

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	<b>Hengistbury Post Office, 106 Broadway, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 4EH</b>
Meeting date	23 June 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Arka Licensing Consultants have made application on behalf of Sudharron Ltd for a premises licence at Hengistbury Post Office, an established Post Office and general store, located at 106 Broadway, Southbourne.</p> <p>The application seeks to permit off sales of alcohol between 06:00 and 23:00 each day of the week.</p> <p>The application has attracted 45 representations and a petition with 132 signatures in the grounds that to grant the application would undermine all four licensing objectives – the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.</p>
Recommendations	<p><b>It is RECOMMENDED that:</b></p> <p><b>Members consider the proposed application and either –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Grant the application for a premises licence as made;</b></li> <li><b>b) Refuse the application for a premises licence;</b></li> <li><b>c) Grant the premises licence subject to additional conditions.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>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.</b></p>
Reason for recommendations	<p>The Licensing Authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in the representation.</p> <p>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 set out in the Council's Constitution states that these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.</p>

Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Kieron Wilson – Housing and Regulatory Services
Corporate Director	Laura Ambler – Wellbeing
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Wards	East Southbourne & Tuckton
Classification	For Decision

## Background

1. An application was made by Sudharron Ltd under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 on the 10 April 2026 for a premises licence to permit off sales of alcohol from 06:00 to 23:00, each day of the week. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1.
2. The premises are an established Post Office and general store located in the East Southbourne and Tuckton ward of BCP Council. Several major supermarkets and smaller convenience stores are within a mile radius.
3. A copy of a location plan is attached at Appendix 2.

## Consultation

4. 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.
5. 45 Representations were received from other persons on the grounds that to grant the application would undermine the licencing objectives.
6. A petition containing 132 signatures against the application was also received.
7. A copy of the representations and petition is attached at Appendix 3.
8. No comment or representations were received from any of the responsible authorities.
9. BCP Council's Anti-Social Behaviour & Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) Manager has confirmed that there are no ASB issues with these premises, or in the area, to note.

## Options Appraisal

10. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -
  - The representations and accompanying petition made against the application.
  - The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and protection of children from harm.
  - The Licensing Act 2003 and appropriate Regulations.

- Statutory Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2026) and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

### **Summary of financial implications**

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

### **Summary of legal implications**

12. If Members decide to refuse the application or attach conditions to the licence which the applicant, or the other person who made a representation 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**

13. There are no human resources implications.

### **Summary of sustainability impact**

14. There are no sustainability impact implications.

### **Summary of public health implications**

15. There are no public health implications.

### **Summary of equality implications**

16. There are no equality implications.

### **Summary of risk assessment**

17. There is no requirement for a risk assessment.

### **Background papers**

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

[Statement of licensing policy | BCP](#)

Hearing Regulations

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

Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2026)

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 \(February 2026\) \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#)

### **Appendices**

- 1 – Copy Application
- 2 – Location Plan

### 3 – Copy Representations