



Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2026
Time: 11.30 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

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3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 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. APPLICATION TO REVIEW THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR
SURFSIDE DINER, 31 NEW STREET, WEYMOUTH**

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An application has been made to review the late-night refreshment premises licence for Surfside Diner, 31 New Street, Weymouth. The application has been out to public consultation. A Licensing Sub-Committee must therefore consider the application and representations at a public hearing.

5. 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.

6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

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 and Gambling Acts Sub Committee

23 July 2026

Application for a review of a premises licence for Surfside Diner, 31 New Street, Weymouth, Dorset

For Decision

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr M Bell, Health and Housing

Local Councillor(s):

Cllrs J Orrell

Executive Director:

S Crowe, Director of Housing, Communities and Prevention

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Report Status: Public

Brief Summary: An application has been made to review the late-night refreshment premises licence for Surfside Diner, 31 New Street, Weymouth. The application has been out to public consultation. A Licensing Sub-Committee must therefore consider the application and representations 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:

- 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 reaching 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 Act), the [Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#) (the Guidance) and the [Dorset Council Statement of Licensing Policy](#) (the Policy).
2. **Details of the review**
- 2.1 An application has been made for a review of a late-night refreshment premises licence for Surfside Diner, 31 New Street, Weymouth, Dorset and has been submitted to the Licensing Authority by the Home Office Immigration Enforcement. The application form and supporting information is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The grounds for the review relate to the Licensing Objective of the prevention of crime and disorder, in summary:
- “We have grounds to believe the license holder has failed to meet the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, as illegal working has been identified at this premises.
- Section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Immigration Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) amended the Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act) to introduce immigration safeguards in respect of licensing applications made in England and Wales on or after 6 April 2017. The intention is to prevent illegal working in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshment.
- The Home Secretary (in practice Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)) was added to the list of Responsible Authorities (RA) in the licensing regime, which requires Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) to receive premises licence applications (except regulated entertainment only licences and applications to vary a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)), and in some limited circumstances personal licence applications. In carrying out the role of responsible authority, Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) is permitted to make relevant representations and objections to the grant of a licence or request a review of an existing licence as a responsible authority where there is concern that a licence and related licensable activity is prejudicial to the prevention of immigration crime including illegal working.”

3 The premises licence

- 3.1 The premises licence has been held by Mr Bezar Suleman Ismail since 2 January 2024. He was the premises licence holder at the time of the visit by the Home Office Immigration Compliance and Enforcement team on 6 July 2025, which took place following intelligence indicating that the business owner was employing illegal workers. Since the submission of the review application to the Licensing Authority, an application to transfer the premises licence has been received from Mr Shams Khan. The application was submitted on 8 June 2026, and the relevant fee was paid on 16 June 2026. Subject to the transfer taking effect, Mr Khan will become the new premises licence holder.
- 3.2 Mr Khan has stated that he has recently taken over the business and is transferring the late-night refreshment licence into his name and will be renaming the premises to Surfside Grill. Mr Khan wanted to clarify that the issue related only to the former operator and their management – it has not connection, liability or link to himself, his business, or any staff he employs. This email can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 There has been a licence in place at the premises since November 2005 which was held by two previous owners.
- 3.4 The premises licence currently allows for the following:

Late night refreshment (indoors & outdoors)	
Monday to Sunday	2300-0500 hours

- 3.5 A copy of the current premises licence can be found at Appendix 3.

3 Responsible Authorities

- 3.1 Section 13 of the Licensing Act contains the list of Responsible Authorities who must be consulted on each application. Dorset Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, Dorset Council Public Health, Trading Standards, Children's Services, Planning, Licensing, Environmental Protection, Dorset Council Health and Safety have all been consulted. As the Immigration Authority is the applicant, they were not consulted.
- 3.2 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) responded the only dealings they have had with the premises was in regard to concerns raised by a utility supplier that the meter had been bypassed and there was evidence of electrical overheating with potential to cause a fire.
- 3.3 DWFRS were informed the electric had been isolated so there was no immediate risk and were told that the business was closed. The email from DWFRS can be found at Appendix 4.

- 3.4 Child Safeguarding responded that although the details provided do not evidence risk to children and young people, they do not have details on who the licence holder employs and if these are under 18's. They would have concerns if adults are working at the premises that do not have the right to work in the UK, as their details will not be known should any safeguarding matters arise that impact on the safety and welfare of children, whether working for the licence holder/premises or from a contextual safeguarding perspective within the local area. Their response can be found at Appendix 5.
- 3.4 There were no representations received from any of the other Responsible Authorities.

4 Representations from other persons

- 4.1 The Licensing Act 2003 Section 182 Guidance (the Guidance) sets out at 8.13 the role of "other persons":

"As well as responsible authorities, any other person can play a role in a number of licensing processes under the 2003 Act. This includes any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities in relation to applications for the grant, variation, minor variation or review of premises licences and club premises certificates, regardless of their geographic proximity to the premises. In addition, these persons may themselves seek a review of a premises licence. Any representations made by these persons must be 'relevant', in that the representation relates to one or more of the licensing objectives. It must also not be considered by the licensing authority to be frivolous or vexatious. In the case of applications for reviews, there is an additional requirement that the grounds for the review should not be considered by the licensing authority to be repetitious. Chapter 9 of this guidance (paragraphs 9.4 to 9.10) provides more detail on the definition of relevant, frivolous and vexatious representations.

- 4.2 The Guidance states at paragraph 9.4 what a "relevant" representation is;

"A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. For example, a representation from a local businessperson about the commercial damage caused by competition from new licensed premises would not be relevant. On the other hand, a representation by a businessperson that nuisance caused by new premises would deter customers from entering the local area, and the steps proposed by the applicant to prevent that nuisance were inadequate, would be relevant. In other words, representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives."

- 4.3 There were no comments received from other parties.

5 Reviews

- 5.1 The Home Office Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the S182 Guidance) contains a chapter on Reviews. This chapter is included in full under Background Papers of the report. Paragraphs 11.1 and 11.2 of the s182 Guidance states that:

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.

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.

- 5.2 Section 13 of the Dorset Council Licensing Policy (the DC Policy) contains guidance on how the Licensing Authority will deal with enforcement and reviews. Paragraph 13.1 states; -

The Licensing Act contains measures to ensure that the council, and responsible authorities, are able to deal with premises that wilfully and persistently undermine the licensing objectives. The council and responsible authorities are committed to encouraging a thriving day time and night-time licensed economy but will not tolerate those premises whose activities break the law or infringe upon the quality of life for local residents and businesses.

- 5.3 Paragraph 13.9 of the DC Policy states; -

The council will seek to establish the cause or causes of the concern and remedial action will be targeted at such causes. Any action will be proportionate to the problems involved.

- 5.4 Section 13 of the DC Policy is attached in full under background Papers of the Report.

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.

7 Relevant Sections of the Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182

7.1 Paragraphs 1.2, 1.4 and 1.5 of the Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 issued in February (The Guidance) sets out the Licensing Objectives and aims;

The legislation provides a clear focus on the promotion of four statutory objectives which must be addressed when licensing functions are undertaken.

Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work. They include:

- protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;
- giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;
- recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;
- providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and
- encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.

7.2. Paragraph 1.16 of the Guidance sets out how conditions should be formulated;

Conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate are important in setting the parameters within which premises can lawfully operate. The use of wording such as “must”, “shall” and “will” is encouraged. Licence conditions:

- must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- must be precise and enforceable;
- must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;
- should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;
- must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;
- should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;
- should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 Act or other legislation;
- should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met;
- cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and
- should be written in a prescriptive format.

7.3. Paragraph 1.19 states;

While licence conditions should not duplicate other statutory provisions, licensing authorities and licensees should be mindful of requirements and responsibilities placed on them by other legislation.

7.4 Paragraph 2.6 states;

The prevention of crime includes the prevention of immigration crime including the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. Licensing authorities should work with Home Office Immigration Enforcement, as well as the police, in respect of these matters. Licence conditions that are considered appropriate for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises might include requiring a premises licence holder to undertake right to work checks on all staff employed at the licensed premises or requiring that evidence of a right to work check, either physical or digital (e.g. a copy of any document checked as part of a right to work check or a clear copy of the online right to work check) are retained at the licensed premises.

7.4 Paragraphs 9.42 – 9.44 of the Guidance set out how the Licensing Authority will determine an application;

Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination."

8 Considerations

8.1 Paragraphs 11.16 to 11.17 and 11.19 to 11.23 of the s182 Guidance set out the powers available to the Licensing Authority:

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.

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.

Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- 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
- 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)
- remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management
- suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
- revoke the licence.

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.

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. 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 by representations, 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 objectives.

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.

9 Options

- 91 The Sub-Committee will determine the application in the light of all of the written representations and any oral evidence from the hearing. They will 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

The steps that the Sub-Committee may take are:

- a. to not take any action
- b. modify the conditions of the licence
- c. remove the designated premises supervisor
- d. suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
- e. revoke the licence

10 Financial Implications

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

11 Environmental Implications

None.

12 Well-being and Health Implications

None.

13 Other Implications

None.

14 Risk Assessment

- 14.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:
Current Risk: High
Residual Risk: High

15 Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

16 Appendices

Appendix 1 - Review application form and supporting document

Appendix 2 – Email from new licence holder

Appendix 3 – Current licence

Appendix 4 - Comments from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

17 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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Licensing Authority: Dorset Council

Email Address: [REDACTED]

**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 Home Office Immigration Enforcement

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

SURFSIDE DINER
31 NEW STREET

Post town
WEYMOUTH
DORSET

Post code (if known)
DT4 9DB

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

Bezar Suleman Ismail

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

152685

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

Home Office Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team (IELCT) 6 th Floor, 2 Ruskin Square Dingwall Road Croydon CR0 2WF
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) [REDACTED]

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Please tick one or more boxes ✓ |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | ☒ |
| 2) public safety | ☐ |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | ☐ |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | ☐ |

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

Grounds for review:

We have grounds to believe the license holder has failed to meet the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, as illegal working has been identified at this premises.

Section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Immigration Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) amended the Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act) to introduce immigration safeguards in respect of licensing applications made in England and Wales on or after 6 April 2017. The intention is to prevent illegal working in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshment.

The Home Secretary (in practice Home Office (Immigration Enforcement)) was added to the list of Responsible Authorities (RA) in the licensing regime, which requires Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) to receive premises licence applications (except regulated entertainment only licences and applications to vary a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)), and in some limited circumstances personal licence applications. In carrying out the role of responsible authority, Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) is permitted to make relevant representations and objections to the grant of a licence or request a review of an existing licence as a responsible authority where there is concern that a licence and related licensable activity is prejudicial to the prevention of immigration crime including illegal working.

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

Please refer to accompanied review pack for detailed information

Please tick ✓ yes

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

☐

If yes, please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

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 *B. Vee*

.....

Date **27 May 2026**

.....

Capacity **Responsible Authority**.....

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

**Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team
6th Floor, 2 Ruskin Square
Dingwall Road**

Post town
Croydon

Post Code
CR0 2WF

Telephone number (if any)

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

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.



Home Office

Premises Licence Review

Surfside Diner aka Ankara Kebab
31 New Street
Weymouth
Dorset
DT4 9DB

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Case Summary

On 06 July 2025, the South Central (Portsmouth) Immigration, Compliance and Enforcement (ICE) team visited Surfside Diner (aka Ankara Kebab), 31 New Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9DB, after intelligence was received that the business owner was employing illegal workers.

Entry to the premises was gained at approximately 01:17hrs under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Within the premises the officers encountered four individuals of which one was identified as working illegally.

Licensed Premises History

The premises licence number is 152685. The licence was issued by Dorset Council and, since 2 January 2024, is held by Bezar Suleman Ismail, Flat 6 Dean Park Mansions, 27 Dean Park Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 1JA.

Licensable activities and permitted times authorised by the licence:

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors and Outdoors):
Daily 23:00–05:00

Opening Hours of the Premises:
Daily 09:00–05:00

On Companies House the premises is linked to two companies:

Ballak Limited; the company number is 16533981. The company is showing as active and incorporated on 22 June 2025. Nada Abdulrahman KAREEM is the active director, appointed on 22 June 2025.

Ankara Kebab Ltd; the company number is 15191947. The company has is showing as dissolved as on 18 November 2025. The director was Bezar Suleman Ismail, who was appointed on 07 December 2023.

Civil Penalty

Following the visit, the ICE officers referred the case to the Civil Penalty Compliance Team (CPCT). As a result, a Civil Penalty Notice for £45,000 was issued on 11 November 2025 to Ballak Limited for employing one person who had no right to work in the UK.

Ballak Limited had until 10 December 2025 to object to the penalty. No objection has been received.

The penalty was due for payment on 11 December 2025. No payments have been received, and the penalty remains outstanding in full.

Enforcement Visit: 06 July 2025

Entry to the premises was gained at approximately 01:17hrs under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003. Upon entry, officers encountered the following individuals:

████████████████████

Upon entering the premises, officers observed ██████████ positioned behind the service counter, actively engaged in serving a customer. Upon noticing the presence of officers, he immediately stepped back from the counter and stated that he was not working. His demeanour was observed to be dismissive and uncooperative.

Home Office records indicate that ██████████ entered the United Kingdom illegally in June 2007. All subsequent applications for protection or leave to remain have been refused or rejected. At the time of the visit, ██████████ was an overstayer, having held no valid leave since December 2024, and therefore had no lawful right to reside or work in the United Kingdom.

An illegal working interview was conducted. ██████████ stated that he attended Surfside Diner after being contacted by a friend named ██████████, who had asked him to assist due to staff shortages. He claimed that this was the first occasion he had been asked to help and stated that no right to work checks had been undertaken, although he asserted that he had informed them of his bail conditions.

██████████ maintained that he was not to receive any payment and described his role as limited to cleaning duties, specifically wiping the floor. When challenged regarding his presence behind the service counter, he stated that he had only approached the area to hand over a delivery.

He further stated that he supported himself through small amounts of money provided by friends, typically between £5 and £10, and that the £55 found in his possession had been given to him by a friend. He denied working elsewhere, stating that he was aware he was not permitted to work. When it was put to him that his presence in the premises suggested otherwise, ██████████ did not provide a response and shrugged.

██████████ provided inconsistent information regarding his attendance at the premises. He initially stated that this was his first time assisting; however, he later stated that he had attended on several occasions whilst intoxicated, although he maintained this was the first time he had been asked to assist. He further admitted to consuming two pints of beer prior to attending.

When informed that the manager alleged he worked at the premises regularly and occasionally stayed overnight, ██████████ denied this, maintaining that he only

attended whilst intoxicated and was merely assisting. He also denied previous allegations of illegal working in 2023 and 2024.

Points to Note:

- A member of staff stated that [REDACTED] had been working at the premises for a while.
- [REDACTED]'s clothing appeared dirty and heavily stained with food and grease (see images).
- [REDACTED] has previously been arrested on two occasions by Home Office Immigration Enforcement for illegal working.
- [REDACTED] stated that he had consumed alcohol on the day in question and was subsequently working in a hot kitchen environment involving hot oil, food preparation, and the use of knives. No responsible person at the premises, despite apparent awareness of his condition, took any steps to prevent him from undertaking these activities.



Photos of [REDACTED]'s short stained with food and grease when encountered

██████████ (Employer)

Upon entry, ██████████ identified himself as the owner of the business, in charge of employment. An illegal working interview was therefore conducted.

██████████ stated that the business traded as Ankara Kebab and advised that he was unaware of the Companies House registration details, noting that the business had only recently been taken over from previous owners. This is inconsistent with available company records, which indicate that the director, identified as his partner Nada Abdulrahman KAREEM, was appointed on 22 June 2025, the same date the company was incorporated.

██████████ stated that the business was not yet formally in his name, although there were plans to transfer ownership, potentially involving a business partner. He confirmed that he acted in the capacity of owner and was responsible for employment matters; however, he stated that employment records had not yet been established as the business was still being set up.

██████████ initially admitted to employing ██████████; however, he later contradicted this, stating that ██████████ was not employed but was assisting temporarily due to staff shortages, including the absence of a delivery driver. ██████████ stated that he was unaware of ██████████'s immigration status or right to work, noting only that he had been in the UK for approximately 15–16 years.

██████████ further stated that he had asked ██████████ to supervise the premises while he carried out deliveries. He confirmed that ██████████ could not serve customers due to limited English but undertook tasks he was able to perform. He stated that ██████████ had attended intermittently throughout the day and had also assisted the previous day.

██████████ stated that no formal payment was made to ██████████. Instead, he was permitted to consume food and drink and was allowed to stay at the premises. ██████████ further stated that ██████████ also stayed at another address nearby, identified as A&J Kebab.

He confirmed that no employment records, payslips, or evidence of tax or National Insurance contributions were held. No uniform or formal employment provisions had been provided, as the business had been operating under new ownership for approximately two weeks and remained in the process of being established, including licensing and administrative arrangements.

During the visit, ██████████ was questioned regarding licensing and operational matters. When asked whether CCTV was in place as part of the premises licence, he stated that access to the system was held by his business partner. When requested to provide access, he advised that the system was only accessible via his business partner's mobile phone and could not be produced at that time.

When asked about the location of Licence Part B, [REDACTED] stated that it was on the premises but was unable to immediately locate it. A Licence Part B document was observed displayed near the counter; however, it was registered to a previous owner, [REDACTED], and dated 2022.

Additional Concerns

One customer attending the premises displayed behaviour indicative of an adverse reaction to the presence of immigration officers. The individual initially remained outside the premises, observing officers through the window, and upon making eye contact, deliberately moved out of sight. He subsequently entered via the left-hand entrance, was provided with a bottle of water, and exited the premises in a hurried manner via the right-hand door. The individual was wearing a branded uniform for A&J Kebab House; a business located approximately a five-minute walk from Surfside Diner.

This observation suggested a potential operational link between the two premises. Further enquiries established that Immigration Enforcement previously conducted a visit to A&J Kebab House on 15 November 2024, during which Kocher Wahid [REDACTED], now identified as the employer at Surfside Diner, was encountered working at that location in the capacity of an employee. On that occasion, two individuals were identified as working illegally, including [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

At the time, [REDACTED] provided a statement very similar to the one provided on the visit at Surfside Diner asserting that he worked or assisted at A&J Kebab House only when the business was busy, undertaking cleaning and general duties under the direction of the employer. He confirmed that he received non-monetary benefits, including food, occasional money, drinks, and clothing, and that no right to work checks were conducted prior to him undertaking duties.

Reasons for Review

Section 36 and Schedule 4 of the Immigration Act 2016 amended the Licensing Act 2003 to introduce immigration safeguards for licensed premises in England and Wales from 6 April 2017. These provisions were introduced to prevent illegal working and the facilitation of disqualified persons within premises licensed to provide late night refreshment.

During the visit to Surfside Diner aka Ankara Kebab, Immigration Enforcement Officers identified one individual actively engaged in work at the premises who did not hold lawful permission to live or work in the United Kingdom. The evidence obtained during the visit, including direct observations, admissions, and information provided by the person in control of the premises, demonstrates that the individual was undertaking duties consistent with employment rather than providing casual or incidental assistance. The employer sought to justify the absence of right to work checks by stating that he had only assumed control of the premises within the preceding couple of weeks; however, this does not negate the statutory requirement to carry out compliant checks prior to allowing any individual to commence work.

Whether by negligence or wilful blindness illegal workers were engaged in activity on the premises, yet it is a simple process for an employer to ascertain what documents they should check before a person can work. All employers are dutybound by law to conduct these checks, and guidance can be found on the GOV.UK website or by using a search engine. Additional information on how to conduct these checks is available online, this includes the Home Office's official YouTube page. It is an offence to work when a person is disqualified to do so, and such an offence can only be committed with the co-operation of a premises licence holder or its agents. It is also an offence to employ illegal workers where there is reason to believe this is the case.

Under Section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality (IAN) Act 2006, employers can face a civil penalty if they employ someone who does not have the legal right to work in the UK. The civil penalty process is administered by a separate team.

A civil penalty referral notice was served based on the findings of officers. This referral was considered by the Civil Penalty Compliance Team.

On 11 November 2025, Ballak Limited was issued with a civil penalty of £45,000 for employing a person who did not have the right to work in the United Kingdom. No objection has been received, and no payment has been made, and the penalty remains outstanding in full. Ample opportunity was given to the liable party to settle or dispute the penalty and therefore the illegal working assessment.

The failure to discharge the civil penalty has been taken into account when considering action against the premises licence.

Section 182 guidance at paragraph 11.27 states that certain activity should be treated particularly seriously, including employing someone who is disqualified from working in the UK by reason of their immigration status. Paragraph 11.28 states that revocation of a licence, even in the first instance, should be seriously considered.

Immigration Enforcement submits that those responsible for the management of the premises have permitted illegal working to take place and have failed to meet their legal obligations. In these circumstances, a warning or lesser intervention would not be appropriate, and a review of the premises licence is considered necessary and proportionate.

Outcome Sought

The objective of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) is to provide a clear, transparent framework for making decisions about applications by individuals or businesses wishing to sell or supply alcohol or provide certain types of regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment.

There are four licensing objectives which underpin the Act, and which need to be taken into account and promoted throughout the licensing process. The licensing objectives are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance and
- the protection of children from harm.

Surfside Diner aka Ankara Kebab, under the legal control of Bezar Suleman Ismail has failed to uphold the licensing objectives. Illegal working has taken place at the premises, and the business has failed to meet the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective. The licence holder would have been aware of his responsibilities to uphold the licensing objectives as they are clearly defined as part of the premises licence application.

Immigration Enforcement asks that the premises licence is **revoked**.

Merely remedying the existing situation (for instance by the imposition of additional conditions or a suspension) is insufficient to act as a deterrent to the licence holder and other premises' licence holders from employing illegal workers and facilitating disqualified immigrants to work illegally.

This submission and appended documents provide the licensing subcommittee with background arguments and information pertinent to that contention. These provide the sub-committee with a sound and defensible rationale as to why it should **revoke** the licence.

Appendix – Supporting Evidence

Encounter_ [REDACTED] Complete

Illegal_Working-Employee_ [REDACTED]

Freetext_IW_Observations_on_arrival [REDACTED] Completed

Illegal_Working-Employer_ [REDACTED]

QA_ [REDACTED]

Freetext_Adverse_behaviour_ [REDACTED] Completed

Illegal_Working-Employee_ [REDACTED]

Encounter	
Details	
Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	[REDACTED]
Created by	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] - Iraq
Created at geolocation	Easting 368008 Northing 79025
Time	01:24
Creation date	06-07-2025 01:23:41
Main Identity	
Identity source/type	Declared
Full name	[REDACTED]
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Gender	Male
Nationality	Iraq
Country of birth	Iraq
Place of birth	
Languages	
Languages spoken	Kurdish
Interpreter used?	Yes
Interpreter details	[REDACTED]
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes
Encounter	
Encountering officer	[REDACTED] - Officer
Is this encounter related to a Small Boats event?	No
Is this person the subject of the visit?	No
Prior to Schedule 2 examination, did you suspect an Immigration Offence?	Yes
Why do you suspect the person of an immigration offence?	subject encountered behind the service counter serving a customer. Intel states that males are working illegally at the premises.
Where was the person located?	Behind service counter

Declared immigration status	Illegally present
How and when did the subject last enter the UK?	2007 and not left since
CEPR	██████
Are there any vulnerabilities/trafficking/safeguarding issues?	No
Are you taking enforcement action?	Yes
References (Person ID, HO Ref, Port Ref, BRP)	██████
Biographic search results	Systems checked Result of checks Does the person have an open absconder status on Atlas Person Alerts? No Status returned by system checks
Photo of Subject	
Do you want to take a photograph of the subject?	Yes
Powers used	Paragraph 18(2) Schedule 2 Immigration Act 1971

Photo of subject	 1
Identity Documentation	
No documentation provided.	
Notes	
subject encountered behind the service ccounter serving a customer. Intel states that males are working illegally at the premises. Upon approach to the male, he immediately stated that he is not working and began to give attitude towards officers. Interpreter [REDACTED] contacted.	
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	06-07-2025 05:2 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Illegal Working - Employee

Details

Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	██████████
Created by	██████, ██████
ProntoID	██████████████████ - Iraq
Subject CEPR	Unknown
Subject name	██████████
Subject DOB	██████████
Subject gender	Male
Subject nationality	Iraq
Subject country of birth	Iraq
Created at geolocation	Easting 368010 Northing 79022
Time	02:29
Creation date	06-07-2025 02:29:38

Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	Kurdish
Interpreter used?	Yes
Details of interpreter	As per Encounter form.
Does the individual understand the interpreter?	Yes

Obligation

Why were you at the Surfside kebab shop today?	My friend called me and asked me for help
Asked for help doing what?	My friend asked for help as he didn't have any assistance and to give him a hand.
What was the name of the friend who asked you to come and help here?	██████
And is the first time that ██████ has asked you to come and help?	Yes, it's the first time he asked me to come.
Did ██████ ask you to provide any proof you could work in the UK?	No they didn't ask any paperwork, I was only there to help them and nothing more. I did tell them about the Bail.
What were you going to get in return to ██████ today?	He will not pay me either anything, he asked for help I just went to assist them with something.

What were your duties today at the Surfside today?	He only told me to clean up the area, that's all.
He was behind the counter when we entered so I believe he was serving customers, is this correct?	Actually when you came in was when I came to the counter to hand over a delivery.
Please can you tell me what you mean by cleaning?	He only asked me to wipe up the floor.
How have you been supporting yourself with money, food, clothes?	I have a lot of friends, sometimes they give me £5 or £10.
So it looks like you have approx £55, where did it come from?	My friend gave it to me.
Do you work anywhere else?	I'm not allowed to work, how can I work?
Because I found you here at a business premises "helping", so I believe you are working elsewhere or you are working here more than you say you are.	 didn't answer and just shrugged.
So if I ask [REDACTED] how many days and hours you have been working here, what will he say to me?	I mentioned I just came here to help so I don't have an answer for that question.
OK,if I ask [REDACTED] how many times you've come here to "help" what will he say?	Actually I came here several times here drunk, I got good mood out of it and today is the first time he called for help.
So was it [REDACTED] who told you to do the cleaning?	Not cleaning, just help. He said I wanted help so I helped him, before I came here to help, I drank two pints of beer.
How many hours did [REDACTED] say you were going to help here?	He didn't talk about hours or minutes he just asked me to come here to help.
The Manager here said you live elsewhere but stay here when you are working, you work here often, and today isn't your first day. Why have you lied to my colleague and I?	I didn't like you, I came here when I was drunk and got a good feeling. I was helping.
Why did you lie about not being arrested for illegally working in 2023?	I was not working.
Why did you lie about working illegally at another kebab house in 2024?	I didn't work there.

Control	
No details provided.	
Remuneration	
No details provided.	
Pre-employment Checks	
No details provided.	
Additional Questions	
No details provided.	
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Subject has refused to provide a signature.	
Employee read the contents of the interview themselves	No
Contents read back to the employee in the language used during the interview	No
Observations	
Observations	Subj seen behind counter on when we entered premises. One of the members of staff stated subj works at Surfside and has done for a while. Subj's clothes dirty and covered in food and grease stains. See images. Subj has had asylum.claims refused so subsistence withdrawn and no visible means if support but was in possession of approx £55 in cash and had a fairly new iPhone. Subj has been arrested twice previously by HOIE working illegally. Subjbrefused to sign declaration and also refused to read through the questions and answers or have them read back to him either. Subj stated he had been drinking today and was working in a hot kitchen with hot fat, food, knives etc. Nobody responsible for working at that premises and who knew he drinks, made any effort to stop him from working.

Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Photo 1	 Caption1

Photo 2



Caption shorts

Photo 3



Caption rear of shorts

Freetext	
Details	
Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	[REDACTED]
Created by	[REDACTED]
Is this entry related to a Critical Incident?	No
Subject CEPR	Unknown
Subject name	[REDACTED]
Subject DOB	[REDACTED]
Subject gender	Male
Subject nationality	Iraq
Subject country of birth	Iraq
Address	Surfside Diner (aka Ankara Kebab) , 31 New street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8DB (Visit Address)
Created at geolocation	Easting 368008 Northing 79024
Time	02:52
Creation date	06-07-2025 02:52:26
Entry	
Title	IW Observations on arrival
Text	When arriving at Surfside DINER the subject was seen behind the counter packing food into a carrier bag and handing it to a customer. On seeing immigration officers he stepped back from the counter and stated, "I'm no working". He was then encountered by a colleague.
Photographs	
No photographs.	

Illegal Working - Employer

Details

Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	██████████
Created by	██████████
ProntoID	██████████ - Syria Arab Republic
Subject CEPR	Unknown
Employer	██████████
Subject DOB	██████████
Subject gender	Male
Subject nationality	Syria Arab Republic
Created at geolocation	Easting 368009 Northing 79021
Time	02:32
Creation date	06-07-2025 01:59:09

Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	English
Interpreter used?	No

Employer Details

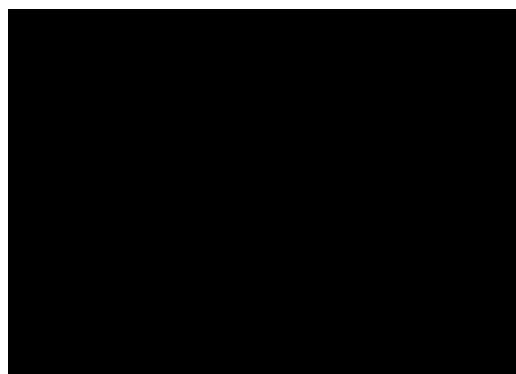
What is the name of the business?	Ankara Kebab
What are the Companies House and VAT numbers of the business?	I don't know the companies house number. VAT - we have just taken over the business from previous owners.
Are you solely in charge of the business, or do you have any partnerships?	Currently it is not in my name - the plan will be to put the business in my name but potentially my business partner may be named on business also.
what is your position at Ankara Kebab?	I am the Owner
who is in control of employment at the business?	I am in charge of employment
do you hold employment records of all persons employed at Surfside Diner?	Not yet
did you employ Mr ██████████	Yes
what checks did you complete on Mr ██████████ details?	He doesn't work here (explained that ██████████ was seen by Immigration upon entry working and serving customers) ██████████ has come in to help me as the

	business was very busy and I had deliveries and I asked him to cover the business whilst I deliver food as my delivery driver did not come in today.
do you know Mr [REDACTED] current immigration status and his rights to employment in the UK?	No to be honest - I know he has been here 15 nearly 16 years.
who gives Mr [REDACTED] his duties when at work?	I just asked him to look after the business whilst I deliver food - he cannot serve customers because he doesn't speak English but if there is anything he can do to help then he should do that.
what time did [REDACTED] start today?	We opened at 1700hrs and he has come and gone throughout today to help.
how do you pay Mr [REDACTED]?	I don't give him any money but he can eat and drink as much as he likes because I like him.
how often does [REDACTED] come to help at the business?	I'll be honest he came today and yesterday because I needed help as Two previous workers left
do you know if he pays any contributions to Tax and National Insurance?	I don't know
do you provide any payment slips? if yes, do you have these available?	I don't have anything just yet as I am still trying to set the business up at the moment.
do you provide Mr [REDACTED] anything else for his services? Food, Accommodation, Travel assistance etc.	I let him live upstairs as he also lived above A&J Kebab down the road, but I moved him here but he still lives between both addresses.
do you provide Mr [REDACTED] any uniform for Surfside Diner?	I don't have anything yet as like I said before I am still trying to set up the business and have nothing yet.
how long have you owned this business?	2 weeks - I still have lots to do with licence and business actions.

Declaration by Employer

I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.

Signed by [REDACTED]



06-07-2025 02:52:25

Observations	
Observations	
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	20-08-2025 16:18:32
Reviewer(s)	

Q&A	
Details	
Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	[REDACTED]
Created by	[REDACTED]
ProntoID	[REDACTED] - Syria Arab Republic
Subject CEPR	Unknown
Subject name	[REDACTED]
Subject DOB	[REDACTED]
Subject gender	Male
Subject nationality	Syria Arab Republic
Created at geolocation	Easting 368009 Northing 79020
Time	01:34
Creation date	06-07-2025 01:34:06
Interview Details	
Interview type	
Interview location	
Interview location comments	
Language of Interview	
What language is the interview carried out in?	English
Interpreter used?	No
Q&A	
do you have cctv for the business as part of your licence?	My business partner has access to this
would you be able to show me access to this system?	It is on my business partners phone
do you know where the licence part B is currently?	Yes it is here somewhere (not sure where) licence Part B displayed near counter but registered to an old owner [REDACTED] dated 2022.
what time do you stay open until?	We close at 0330hrs (answer changed to 0200hrs is when we take last orders on weekends and 0000hrs on weekdays), once we finish taking orders we then clean down before leaving.

Declaration	
Interviewee signature [REDACTED] [REDACTED])	06-07-2025 01:46:47
Observations	
Observations	No observations

Freetext	
Details	
Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	██████████
Created by	██████████
Is this entry related to a Critical Incident?	No
Subject CEPR	Unknown
Subject name	Customer
Address	Surfside Diner (aka Ankara Kebab) , 31 New street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8DB (Visit Address)
Created at geolocation	Easting 368010 Northing 79020
Time	02:15
Creation date	06-07-2025 02:15:37
Entry	
Title	Adverse behaviour
Text	One customer who entered the business premises gave an adverse reaction to immigration officers' presence whilst on the premises the customer stood outside and was looking at officers through the window then when I made eye contact with him he actively moved himself out of sight, he eventually came into the business on the door on the left, was given a bottle of water before leaving the business on the right door exit with haste. He was wearing a branded uniform for A&J Kebab, there is one business with this name near to our location, which is at 22 Westham Rd, Weymouth DT4 8NU, approximately a 5-minute walk from Surfside Diner.
Photographs	
No photographs.	

Illegal Working - Employee

Details

Type of work	Visit
Visit reference	██████████
Created by	██████████████████
ProntoID	██████████████████ - Iraq
Subject CEPR	██████████
Subject name	██████████████████
Subject DOB	██████████
Subject gender	Male
Subject nationality	Iraq
Created at geolocation	Easting 486079 Northing 93492
Time	19:49
Creation date	16-11-2024 10:48:04

Language of Interview

What language is the interview carried out in?	English
Interpreter used?	No

Obligation

How long have you been working at this business?	I only work/help when they are busy
What is your job role/ what are your duties?	Clean, and any helping jobs
What days/ hours do you work each week?	Thursday, Friday or Saturday when they are busy
Do you work the same hours/ days every week?	No only when busy

Control

Who gave you this job (name and role in business)?	██████████
Who tells you what days/ hours to work?	██████████
When you arrived who did you report to	██████████ tells me what to do

Remuneration	
How are you paid (money, accommodation, food)?	I get food I, sometimes money, sometimes drink at club and sometime some.clothes
Who pays you?	
Do you pay income tax or have a National Insurance number?	No
Pre-employment Checks	
What name does the employer know you as?	He knows me as my name
Does your employer know you're not allowed to work in the UK?	No he does not know.
Did you show documents or share a code with the employer to prove your right to work before being offered the job? If so, what did you show and were they originals?	No
Additional Questions	
so do you agree you help/work on the busy days per week.	Yes I agree.
Photographs	
No photographs.	
Declaration	
I confirm that I have understood all the questions and that the details are true and correct.	
Subject has refused to provide a signature.	
Employee read the contents of the interview themselves	No
Contents read back to the employee in the language used during the interview	Yes
Observations	
Observations	When i entered the business he was seen in a controlled area and admitted to working in the establishment.
Do you suspect this person of illegal working?	Yes
Management Checks Complete	
Date management checks complete	07-12-2024 10:24:40
Reviewer(s)	

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Re: Premises Licence Transfer & Clarification – 31 New Street, Weymouth DT4 8DB – Subside Diner / Subside Grill

From Licensing [REDACTED]
Date Mon 29/06/2026 14:26
To Shams Khan [REDACTED]
Cc Aileen Powell [REDACTED] Samantha Spracklen
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Khan, thank you for your email, I have answered your questions in red below.

As Samantha has stated in her previous email, we recommend you seek independent legal advice.

I will be on leave from 3 July for two weeks, if you have any questions during this time, please contact my manager Aileen Powell.

Many thanks

Kathryn Miller
Senior Licensing Officer

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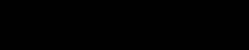
Dear Samantha Spracklen,

Thank you for your email dated 24 June 2026 regarding the transfer of the premises licence.

Business details:

- Premises: 31 New Street, Weymouth, DT4 8DB
- Former trading name: Surfside Diner
- New trading name: Surfside Grill

Please find below my Right to Work share code:

 This will allow you to verify my immigration status and right to work in the UK online, as requested.

I have a few follow-up queries:

1. Review hearing: Could you please confirm the exact date of the review hearing submitted by HM Home Office Immigration Enforcement, and when a final decision will be issued? **The hearing is due to take place on 23 July - you will receive a formal invitation to this in the next week or so. A decision is not made on the day - this will be emailed to you within five working days of the hearing.**
2. Contact details: You advised Kathryn Miller is handling this review – please share her direct email address and telephone number so I can contact her directly. **You can contact me on licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and the phone number is 01305 838028, please note phone lines are open from 0900-midday, Monday to Friday.**
3. Application progress: Once you have checked all documents and confirmed everything is complete, please send me confirmation. Also, could you confirm the expected date I will receive the updated premises licence once processing is finished? **We have now received your documents to transfer, and these have been sent to the Police and Immigration for their comment as per the Licensing Act 2003 requirements. They have two weeks to respond, however, as you have ticked that you wish for the transfer to have an immediate effect, you can continue to trade.**

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,
Mr Khan
Surfside Grill
31 New Street
Weymouth DT4 8DB

On Wed, 24 Jun 2026 at 12:05, Licensing [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Mr Khan,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed transfer of the premises licence.

I confirm we have received the application form and signed consent, your passport & and payment of £23.00. However, we are still waiting for you to supply a share code so that we can check your right to work in the UK online. I emailed you requesting this document on 17 June. Once we have the RTW share code we can progress with the application. The consultation period for the application is 14 days so you will receive your updated licence 2 weeks after it is formally accepted and processed.

The historical matter relating to the previous owner is on-going and has resulted in an application to review the premises licence being submitted by HM Home Office Immigration Enforcement. The review hearing will take place in July, and as the licence holder you will receive an invite to the hearing in due course. My colleague Kathryn Miller is dealing with the review process so please contact her for further information.

There is a possibility that the review committee will revoke the licence, so we would recommend that you seek appropriate legal advice.

Kind regards

Samantha Spracklen

Licensing Officer

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From: Shams Khan [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 June 2026 17:43

To: Licensing [REDACTED]; Samantha Spracklen
[REDACTED]

Subject: Premises Licence Transfer & Clarification – 31 New Street, Weymouth DT4 8DB – Subside Diner / Subside Grill

I am writing formally regarding the premises at 31 New Street, Weymouth DT4 8DB, currently trading as Subside Diner, with a request to update the trading name to Subside Grill.

I recently took over the business and submitted my application to transfer the Premises Licence into my name on [Surfside Grill]. The required fee was taken and processed by your team more than one week ago, and I have submitted all signed transfer documents, identification, and supporting information. However, I have not yet received any update or acknowledgment since the payment was made.

I am also aware that the previous owner had a historical matter raised by the Home Office regarding illegal working. I wish to make this completely clear:

- This issue relates only to the former operator and their management — it has no connection, liability, or link to me, my business, or any staff I employ.
- I hold valid right-to-work documents for the UK and will strictly comply with all immigration, employment, and licensing laws at all times.

Could you please confirm the following:

1. That my transfer application has been received, is progressing, and no objections have been raised so far.
2. That the historical matter involving the previous owner does not carry over or apply to me and to the business in any way.
3. When I can expect the updated Premises Licence — showing my name and the new trading name Subside Grill — to be issued, so I can display it at the premises as required.
4. Written confirmation once the transfer and name change are fully completed.

Please let me know immediately if you need any further details or paperwork from me.

My contact details:

Name: Shams Khan

Email: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Address: 31 New Street, Weymouth DT4 8DB

Business: Subside Diner (proposed: Subside Grill)

Kind regards,

Shams Khan

Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence
152685

Part 1 – Premises Details

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

SURFSIDE DINER, 31 New Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8DB

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not Applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

Provision of Late Night Refreshment

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

Provision of Late Night Refreshment Indoors and Outdoors

	From	To
Monday	2300	0500
Tuesday	2300	0500
Wednesday	2300	0500
Thursday	2300	0500
Friday	2300	0500
Saturday	2300	0500
Sunday	2300	0500
<u>Further details</u>		

Opening Hours of the Premises

	From	To
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

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

N/A

Part 2

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)**NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Not applicable as no alcohol sales authorised

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

N/A

Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions

None

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

The holder of the premises licence/club registration certificate will ensure that:

- (a) a suitable CCTV system, of a specification approved by the Dorset Police crime prevention officer, is installed at the premises;
- (b) the location of each camera is approved by the Dorset Police crime prevention officer;
- (c) the system and cameras are maintained in working order at all times, in accordance with guidance issued by the Dorset Police crime prevention officer;
- (d) all recordings are kept for 30 days.

Annex 3 – Conditions added after a Hearing

None – no hearing held

Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence Summary
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Part 1 – Premises Details

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SURFSIDE DINER, 31 New Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8DB

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not Applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

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Further details

Opening Hours of the Premises

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

N/A

Part 2

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

No alcohol sales authorised



RE: Review of licence - Surfside

From Gareth Baker [REDACTED]
Date Wed 24/06/2026 10:53
To Licensing [REDACTED]

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Morning Kathryn

With regards to the review of the above licence, the only dealings we have had with the premises is documented below.

June 2025

Concerns were raised by a utility supplier following execution of a warrant to isolate the electricity meter.

The premises had the meter and cabling removed to prevent reenergisation but had previously been de energised by removal of the main fuse. The meter had been bypassed and there was evidence of electrical overheating with potential to cause a fire.

When we were informed the electric had been isolated so there was no immediate risk and we were informed the business was closed, so no further action was required other than verify there was a separate means of escape from the flat above.

An email was sent on the 11th of June 2025 to inform Dorset Council housing, licensing and environmental Health.

Kind regards

Gareth Baker

Fire Safety Inspector
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre
Hulse Road | Salisbury | SP1 3NR

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Fw: Review of licence - Surfside

From SaSteam [REDACTED]
Date Fri 05/06/2026 09:00
To Licensing [REDACTED]

Hello

The licence has been checked by the Safeguarding Advisor – please note comments in the email below.

Kind regards,

Kate

Kate Williams
Business Support Officer
Business Support Hub
(Children's)
Dorset Council

[REDACTED]
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



From: Emma Pleece [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2026 15:58
To: SaSteam [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Review of licence - Surfside

Hi,

I cannot locate the person named within Children's Services records and have no further detail to add in respect of the licence review and the Home Office premise licence review request due to the licence holder employing illegal workers.

The details provided do not evidence risk to children and young people, however I do not have details on who the licence holder employs and if these are under 18's. However, I would have concerns if adults are working at the premises that do not have the right to work in the UK, as their details will not be known should any safeguarding matters arise that impact on the safety and

welfare of children, whether working for the licence holder/premises or from a contextual safeguarding perspective within the local area.

Best wishes,

Emma Pleece
Pronouns: She/Her
Safeguarding Education Service Manager
Quality Assurance & Safeguarding
Dorset Council



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From: SaSteam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 2:05 PM
To: Emma Pleece [Redacted]
Subject: Fw: Review of licence - Surfside

Hello Emma

Please can you confirm whether you have any safeguarding concerns on the below individual.

Name of Company	Date received	Deadline for response	New/Variation	Name of individual/s	Known?
Surfside Diner	29/05/2026	25/06/2026	Review	Bezar Suleman Ismail	Not known

Many thanks,

Kate

Kate Williams
Business Support Officer
Business Support Hub
(Children's)
Dorset Council



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