

Licensing Sub-Committee

14 October 2024

Temporary Event Notice – Sounds Beautiful, Gaunts House, Wimborne

For Decision

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Brief Summary: A Temporary Event Notice has been served on the Council for a festival at Gaunts House, Wimborne for all ages which includes comedy, debate, talks and films, live and recorded music, kids area and large healing area for people who prefer alternative medical health choices and with a theme of personal choice and expression. The Notice has been considered by the Police and Environmental Protection. The Police and Environmental Protection have served Objection Notices. A Licensing Sub-Committee must consider the Notice and the Objection Notice at a public hearing.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee considers the Temporary Event Notice in the light of the objection notices made by the Police and any 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 the oral representations and information given at the hearing before reaching a decision.

1. Details of the TEN

- 1.1 A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been served on the Licensing Authority by Mrs Wendy Morrow for Gaunts House, Petersham Lane, Wimborne, BH21 4JQ
- 1.2 The TEN covers a period from 1200 to 2200 hours on Thursday 26 June, Sunday 29 June and 1200 to midnight on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 June 2025. The Notice covers the sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment and is for 499 attendees. The TEN is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The Objection Notices have been correctly served by the Police and Environmental Protection within the statutory three working days consultation period. The Objection Notices are attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 Following the two objection notices, the Premises User submitted an event management plan, fire risk assessment, noise management plan, risk assessment and a site plan. These documents can be found at Appendix 3.
- 1.5 As a result of the applicant submitting a noise management plan, Environmental Protection have now withdrawn their representation.

2. History of the Premises

- 2.1 In March 2024, the organisers of this TEN, applied to Dorset Council for a four day premises licence for Sounds Beautiful Festival at Gaunts House, Wimborne. The application attracted three relevant representations from Dorset Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service and Environmental Protection, all three representations said there was not enough information for them to say that the Licensing Objectives would be met, and more detail was required.
- 2.2 A Licensing Sub Committee was held on 5 June 2024 and after hearing from the Applicant and Responsible Authorities, Members made the decision to refuse the licence.
- 2.3 Following this decision, the organisers instead submitted a TEN for the event to be held over the four days. The TEN was not objected to by the Police or Environmental Protection and following the festival no complaints were received.

3. **Considerations**

- 3.1 Paragraph 7.28 of the Section 182 Guidance sets how the Authority should decide what actions are appropriate.

If the licensing authority receives an objection notice from the police or EHA that is not withdrawn, it must (in the case of a standard TEN only) hold a hearing to consider the objection unless all parties agree that this is unnecessary. The licensing committee may decide to allow the licensable activities to go ahead as stated in the notice. If the notice is in connection with licensable activities at licensed premises, the licensing authority may also impose one or more of the existing licence conditions on the TEN (insofar as such conditions are not inconsistent with the event) if it considers that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If the authority decides to impose conditions, it must give notice to the premises user which includes a statement of conditions (a “notice (statement of conditions)”) and provide a copy to each relevant party. Alternatively, it can decide that the event would undermine the licensing objectives and should not take place. In this case, the licensing authority must give a counter notice.

- 3.2. The steps that the Sub-Committee may take are:

- a) Issue counter notices for the event which will not allow it to occur.
- b) Not to issue counter notices and allow the event as applied for.

4. **Financial Implications**

An applicant has the right to appeal the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee to the Magistrate’s Court if the decision is to refuse the application.

5. **Climate Implications**

None

6. **Well-being and Health Implications**

None

7. **Other Implications**

None

8. **Risk Assessment**

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

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

9. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable

10. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Temporary Event Notice

Appendix 2 – Objection Notices

Appendix 3 – Event management plan, fire risk assessment, noise management plans, risk assessment and site plan.

11. **Background Papers**

[Licensing Act 2003](#)

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

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