

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Application for a Premises Licence at Grillix, 402 Ashley Road, Poole, BH14 0AA
Meeting date	26 August 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Tom Hollington of Set Square Studio Ltd has made an application on behalf of Grillix Ltd for a Premises Licence in respect of Grillix, a fast-food outlet located at 402-404 Ashley Road, Poole, BH14 0AA. The application seeks authorisation for the provision of late-night refreshment from 23:00 hours until 04:00 hours, every day. The application attracted one representation from a local Town Councillor on the grounds that granting the application would undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Members consider the proposed application and either a) Grant the application for a premises licence as made; b) Refuse the application for a premises licence; c) Grant the premises licence 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 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 these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Kieron Wilson – Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulation
Corporate Director	Laura Ambler – Corporate Director for Wellbeing
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Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application was made by Set Square Studio Ltd on behalf of Grillix Ltd under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 on 03 July 2026 for a Premises Licence to authorise the provision of Late-night refreshment between 23:00 and 04:00 every day.
2. A copy of the application and layout plan is attached at Appendix 1
3. The premises is a Fast-food outlet located on Ashley Road, Poole, a busy main road in Parkstone, comprising a mix of licensed premises and retail outlets.
4. A Location plan is attached at Appendix 2.

Consultation

5. The application was served on all Responsible Authorities in accordance with statutory requirements. The applicant has confirmed that the required site notices were displayed at the premises and that a notice was published in a local newspaper.
6. One representation was received from a local Town Councillor on the grounds that to grant the application would undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.
7. A copy of the representation is attached at appendix 3
8. Following mediation discussions between the applicant and the Town Councillor, the applicant has offered additional conditions to further promote the licensing objectives. Whilst discussions have taken place between the parties, at the time of writing this report, the representation stands
9. A copy of the proposed additional conditions and associated correspondence is attached at appendix 4.
10. Dorset police Licensing Team have engaged in mediation with the applicant and agreement was reached on an additional condition which will be attached to the licence should the application be granted.
11. A Copy of the mediated condition and associated correspondence is attached at Appendix 5
12. No representations were received from any Responsible Authority.

Options Appraisal

13. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -

- The representation made against the application.
- The relevant licensing objective, namely the prevention of public nuisance.
- 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.

On 26 November 2025 the guidance was updated to clarify licensing authority discretion (case-by-case decisions).

A spokesperson for the Home Office said:

“The update to the Section 182 Guidance has been added to help ensure that, when determining licence applications and considering any conditions that may apply, Licensing Authorities have in mind the need to support the development of a thriving hospitality sector while still upholding the existing statutory licensing objectives.

The new line in the guidance is 1.18, when making licensing decisions, all licensing authorities should consider the need to promote growth and deliver economic benefits”.

Section 182 Guidance - Prevention of Public Nuisance

Public nuisance is addressed at paragraph 2.20 of the Guidance and states:

“The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable.

Summary of financial implications

14. 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

15. 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

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 2026)

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

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Copy of the application and Layout Plan

Appendix 2 - Location plan

Appendix 3 - Copy of representation

Appendix 4 - Copy of offered conditions and associated correspondence

Appendix 5 - Copy of Dorset Police mediated condition and associated correspondence