

# **Licensing and Gambling Act Sub-Committee**

**5 November 2026**

## **Consideration of Objections for Temporary Event Notice for Hardys Hophouse, Weymouth For Decision**

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**Statutory Authority:** Licensing Act 2003

**Report status:** Public

### **Executive summary**

A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been served on the Council for sales of alcohol and regulated entertainment at Hardys Hophouse, Weymouth. The TEN has been considered by Dorset Police and Environmental Protection. Both Statutory Authorities have served Objection Notices. A Licensing Sub-Committee must consider the TEN and the Objection Notices at a public hearing.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Sub-Committee considers the Temporary Event Notice in the light of the Objection Notices served by Environmental Protection and the Police, and any oral evidence presented at the hearing. The Sub-Committee will resolve to either accept the TEN (either with or without conditions from the Premises Licence) or issue a Counter Notice 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 the recommendation**

The Sub-Committee must consider any oral representations made at the hearing as well as the information contained in the report before making a decision.

## **1. Details of the Temporary Event Notice**

- 1.1 A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been served on the Licensing Authority by Mrs Sophie Gardiner for Hardy's Hophouse, 62 St Thomas Street, Weymouth DT4 8EQ.
- 1.2 The TEN is for an event on the 19 December from 17:00 to 05:00 on the 20 December. The period the TEN covers is after the normal hours on the Premises Licence and would allow DJs to continue to play music from 02:00 to 05:00. The TEN is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Dorset Council's Environmental Protection and Dorset Police have served Objection Notices on the Notice Giver within the statutory three working days consultation period. The Objection Notices in full are attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 A Notice was sent to all parties to extend the time during which a hearing could be convened to enable the parties to discuss the possibility of modifying the TEN.

## **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.

- 2.2. 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 a Counter Notice and allow the event as applied for.
- c) Not issue a Counter Notice but issue a Statement of Conditions to attach one or more of the conditions of the premises licence to the TEN. The current Premises Licence is attached at Appendix 3.

- 2.3. The Sub-Committee may not modify the TEN once the hearing has commenced.

## **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: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

**8. Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable

**9. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Temporary Event Notice

Appendix 2 – Objection Notices

Appendix 3 – Current premises licence

**10. Background Papers**

Licensing Act 2003

Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

Dorset Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2026-2031