would be happy to elaborate on any of the points raised if need be.

## Representation 30

I am writing as a resident of Wimborne and a customer of the Butchers Dog. I was shocked and saddened to hear about this review of their license due to alleged breaches over the Wimborne Folk Festival. It does not seem that this is a fair approach to issues that arose during the Folk Festival and I am writing to support the Butchers Dog in keeping their alcohol license.

I have lived in Wimborne my whole life and I have worked in multiple bars and restaurants in town. Therefore, I have a good understanding of the culture of the town and the wonderful addition that independent businesses bring to our town. The Butchers Dog has a wonderful community of customers and is well-loved throughout Wimborne. Of all the pubs in town, it is the one I feel safest in, and know it is the least likely to have any troubles. The same cannot be said for other pubs in town.



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Working in independent hospitality establishments gives you insight into the hard work and guts it takes to succeed and grow such a lovely community. This complaint does not read as a fair representation of the pub that I know and it is disappointing to hear that this issue has been raised in this manner. Please consider this letter of support and keep our independents going.

### Representation 31

This is a letter of support for the Butcher's Dog Bar in Wimborne.

I have lived in Wimborne for coming up to seven years and am not a regular drinker.

However, I really value the diversity of the small businesses in Wimborne. While I understand the reasons, I dislike bigger companies taking market share away from small businesses. In this case, I have seen smaller establishments come and go while larger venues such as the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continue on with ease. The Butchers Dog is fantastic. As a non-local it is always welcoming and has a great atmosphere.

I have seen more issues relating to drunk and disorderly conduct from the larger and cheaper establishments mentioned above than from the Butchers Dog. This is always magnified throughout folk festival.

I do not know all of the facts, but I am greatly surprised that of all of the establishments in Wimborne, this one is being singled out. I wonder if all bars are being treated equally or whether the Butcher's Dog is actually a scapegoat.

I do not want to see one of the most popular businesses in Wimborne vanish. I hope that whatever the identified specific issue is, there is a proportionate remedy. There must be less punishment and more support for small businesses to encourage the much valued and necessary diversity in our market town.

Please don't close the Butcher's Dog.

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