



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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FAO: Aileen Powell

Dear Aileen

**Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a variation of Licence.
The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**

Address of Premises: La Bonita, 10, Custom House Quay, Weymouth, DT4 8BG

I refer to your application dated 7th July 2026 for a variation of a Licence for the above premises.

Based on the information received, I wish to inform you of the following:

We have recently conducted a Fire Safety Audit of the premises above and advised the Responsible Person of the following:

- Additional safety measures will need to be implemented to mitigate the excessive travel distance from the toilet area to the front door as the alternative exit through the adjoining premises (Kingfisher Marine) is not considered acceptable.
- The door between the kitchen and adjoining premises may not be capable of preventing the spread of fire or smoke for the required duration to allow sufficient time for people to escape safely in case of fire.
- The premises has faux foliage on ceilings and walls. It should be confirmed that all ceiling linings when tested to specified British Standards is of a class B-s3-d2 standard.

Chief Fire Officer Andy Cole QFSM

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Articles 9 & 11 of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires that a suitable and sufficient **fire risk assessment** is recorded in full, includes the assessment findings and the measures which have been/will be taken by the Responsible Person.

- Further guidance and assessment guides can be found: www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-risk-assessments available as a free download.

I take this opportunity to remind you that fire safety is a dynamic process to be considered on a daily basis, and the assessment of fire risk should be constantly under review and updated as required, especially where the risk in the premises has been affected by alterations, changes in procedures, use or occupancy.

Key Fire Safety Responsibilities

In light of recent fire incidents in licensed premises, we would like to remind responsible persons of several important fire safety responsibilities and highlight key measures that should be in place to help protect people in the event of a fire.

- Fire precautions are in place and maintained, including fire detection and alarm systems, emergency lighting, firefighting equipment, and clear, unobstructed escape routes.
- Emergency procedures are documented, appropriate to the premises, and clearly communicated to staff.
- Staff training is provided and refreshed regularly so employees understand the fire risks and any emergency actions they may need to undertake.
- Records and maintenance logs are kept for fire safety checks, servicing, maintenance and training.

If you are the responsible person of a licensed venue, we recommend:

- If indoor pyrotechnics are used ensure they are properly risk assessed and suitable control measures are in place, follow Trading Standards advice: Only purchase products from licensed retailers, ensure they are Category F1, and display appropriate CE or UKCA conformity markings.
- Ensure the maximum occupancy for the premises is monitored and not exceeded at any time. Systems should be in place to prevent overcrowding and to ensure safe evacuation in the event of an emergency.
- Ensure chimneys and flues are regularly cleaned and swept, with certification recorded within your fire risk assessment.
- Confirm that any drapes, decorative materials, acoustic foam, or similar items meet the required fire resistance standards, with certification retained.

Additional Support and Information

If you require further information about your responsibilities on how to comply with the law or access additional guidance, please visit our website; [dwfire.org.uk/Licensing and events](https://dwfire.org.uk/Licensing_and_events) or [Events and celebrations](https://dwfire.org.uk/Events_and_celebrations).

Yours sincerely
Benjamin Goodhew
Fire Safety Auditor
On behalf of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority