

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Christchurch Harbour Kitchen, Christchurch Quay, Quay Road, Christchurch
Meeting date	15 September 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Christchurch Harbour Kitchen Limited has submitted an application for a premises licence in respect of premises located at Christchurch Quay. The application seeks authorisation for the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises between 11:00 and 22:30, seven days a week. Five representations have been received from other persons. The representations raise concerns that granting the application may undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Members consider the proposed application and either a) Grant the application for a premises licence as made; or b) Refuse the application for a premises licence; or 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 has received five representations from other persons on the grounds that to grant the application will undermine the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm 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.
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Wards	Christchurch Town;
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application for a new premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 was submitted on 14 July 2026.
2. The application seeks permission for the supply of alcohol for on and off sales from 11:00 to 22:30 Monday to Sunday. A copy of the application including layout plan is attached at Appendix 1.
3. The premises are described by the applicant as a *"bespoke-designed floating restaurant engineered and constructed to accommodate a kitchen and dining area."* Whilst not a permanent structure, the applicant proposes to moor the vessel at the same designated location on Christchurch Quay on a daily basis. The proposed location is identified on the site plan attached at Appendix 2.
4. The applicant previously submitted an application for a premises licence at a different location, namely Mudeford Beach, in 2025. That application was subsequently refused. Further information relating to that application can be found at [Welcome to BCP Council | BCP](#).

Consultation

5. The application was served on all responsible authorities, and the applicant has confirmed that statutory notices were displayed on site and published in the local newspaper.
6. The application attracted five representation from other persons on the grounds that granting the licence would undermine the four licensing objectives. The key concerns highlighted in the representations include risks to customers entering and leaving the premises especially if under the influence of alcohol, the risks posed by the floating vessel's access and structure and inadequate waste and toilet arrangements. A copy of this representation is attached at Appendix 3.
7. The representations also raised concerns outside the scope of the Licensing Act 2003, such as the lack of landowner and mooring consent, and potential conflicts with existing event licences and exclusive use rights.
8. It must be noted that the lack of permission to operate on the river is not, in itself, a matter regulated by the Licensing Act 2003 nor does it fall under one of the licensing objectives. The application relates solely to the provision of licensable activities, in

this case the sale of alcohol. Even if the application were refused, this would not prevent the applicant from operating the premises as a restaurant.

9. No other representations were received.

Options Appraisal

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

- 5 representations 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).

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 responsible authority who made a representation do not agree to, the applicant or such responsible authority 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 resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

14. There are no sustainability impacts.

Summary of public health implications

15. There are no health implications.

Summary of equality implications

16. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

17. 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
- 2 – Copy Location Plan
- 3 – Representations from Other Persons.