



TEN - M&S Weymouth - OBJECTION

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Subject: FW: TEN - M&S Weymouth - OBJECTION

Kirsty

We cannot apply for a TEN just for the two hours we want to open earlier each day because if we did we would have to leave 24 hours between each TEN and thus the week before Christmas could only cover 4 days instead of 7 and that would be incredibly confusing for customers. The TEN technically allows the store to sell alcohol from 6am on the 18th to 2300 on the 24th but we have made it clear in the notice how the hours would actually be operated.

We know that this store has for at least 7 years had TEN's for the early opening of the store that week – drafted in these terms (as do 100's of M&S across the country). I suspect it is many more years, but we only have the data since 2018. You are the only Police force that has objected to a TEN throughout the whole of the UK in those 7 years, on something like 1500 TEN's in the UK.

M&S are entitled to open the store early even if the TEN is not granted, although of course they could not sell alcohol. Therefore, the reason you have objected, that it might lead to an increase in alcohol theft within those 2 hours, is with the greatest of respect, irrelevant. If someone is intent on stealing alcohol between 6-8am they will do so whether the store can sell alcohol or it can't. There is no logic or proportionality in penalising all the M&S customers.

Can you please confirm the data you have regarding alcohol thefts from this M&S store on which you are basing your objection and confirm whether the police have engaged with anyone at the store concerning this? Naturally if you have concerns relating to theft I can take instructions from the Head of Security at M&S and hopefully engage in conversations about how to move forward.

In any event though I require that disclosure as we will be arguing this matter before a Licensing sub-committee, which is an extraordinary waste of resource for all concerned and would be grateful therefore if you would provide that as a matter of urgency given the hearing has to be listed within a very short space of time.

I would be grateful if the police would reconsider their position, taking into account the above, and withdraw their objection.

Kind Regards
Jon Wallsgrove

Partner

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Subject: Re: TEN - M&S Weymouth - OBJECTION

Objection Notice Re Temporary Event Notice – M&S WEYMOUTH

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Dorset Police, pursuant to Section 104(2) Licensing Act 2003, I object to the licensable activities contained within this Temporary Event Notice on the grounds that we are satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice could –

- lead to crime and disorder

The reason(s) for this objection notice are as follows –

- This location is currently the subject of multiple alcohol thefts which are contributing to alcohol-related ASB in the area along with crime and this extension of hours could further exacerbate that issue.
- The store is already permitted to sell alcohol between the hours of 0800-2300hrs each day, so to apply for a Temporary Events Notice which covers all of this period plus only 2 additional hours in the morning seems like an unnecessary application.
- This location has few security measures in place to deter crime and disorder through theft and there is no mention of additional measures being put in place for the duration of this TEN.

In addition to notifying the Licensing Authority (Section 104 (2)(a) Licensing Act 2003), details of this objection notice have been given to the premises user, where those details are known, pursuant to Section 104 (2)(b) Licensing Act 2003.

Pursuant to Section 105(2) Licensing Act 2003, Dorset Police await details of the licensing sub-committee hearing where we will provide further details to support this objection notice. We will ensure that we update you if we consider that a hearing is unnecessary where it has been agreed that a modification to the description of the nature of the intended activities or their duration has been agreed with the premises user.

If you have any queries or concerns in respect of this objection notice, please contact Sergeant 2551 Gosling.

Regards,

Kirsty



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Subject: TEN Consultation Letter



TEN Consultation Letter

Please find attached a TEN.

If you have any comments, please email licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 23 October 2025.

Many thanks

Kathryn Miller

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