

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	New Application for Christchurch Harbour Kitchen, Mudeford Sandbank, BH6 4EW
Meeting date	17 June 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Christchurch Harbour Kitchen Ltd have applied for a premises licence to permit recorded music and the supply of alcohol.</p> <p>The application received 37 representations from other persons.</p> <p>Dorset Police and Environmental Health mediated with the applicant and have agreed additional conditions.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Members consider the following options:-</p> <p>a) Grant the application for a premises licence as made; or b) Refuse the application for a premises licence; or c) Grant the premises licence subject to additional conditions.</p> <p>Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to make a decision at the end of the hearing after all relevant parties have been given the opportunity to speak. Members must give full reasons for their decision.</p>
Reason for recommendations	<p>The licensing authority has received 37 representations from other persons on the grounds that to grant the application will undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.</p> <p>The licensing authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in the representations.</p> <p>Where representations have been received in relation to an application by a responsible authority or any other person, and the concerns have not been resolved through mediation between all parties, the Scheme of Delegation set out in the Council's Consultation states that these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.</p>

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Corporate Director	Graham Farrant – Chief Executive
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Wards	East Southbourne & Tuckton
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 was received by the licensing authority on 25 April 2025. The application included the licensable activities and times as follows:-

Recorded Music (indoors and outdoors) Monday to Sunday – 08:00 to 23:00

Supply of Alcohol (on and off the premises) Monday to Sunday – 11:00 to 23:00

2. A copy of the application and supporting documentation is attached at Appendix 1.
3. The premises are not a permanent structure but propose to moor up on land, at the same location, identified on the location plan as attached at Appendix 2.
4. The premises are described as a “bespoke designed floating restaurant which has been engineered and designed to accommodate a kitchen and dining area”.

Consultation

5. The application was served on all responsible authorities and the applicant confirmed that the statutory newspaper and site notices had been dealt with in accordance with the licensing regulations.
6. The licensing authority has received 37 representations from other persons on the grounds that to grant the application will undermine the four licensing objectives. A copy of the representations is attached at Appendix 3.
7. Dorset Police mediated conditions with the applicant and agreed a revised terminal hour for the sale of alcohol of 22:30, to enable a 30-minute drinking-up time. The applicant also agreed that alcohol shall be ancillary to food.
8. Environmental Health agreed 2 further conditions with the applicant to uphold the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.
9. A copy of the agreed conditions is attached at Appendix 4.
10. No other representations were received from any of the other responsible authorities.
11. Christchurch Town Council held an Extraordinary Planning and Regulatory Committee on 7 May 2025 to discuss the application. Although there were some concerns they decided to make no representation to the application.

Options Appraisal

12. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters:-

- The representation made by 37 other persons.
- The submissions made by or on behalf of the applicant and conditions agreed with Dorset Police and Environmental Health.
- The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.
- The Licensing Act 2003, Regulations, Section 182 Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Summary of financial implications

13. An appeal may be made against the decision of the Sub-Committee by the applicant or any party making a representation to the Magistrates' Court which could have a financial impact on the Council.

Summary of legal implications

14. If Members decide to refuse the application or impose conditions on the licence which the applicant or other person do not agree to, the applicant or such other person may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day that the applicant is notified, in writing, of the decision.

Summary of human resources implications

15. There are no human resources implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

16. There are no sustainability impact implications.

Summary of public health implications

17. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

18. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

19. There is no requirement for a risk assessment.

Background papers

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

[SOLP-2020-2025](#)

Hearing Regulations

[The Licensing Act 2003 \(Premises licences and club premises certificates\) Regulations 2005](#)

Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2025)

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003 - GOV.UK](#)

Appendices

1. Copy Application and Supporting Documents
2. Location Plan
3. Representations
4. Agreed Conditions with Dorset Police and Environmental Health