

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Nikita Bar & Restaurant, 182-184 Alma Road, Bournemouth, BH9 1AJ
Meeting date	8 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Barr Invest Limited have made an application to vary the premises licence for Nikita Bar & Restaurant, 182-184 Alma Road. The current premises licence permits the Supply of Alcohol for consumption on the premises 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00 Tuesday to Saturday. The applicant is seeking permission to extend the hours for the Sale of Alcohol 11:00 to 00:00 and Opening Hours 09:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday and to add Non-Standard timings on Bank Holiday Weekends, Christmas Eve and New Year's eve to terminate activities at 01:00. Additionally, the applicant seeks to remove condition 2.1 requiring alcohol to be ancillary to food.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Members are asked to decide whether to: - 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. 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.
Reason for recommendations	The Licensing Authority has received three 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. 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, 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	Laura Ambler – Director for Wellbeing
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Wards	Winton West
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application to vary the premises licence, under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 was made by Barr Invest Limited on 20 May 2026. 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 10 October 2023. The licence was transferred to Barr Invest Limited on 18 May 2026. A copy of the current premises licence is attached at Appendix 3. The premises licence authorises the following activities: -

Supply of Alcohol (On Sales only) and Opening hours

Tuesday - 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00
Wednesday - 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00
Thursday - 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00
Friday - 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00
Saturday - 12:00 to 15:00 and 17:30 to 22:00

4. The applicant has applied to vary the premises licence to extend the operating hours and to remove condition 2.1 - Alcohol will be ancillary to food prepared and served on the premises.

5. The new proposed hours are as follows:

Supply of Alcohol (On Sales only)

Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 00:00

Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday 09:00 00:00

Non-Standard Timings for the Supply of Alcohol and Opening Hours

Bank Holiday weekends, Christmas Eve and New Year's eve to terminate at 01:00.

Consultation

6. 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.

7. The application prompted three 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.
8. No representations were received from any of the responsible authorities. However, the Planning Authority has advised that previous planning permissions include conditions relating to opening hours, and that the current use of the premises indicates that the sale of alcohol would be ancillary to the provision of food. The hours permitted under planning are 08:00 to 23:00 daily. A copy of planning permission 7-2008-2857-H is attached at Appendix 5.
9. The applicant was advised that should the variation be granted for the hours applied for and the removal of condition 2.1, they would still be required to ensure that the use of the premises remains compliant with the existing planning permissions.
10. In response to the comments from the Planning Authority and following a review of the objections received, the applicant has submitted an email in response, which has been shared with all parties who made representations. In this response, the applicant has offered to amend the proposed operating hours so that they align with those permitted under the current planning permission, and to retain condition 2.1.
11. The revised proposal for the hours is as follows:
Opening hours:
Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00
Sunday 08:00 to 22:00
Supply of Alcohol (On Sales only)
Monday to Saturday 11:00 to 23:00
Sunday 11:00 to 22:00
12. The applicant has further advised that the premises will be closed on one day each week; however, as the specific day has not yet been determined, hours have been requested for all seven days.
13. The applicant has confirmed that they wish to retain the proposed extensions for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as set out in the original application, namely until 01:00. For Bank Holiday weekends and New Year's Day, the applicant has requested a one-hour extension on those occasions.
14. Additionally, the applicant has offered the following conditions:
 - *No live music, DJs or karaoke.*
 - *No external speakers or amplified music outside the premises.*
 - *Clear notices requesting customers to respect neighbouring residents and leave the area quietly.*
 - *Doors and windows to remain closed after 21:00 except for access and egress.*

- *Continued compliance with Environmental Health requirements restricting deliveries and waste collections during late evening and early morning hours.*
- *Maintenance of CCTV and incident recording procedures in accordance with licence requirements.*

15. A copy of the email correspondence setting out the applicant's proposed amendments to the application is attached at Appendix 6.
16. At the time of writing this report, two of the individuals who submitted objections have provided responses to the applicant's proposals. These are attached at Appendix 7.

Options Appraisal

17. 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 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

18. 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

19. 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

20. There are no human resources implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

21. There are no sustainability impacts.

Summary of public health implications

22. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

23. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

24. There are no risk assessment implications.

Background papers

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

[Statement-of-licensing-policy.pdf](#)

Hearing Regulations

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

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

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Appendices

- 1 – Copy Application form.
- 2 – Copy location plan.
- 3 – Copy of current premises licence and approved plan.
- 4 – Copy representations from other persons.
- 5 – Copy Planning Permission Decision.
- 6 – Copy Email correspondence with applicant.
- 7 – Email response to applicant proposals.