

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



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| Report subject | The Sandpiper, 97 Bure Lane, Christchurch, BH23 4DN |
| Meeting date | 18 August 2025 |
| Status | Public Report |
| Executive summary | <p>Greene King Brewing & Retailing Limited have made an application to vary the premises licence for The Sandpiper, 97 Bure Lane, Christchurch.</p> <p>The current premises licence permits Live Music, Recorded Music, Activity Like Music/Dance 18:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday, Late Night Refreshment 23:00 to 00:00 Friday to Saturday and Supply of Alcohol on and off the sales 11:00 to 23:00 Sunday to Thursday and 11:00 to 00:00 on Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking permission to extend the hours for the Sale of Alcohol and update its Opening Hours to 09:00 to 23:00 Sunday to Thursday and 09:00 to 00:00 on Friday and Saturday.</p> |
| Recommendations | <p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Members are asked to decide whether to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grant the application for variation as made; b) Refuse the application, or part of, for variation to the premises licence; c) Grant the application, or part of, subject to additional conditions. <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 eight representations from local residents on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, 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</p> |

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| | through mediation between all parties, the Scheme of Delegation, set out in the Council's Constitution states that the application should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee. |
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| Portfolio Holder(s): | Cllr Kieron Wilson – Portfolio Holder for Housing, and Regulatory Services. |
| Corporate Director | Graham Farrant – Chief Executive |
| Report Authors | Tania Jardim – Licensing Officer |
| Wards | Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe |
| Classification | For Decision |

Background

1. An application to vary the premises licence, under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 was made by Greene King Brewing & Retailing Limited on 24 June 2025. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1.
2. A plan showing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix 2.
3. The premises has held a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, since 24 November 2005, this was issued by Christchurch Borough Council's legacy authority. A copy of the current premises licence is attached at Appendix 3. The premises licence authorises the following activities: -
Live Music, Recorded Music, Activities like Music/Dance
Monday to Sunday 18:00 to 23:00
Late Night Refreshment
Friday to Saturday 23:00 to 00:00
Supply of Alcohol (On & Off Sales)
Sunday to Thursday - 11:00 to 23:00
Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 00:00
4. The application is to vary the premises licence to permit the premises to open and sell alcohol from 09:00 daily. The terminal times for the sale of alcohol and the closing times remain the same.

Consultation

5. 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.
6. The application prompted eight representations from other persons in objection to the application, on the grounds that granting the variation would undermine the four licensing objectives. A copy of the representations is attached at Appendix 4.
7. No other representations were received from any of the other responsible authorities.

Options Appraisal

8. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -
- The representations made by eight other persons.
 - The submissions made by or made on behalf of the applicant.
 - The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. There are no human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

12. There are no sustainability impact implications.

Summary of public health implications

13. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

14. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

15. 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 other persons