
Re: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

From Emma Pleece [REDACTED]

Date Wed 12/08/2026 10:48

To Licensing [REDACTED] SaSteam [REDACTED]

Hi Kathryn,

I have read the attached document and this does provide the detail in how they will promote the protection of children from harm, thank you.

Best wishes,

Emma Pleece

Pronouns: She/Her

Safeguarding Standards Service Manager

Quality Assurance & Safeguarding

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From: Licensing [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 August 2026 10:24 AM

To: SaSteam [REDACTED] Emma Pleece [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

Dear Emma, following your comments in relation to the variation of the licence application for Bonita in Weymouth, Ali Record, the applicant has asked me to forward their Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if this policy alleviates your concerns and you will withdraw your objection.

Many thanks

Kathryn Miller
Senior Licensing Officer

Licensing Team
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From: SaSteam [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 July 2026 10:41
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

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



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From: Emma Pleece [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 July 2026 12:03

To: SaSteam [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

Hi,

I understand this is a variation and this may be why, but there is reference to remove restricted access for children and alcohol with a meal. What are the current restrictions in respect of children within the premises and if access is unrestricted how will the applicant promote the protection of children from harm, if for example, they are with an intoxicated parent or accessing the premises late at night? They have referenced Challenge 25 but this is in relation to alcohol sales.

These are considerations I would welcome the licensing team exploring with the applicant if possible, or to note if restrictions need to remain for those under 18. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Emma Pleece
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Safeguarding Standards Service Manager
Quality Assurance & Safeguarding
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From: SaSteam [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Emma Pleece [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

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?
Bonita, Weymouth	07/07/2026	04/08/2026	Variation	Alison Record	Known - 491398

Many thanks,

Kate

Kate Williams
Business Support Officer
Business Support Hub
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From: Licensing [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2026 13:52
To: 'licensing@dorset.pnn.police.uk' <licensing@dorset.pnn.police.uk>; ENV Health <envhealth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>; TradingStandards <tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>; fire safety <fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk>; IE Licensing and Compliance Applications <ie.licensing.applications@homeoffice.gov.uk>; SaSteam <sasteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>; planningwest <planningwest@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

Hi

We have an application in to vary the premises licence for Bonita in Weymouth. It is for a new plan, the removal of some embedded restrictions and conditions, removal of the opening hours as they do not line up with the licensable activity hours and the addition of alcohol sales off the premises and recorded music outside just for the half hour after the Live Music Act de-regulation ceases.

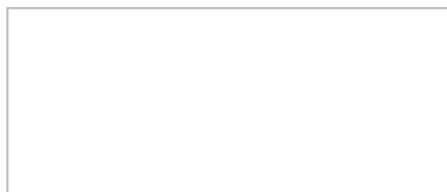
Please can I have any representations by 4 August.

Many thanks
Aileen

Aileen Powell
Team Leader
Licensing

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From: The George Bar & Grill [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2026 12:14
To: Licensing <licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

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Hi Alieen

This should all be correct now.

Thanks

Nadine

From: The George Bar & Grill [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2026 11:53
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Bonita Weymouth Licence Variation

Hi Alieen

Please see attached the variation fot Bonita (Weymouth), please let me know if there's any issues or amendments needed as I wasn't sure

Many thanks

Ali Record
[REDACTED]

Child Protection & Safeguarding

LA BONITA | STAFF OPERATING POLICY

Purpose

To protect anyone under 18 from harm while visiting La Bonita and to give staff a clear safeguarding response.

Core approach

Recognise - Respond - Report - Record. Staff are not expected to investigate safeguarding concerns themselves.

Parents / carers

Parents or responsible adults remain primarily responsible for supervising children. Staff should intervene where children enter staff areas, approach the kitchen, run through walkways or create a safety hazard.

Alcohol

Operate Challenge 25, prevent proxy sales and remain alert to alcohol being passed to children.

Intoxicated adult responsible for a child

Inform the Duty Manager where an adult appears unable to supervise a child safely, leaves them unattended, becomes aggressive, or appears likely to drive while intoxicated.

Lost / separated child

Keep the child in a safe visible place, inform the Duty Manager, make reasonable attempts to locate the responsible adult and do not simply send the child away to search.

Disclosure

Listen calmly, do not investigate or ask leading questions, do not promise secrecy, tell the child they were right to speak up, inform management and record their words as accurately as possible.

Possible safeguarding concern

Report serious or unexplained injury, threats, frightening adult behaviour, sexualised/inappropriate conduct, abandonment, exploitation or a child saying they are unsafe.

Toilets

Remain alert to suspicious behaviour around the three unisex cubicles while respecting privacy.

Outside area

Remain alert to children entering the pedestrian route/road, climbing furniture or becoming separated.

Immediate danger

Call 999 for immediate danger. Do not confront an alleged offender where doing so creates risk.

Confidentiality

Safeguarding information is shared only with those who legitimately need to know. No gossip, social media posts or unauthorised CCTV sharing.

Unaccompanied Children & Young People

Children Under 14

Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult while in La Bonita.

If a child under 14 appears to be unaccompanied:

- Establish who is responsible for them.
- Inform the Duty Manager if no responsible adult can be identified.
- Keep the child in a safe, visible area while their parent/carer is located or contacted.
- Never simply send a young child outside or ask them to leave alone.

Young People Aged 14–17

Young people aged 14–17 may visit La Bonita unaccompanied, subject to management discretion and only up to 8pm.

They may purchase food, coffee, cakes, soft drinks, but must not be sold or supplied alcohol.

Challenge 25 must be applied at all times.

Staff should remain alert to:

- Adults attempting to purchase alcohol for them.
- Alcohol being passed to them at a table.
- Attempts to purchase alcohol without ID.
- Vulnerability or safeguarding concerns.
- Disorderly or inappropriate behaviour.

Management may ask an unaccompanied young person to leave where necessary, but consideration should always be given to their age, vulnerability, time of day and whether it is safe for them to leave alone.

Any safeguarding concern must be reported to the Duty Manager.

INTOXICATED ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD – MANAGER PROCEDURE

If an adult responsible for a child appears intoxicated, the priority is to make sure the **child can leave safely**.

1. Assess the Situation

Consider:

- How intoxicated is the adult?
- Is the child safe and supervised?
- Is there another sober, responsible adult present?
- How are they planning to get home?
- Is the adult aggressive or unable to care for the child?

Drinking alcohol alone is **not automatically a safeguarding concern**. The concern is whether they can safely care for the child.

2. Stop Alcohol Service

If the adult appears drunk:

STOP FURTHER ALCOHOL SERVICE.

Offer water, soft drinks, food or coffee where appropriate and inform relevant staff.

3. Find a Safe Way Home

If possible:

- Hand responsibility to another suitable sober adult.
- Arrange a taxi.
- Contact a sober family member/friend.
- Allow them to wait safely for transport.

Do not leave the child unattended.

4. If They Intend to Drive

If an intoxicated adult intends to drive:

- Strongly discourage them.
- Offer a taxi or sober driver.
- Do not physically try to stop them or put yourself in danger.

If they attempt to drive while apparently intoxicated, particularly with a child:

Contact police immediately.

Give the vehicle registration, description and direction of travel if known.

Immediate danger = 999.

5. If the Adult Cannot Safely Care for the Child

If the adult is too intoxicated to safely supervise the child:

DO NOT SIMPLY ASK THEM TO LEAVE WITH THE CHILD.

Try to contact a suitable sober adult.

If nobody appropriate is available or you remain concerned for the child's safety, seek assistance from the police/appropriate safeguarding service.

CHILD IN IMMEDIATE DANGER = CALL 999

6. Record It

Record:

- What staff actually observed.
- Why you were concerned.
- Alcohol service being stopped.
- Safe transport/adult offered or arranged.
- Any police involvement.
- Vehicle details if relevant.
- Time they left.
- Relevant CCTV.

Record facts – not opinions.

MANAGER GOLDEN RULE

The aim is to make sure the child leaves safely.

Sober adult available? → Safe handover.

No sober adult? → Arrange safe transport/help.

Adult cannot care for child? → Do not simply send them out together.

Attempting to drink-drive? → Contact police.

Child in immediate danger? → 999.