

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Dolce Vita 147-149 Commercial Road Poole BH14 0JD
Meeting date	11 August 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Dolce Vita Poole Ltd has made an application to vary the premises licence at Dolce Vita, 147 – 149 Commercial Road, Poole to: - • Increase the terminal hour by an additional 50 minutes until 02:50 on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank and Public Holidays for late night refreshment and the supply of alcohol. • Increase the terminal hour by an additional 30 minutes to 02:30 on Fridays, Saturdays, Banks and Public Holidays for recorded music. • Increase opening hours by an additional 30 minutes until 02:30 on Fridays, Saturdays, Banks and Public Holidays. • Amend condition 2.2 – “On Fridays and Saturdays (and other days when the premises licence permits licensable activity until 02:00 hours the following day) 1 SIA from 22:00 hours; 2 SIA from 23:30 hours until close and last customer has been dispersed. At all other times the Premises Licence Holder or DPS shall be responsible for risk assessing whether SIA Door Supervisors shall be deployed at the premises.” to read “On Fridays and Saturdays (and other days when the premises licence permits licensable activity until 02:00 hours the following day) 1 SIA from 22:00 hours; <u>3 SIA from 23:30 hours until 03:30 or until the last customer has left the area.</u> At all other times the Premises Licence Holder or DPS shall be responsible for risk assessing whether SIA Door Supervisors shall be deployed at the premises. <u>Staff and Security shall use radios to communicate internally with each other at all times.</u> <u>Security shall be in contact with Pubwatch in the area and receive updates.”</u> • Remove condition 2.5 – “There shall be no customer admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 01:30 hours”.

	Update the approved plan to include 147 and 149 Commercial Road as the licensed area. The licensing authority has received a representation from Dorset Police.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Members are asked to decide whether to:- a) Grant the application to vary the premises licence as made, or part thereof. b) Refuse the application for the variation of the premises licence, or part thereof. c) Grant the variation of the premises licence subject to additional conditions. Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to decide 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.
Reason for recommendations	The licensing authority has received a representation from Dorset Police on the grounds that to grant the application would undermine the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives. The Licensing Authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in representation. 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 Constitution states that these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Kieron Wilson – Housing and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant – Chief Executive
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Wards	Parkstone
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. The premises have benefited from a premises licence since 25 April 2019 and converted from legacy Borough of Poole when BCP Council was created.
2. A copy of the current premises licence is attached at Appendix 1.
3. An application to vary the premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 was received by the licensing authority on 18 June 2025. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 2.
4. A plan, showing the location of the premises, is attached at Appendix 3.

Consultation

5. The application was served on all responsible authorities. The applicant confirmed that the statutory notices were displayed on site and published in the local newspaper.
6. Environmental Health expressed concerns about the potential for noise disturbance to nearby residents and, following mediation with the applicant, have agreed to the following conditions to further uphold the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective –
 1. The bi-fold doors to the premises shall be kept closed from 22:00 hours daily, except for access and egress.
 2. No music or amplified sound shall be played in the external decked area at any time. This includes the installation or use of any speakers or sound-emitting devices in the external area.
 3. The premises licence holder shall submit a Noise Management Plan to BCP Council's Licensing Authority for approval. The plan must detail the measures to be implemented to control and minimise noise from patrons, particularly during the early morning hours. The plan shall include:
 - a. Procedures for monitoring and managing customer behaviour in external areas
 - b. Use of signage to encourage quiet dispersal
 - c. Staff training and supervision protocols
 - d. A dispersal policy
 - e. A complaints response procedure

4. The approved Noise Management Plan shall be implemented in full and reviewed annually, or upon request by the Licensing Authority.
7. The noise management plan has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Environmental Health Officer.
8. Dorset Police have made representation against the application on the grounds that the grant will undermine the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 4.

Options Appraisal

9. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters:
 - The representation made by Dorset Police.
 - The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.
 - The Licensing Act 2003, appropriate Regulations, Statutory Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2025) and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Summary of financial implications

10. An appeal may be made against the decision of the Sub-Committee, by the applicant or Dorset Police, to the Magistrates' Court which could have a financial impact on the Council.

Summary of legal implications

11. If Members decide to refuse the application or attach conditions to the licence which the applicant or Dorset Police do not agree to, the applicant or Dorset Police 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

12. There are no human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

13. There are no sustainability impact implications.

Summary of public health implications

14. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

15. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

16. There is no requirement for a risk assessment.

Background papers

BCP Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

[SOLP-2020-2025](#)

Hearing Regulations

[The Licensing Act 2003 \(Hearings\) Regulations 2005](#)

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

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 \(February 2025\) \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#)

Appendices

- 1 – Copy current premises licence
- 2 – Copy variation application
- 3 – Location plan
- 4 – Dorset Police representation