

APPENDIX 5

From: James Gordon
Sent: 17 August 2026 10:28
To: WOOD Michael 2619 ; Licensing Com < >
Cc: OCPS >; BULLER Matthew 2473
Subject: Re: M239325 - A new temporary event notice has been received TEN201754

Dear Sgt Wood,

Thank you for your email and for setting out Dorset Police's concerns regarding the Temporary Event Notice for the boxing event at Bar Coast on 17 October.

I completely understand the points you have raised and I am keen to work with Dorset Police, BCP Licensing and the Safety Advisory Group to ensure that the event can be operated safely and responsibly.

I would like to address the points raised and confirm the actions I am now taking.

Event Capacity

Firstly, I appreciate the wording in our management plan stating "499 persons or venue capacity" was unclear.

I understand that under the TEN the maximum permitted attendance within the area covered by the TEN must not exceed **499 persons at any one time, including customers, staff, boxers, officials, security, contractors and other personnel present within that area.**

I will amend the Event Management Plan to make the proposed capacities and arrangements completely clear.

I am also happy to discuss setting the operational capacity for the boxing event **below the maximum 499** if Police/SAG consider that appropriate once the proposed layout has been reviewed.

Separate Boxer and Coach Area – Harrys Lounge

An important part of our proposed safety arrangements is that **the boxers and their coaches will be kept separate from the general public before and between their bouts.**

Harrys Lounge, which is situated upstairs and has an additional capacity of up to approximately **150 persons**, is intended to be used as the dedicated boxer and coach area.

This will provide a separate area for the boxers to prepare and warm up, rather than having competitors and their teams congregating within the main public event space at Bar Coast.

I believe this will significantly assist with the safe management of the event by keeping competitors, coaches and their preparations separated from spectators and the general public.

We will clearly show Harrys Lounge and the proposed arrangements on the plans and ensure that the capacity calculations make clear which areas and persons are included within the TEN.

Layout and Boxing Ring

I apologise that the requested layout plan showing the position of the boxing ring has not yet been provided.

I will arrange for this to be produced and submitted. It will clearly identify the proposed position of the boxing ring together with spectator areas, entrances and exits, emergency exits, bars, toilets, security positions and the principal circulation routes.

The plan will also show the relationship between Bar Coast and the separate Harrys Lounge boxer/coach area upstairs, including how boxers will move safely between the warm-up area and the boxing ring.

I appreciate that the positioning of the ring significantly affects the available capacity and safe movement around the premises, so I am happy to discuss and amend the proposed layout following feedback from Police and SAG.

Crime and Disorder

I understand the concerns raised regarding the combination of a boxing event, alcohol and the late-night economy.

I will therefore strengthen the Event Management Plan to specifically address these risks.

This will include appropriate SIA security provision, controlled entry, ticketing and capacity monitoring, Challenge 25, procedures for refusing service to intoxicated customers, CCTV coverage, security around the boxing and spectator areas, management of customers leaving the premises and a specific dispersal plan.

The separation of the boxers and coaches from the general public within Harrys Lounge will form an additional part of these arrangements.

I am also happy to discuss additional measures with Dorset Police, including restrictions around alcohol service during the event if this would assist in addressing the concerns raised.

Public Safety

We will review and update the existing risk assessment specifically around the boxing event rather than relying solely on the venue's normal operating procedures.

This will include the boxing area itself, separation between spectators and participants, safe movement of boxers between Harrys Lounge and the ring, emergency access and egress, crowd management, first aid/medical provision, security, fire safety and customer dispersal.

Safety Advisory Group

I have taken on board your recommendation regarding the Safety Advisory Group and will make contact with SAG to seek their guidance and ensure that the event and management arrangements receive the appropriate level of scrutiny.

I am very happy to work with all of the relevant authorities and implement reasonable recommendations arising from that process.

My intention is to operate a **professionally managed and controlled boxing event**, with the competitors and coaches having their own dedicated preparation area away from the public, rather than simply placing a boxing ring into a nightclub environment and relying upon our normal operating procedures.

I would therefore like to work with you to address the objection rather than allowing the matter to become unnecessarily contentious.

Once I have provided the revised Event Management Plan, risk assessment and layout, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these with you.

If there are any particular measures that Dorset Police would like incorporated into the revised plan, please let me know and I will look to address them.

Ultimately, I would like to get the event to a position where Dorset Police is comfortable that the licensing objectives – particularly the **prevention of crime and disorder and public safety** – are being properly promoted and, if possible, the objection can be resolved without the need for a contested hearing.

Thank you for bringing the concerns to my attention. I will start working through the above immediately.

Kind regards,

James Gordon
Bar Coast

To: BCP Licensing
From: Dorset Police
19.08.26 – 17:10

Hi Sarah,

Despite the initial reply from the applicant and offer to provide the additional updates and engagement with the SAG, my objection remains.

Dorset Police remains concerned that the Event Management Plan does not provide adequate assurances that the event can be managed safely and compliantly.

Dorset Police is not satisfied that the licensing objectives, specifically the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, will be promoted. The concerns outlined below represent the principal areas of concern but should not be regarded as an exhaustive list of all matters requiring further clarification and assurance.

- **Security Provision (SIA Licensed Staff):** The EMP does not contain a clear security plan detailing the number of SIA licensed staff to be deployed, their positions, responsibilities, supervision arrangements, and how they will manage entry, searching, incidents, and disorder. A comprehensive SIA deployment plan should be provided.
- **Dispersal Policy:** There is no dispersal policy setting out how attendees will leave the venue safely and efficiently at the conclusion of the event, minimising the potential impact on public nuisance and disorder. A documented dispersal strategy is required.
- **Medical and First Aid Provision:** While the EMP notes that the venue has been selected due to its controlled indoor environment, established ingress and egress routes, and proximity to Poole Hospital Emergency Department, this is not an adequate substitute for on-site first aid provision. Event organisers cannot rely upon emergency services to provide routine medical cover, particularly on a Saturday evening in August when local

services are likely to be under significant demand. Appropriate and proportionate first aid and medical provision should be available on site throughout the event for both participants and customers.

- Event Timings: The EMP states that the event commences at 1400 hours, however promotional material advertises doors opening at 1700 hours with the first fight commencing at 1800 hours. Clarification is required regarding the activities taking place between 1400 and 1700 and what arrangements will be in place during this period.

In addition, the following key roles are all allocated to Dan Lockwood:

- Event Director
- Event Manager / Site Manager
- Security Lead
- Medical Lead
- First Aider / Safeguarding Lead
- Alcohol Management Lead

Dorset Police has significant concerns regarding the concentration of responsibility in a single individual across multiple critical operational functions. These roles each require dedicated oversight and expertise, and the current arrangements do not provide confidence that all aspects of safety, security, safeguarding, medical provision, and alcohol management can be effectively managed by one person simultaneously.

For the reasons outlined above, Dorset Police does not consider that the information provided within the EMP is sufficient to demonstrate that the event can be delivered safely and in a manner that promotes the licensing objectives and therefore, our objection still stands.

I appreciate that the applicant has stated he will provide the additional updates and will engage, if my objection is withdrawn, technically the event will be agreed and no additional provisions that can be enforced.

Regards Mike

From: James Gordon
Sent: 20 August 2026 14:33
To: Sarah Rogers - Licensing <>; WOOD Michael 2619 <>
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Hi Sarah,

Thank you for the update.

We are currently working on a more detailed event-specific risk assessment and revised Event Management Plan, taking into account the further concerns raised by Dorset Police.

We are addressing each of the points raised, including the detailed SIA/security deployment, dispersal arrangements, appropriate on-site medical and first-aid provision, clarification of the event timings, and ensuring that the key operational responsibilities are allocated to appropriate individuals rather than concentrated with one person.

We are also reviewing the overall event layout and management arrangements so that we can provide Police and Licensing with a much more comprehensive plan demonstrating how the event will be operated safely and responsibly.

Our intention is to work constructively with Dorset Police, Licensing and the relevant authorities to address the concerns raised ahead of the reconvened hearing.

I will forward the updated documentation as soon as it is completed.

Kind regards,

James Gordon
Bar Coast