

Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee

21 May 2026

Temporary Event Notice – White Hart, 6 Corn Market, Wimborne, BH21 1JL

For Decision

Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder:

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Brief Summary: A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been served on the Council to for sales of alcohol and regulated entertainment at the White Hart, 6 Corn Market, Wimborne Minster, Wimborne, BH21 1JL. The TEN has been considered by Dorset Police and Environmental Protection. Environmental Protection have served an Objection Notice. A Licensing Sub-Committee must consider the TEN and the Objection Notice at a public hearing.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee considers the Temporary Event Notice in the light of the Objection Notice served by Environmental Protection 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 has been served on the Licensing Authority on behalf of Ms Naomi Allen by John Gaunt and Partners who is the licence holders' solicitor.

1.2 The TEN covers a period from:

1800 to 2200 hours on 11 June
1200 to 2300 hours on 12 June
1200 to 2300 hours on 13 June
1200 to 2100 hours on 14 June

The TEN is to cover the period of the Wimborne Folk Festival and is for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment and is for 499 attendees. The area to be included will be the whole of the premises including outside areas and the car park. The TEN is attached at Appendix 1.

1.3 The Objection Notice has been correctly served by Environmental Protection within the statutory three working days consultation period. The Objection Notice is attached at Appendix 2.

1.4 The White Hart has additional conditions attached to the current premises licence which are specific to Wimborne Folk Festival:

The Premises Licence Holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall engage a member of the Institute of Acoustics to assist them with controlling and monitoring the music from one off events held in the ground of the premises (within the licensed area.)

The Premises Licence Holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall prepare an Event Noise Management Plan (NMP) which shall be submitted and approved by the Environmental Health team twenty eight days before the event which sets out how the music noise limit will be achieved, including a noise limiting device, how other operational noise will be adequately controlled and also the plan for monitoring compliance intermittently throughout the most sensitive times of the event (post 10pm). The Plan shall also include details of a dedicated complaint line and how complaints will be handled.

The Premises Licence Holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall be required to demonstrate that the sound systems have been set up to satisfy the following event noise limits when measured three meters from the closest residential facades.

11am to 6pm (LAeq, 15 mins 75dB(A))

6pm to 11pm (LAeq 15 mins 75dB(A))

11pm to when premises closes (LAeq, 15 mins 47dB(A) and LAeq/125hz50dB and not audible between 4am and 6am.

A sound check shall be completed prior to the event and control measures demonstrated for limiting the music to within those thresholds stated. Where that cannot be achieved during the event or cannot be complied with, sound levels should be reduced until they comply or to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer.

Where complaints are received the Designated Premises Supervisor shall prepare a report within two weeks after the event has concluded that is released to Environmental Health and shows how the Designated Premises Supervisor complied with this condition at the closest residential property, the number of complaints received and how they were responded to.

A Marquee can be erected on the car park area for the duration of the Folk Festival to provide licensable activities in accordance with the Premises Licence.

All drinks shall be served in plastic receptacles.

3 SIA door supervisors will be engaged to cover the front rear and interior of the premises.

1.4 The current premises licence is attached at Appendix 3.

1.5 In response to the Objection Notice, John Gaunt and Partners sent a Noise Management Plan which is one of the additional conditions on the current premises licence. The email and Noise Management Plan are attached at Appendix 4.

2. Considerations

2.1 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 a counter notice for the event which will not allow it to occur.
- b) Not to issue counter notice and allow the event as applied for.
- c) Not issue a counter notice but attach one or more of the conditions of the premises licence to the TEN.

3. 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.

4. Climate Implications

None

5. Well-being and Health Implications

None

6. Other Implications

None

7. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Temporary Event Notice

Appendix 2 – Objection Notice

Appendix 3 – Current premises licence
Appendix 4 – Email and Noise Management Plan

10. Background Papers

[Licensing Act 2003](#)

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

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