

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	BOH Studios, 104 Commercial Road, Bournemouth, BH5 2LR
Meeting date	11 August 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>BOH Studios Limited have made an application to vary the premises licence for BOH Studios, 104 Commercial Road, Bournemouth.</p> <p>The current premises licence permits Live Music, Recorded Music, Activity Like Music/Dance and the Supply of Alcohol on the premises only 07:00 to 00:00 Saturday to Thursday and 07:00 to 02:00 on Friday.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking permission to extend the provision of the existing licensable activities on Saturdays and Bank Holidays to 07:00 to 03:00. No request has been made for any amendments to conditions.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Members are asked to decide whether to: -</p> <p>a) Grant the application for variation as made;</p> <p>b) Refuse the application, or part of, for variation to the premises licence;</p> <p>c) Grant the application, or part of, 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 three representations from local residents on the grounds of the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm licensing objectives.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in the representation. Where representations have been received from a responsible authority or any other person, and the concerns have not been resolved through mediation between all parties, the Scheme of Delegation,</p>

	set out in the Council's Constitution states that the application should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.
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Corporate Director	Graham Farrant – Chief Executive
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Wards	Bournemouth Central
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application to vary the premises licence, under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 was made by BOH Studios Limited on 16 June 2025. This was initially incomplete and fully accepted on 26 June 2025. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1.
2. BOH Studios is described as a cultural and community dance space, consisting of studio rental services, a dance school, and complementary catering services including a daytime café and an evening bar.
3. A plan showing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix 2.
4. The premises has held a premises licence since the 27 July 2018. This was transferred to BOH Studios Limited in April 2024. A copy of the premise licence is attached at Appendix 3. The premises licence authorises the following activities: -
Live Music, Recorded Music, Activities like Music/Dance & Supply of Alcohol: (On Sales only)
Saturday to Thursday - 07:00 to 00:00
Friday - 07:00 to 02:00.
5. The application is to vary the premises licence to permit the same licensable activities (Live Music, Recorded Music, Activities like Music/ Dance, and Supply of Alcohol) to take place on Saturdays and Bank Holidays to terminate at 03:00. No change to the existing premises licence conditions have been requested within the variation application.
6. Below is a table listing the current licence permissions and what is being requested on this variation: -

CURRENT PREMISES LICENCE	PROPOSED CHANGES
<u>Live Music (Indoors)</u> Saturday to Thursday 07:00 to 00:00 Friday 07:00 to 02:00	<u>Live Music (Indoors)</u> Saturday 07:00 to 03:00 Bank Holiday Mondays, Thursday prior to Good Friday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 07:00 to 03:00
<u>Recorded Music (Indoors)</u> Saturday to Thursday 07:00 to 00:00 Friday 07:00 to 02:00	<u>Recorded Music (Indoors)</u> Saturday 07:00 to 03:00 Bank Holiday Mondays, Thursday prior to Good Friday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 07:00 to 03:00

<u>Activity like Music/Dance (Indoors)</u> Saturday to Thursday 07:00 to 00:00 Friday 07:00 to 02:00	<u>Activity like Music/Dance (Indoors)</u> Saturday 07:00 to 03:00 Bank Holiday Mondays, Thursday prior to Good Friday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 07:00 to 03:00
<u>Supply of Alcohol (On Sales)</u> Saturday to Thursday 07:00 to 00:00 Friday 07:00 to 02:00	<u>Supply of Alcohol (On Sales)</u> Saturday 07:00 to 03:00 Bank Holiday Mondays, Thursday prior to Good Friday, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 07:00 to 03:00

7. Before submitting the application to vary the premises licence, the licence holders have held events under Temporary Event Notices (TENs). A temporary event notice (TEN) can be used to authorise small-scale events that involve the sale and supply of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment on an ad hoc basis. A single premises can give up to 15 TENs in one year, as long as the total length of the events is not more than 21 days. BOH studios have so far given 9 TENs to cover events which took place until either 02:00 or 03:00. On reviewing our records, there is no evidence of any complaints having been received in relation to these events.

Consultation

8. The application was served on all responsible authorities and the applicant confirmed that the statutory notices were displayed on the premises and published in the local newspaper.
9. The application prompted three representations from other persons in objection to the application, on the grounds that granting the variation would undermine the prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm licensing objectives. A copy of the representations is attached at Appendix 4.
10. The applicant made contact with those persons who made representations by email, and these are attached at Appendix 5.
11. Mediation took place between the applicant and Dorset Police, and the following conditions were agreed which will form part of the licence, should it be granted: -
 - Last entry for customers by 00:00 (midnight)
 - Additionally, the terminal hour for sale of alcohol has been agreed at 02:00 on Saturday.
12. No other representations were received from any of the other responsible authorities.

Options Appraisal

13. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -
 - The representations made by three other persons.
 - The submissions made by or made on behalf of the applicant.
 - The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.
 - The Licensing Act 2003, Regulations, Guidance and Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Summary of financial implications

14. An appeal may be made against the decision of Members by the applicant or other persons to the Magistrates' Court which could have a financial impact on the Council.

Summary of legal implications

15. If Members decide to refuse the application or attach conditions to the licence which the applicant does not agree to, the applicant 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

16. There are no human resources implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

17. There are no sustainability impact implications.

Summary of public health implications

18. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

19. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

20. There are no risk assessment implications.

Background papers

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/documents/s21122/Statement%20of%20Licensing%20Policy.pdf>

Hearing Regulations

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2005/44/made>

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

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67b73b7b78dd6cacb71c6ac8/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_-_October+2024+_1_.pdf

Appendices

- 1 – Copy variation application.
- 2 – Location Plan.
- 3 – Copy premises licence.
- 4 – Representation from three other persons.
- 5 – Emails from applicant to persons making representations.