

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Tuckton Tea Gardens, 323 Belle Vue Road, Bournemouth, BH6 3BA
Meeting date	23 September 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Bournemouth Boating Services Limited has submitted an application for a premises licence at Tuckton Tea Gardens. The application seeks authorisation for the provision of Live Music, indoors and outdoors from 11:00 to 22:30 Monday to Thursday, from 11:00 to 22:30 on Friday and Saturday and from 12:00 to 22:00 on Sundays, the provision of recorded music, indoors only, Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 to 22:00 and Friday and Saturday from 09:00 to 22:30 and for the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises between 12:00 and 22:00 Monday to Sunday, between 11:00 and 22:30 Friday and Saturday and between 11:00 and 22:00 on Sunday. 120 representations have been received from other persons, 94 in objection to the application and 26 in support. 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 94 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	East Southbourne & Tuckton
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application for a new premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 was submitted on 28 July 2026.
2. The application seeks permission for the following licensable activities and times: -

Live Music

Monday to Thursday – 11:00 to 22:00

Friday to Saturday – 11:00 to 22:30

Sunday – 12:00 to 22:00

Recorded Music

Monday to Thursday – 09:00 to 22:00

Friday – 09:00 to 22:30

Saturday – 09:00 to 22:30

Sunday – 09:00 to 22:00

Supply of Alcohol (On & Off Sales)

Monday to Thursday – 12:00 to 22:00

Friday to Saturday – 11:00 to 22:30

Sunday – 11:00 to 22:00

The applicant has advised that alcohol will be supplied indoors throughout the year and outdoors from a mobile bar during the summer months, typically between April and September. A copy of the application including layout plan is attached at Appendix 1.

3. A copy of the location plan is attached at Appendix 2.

Consultation

4. 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.
5. The application attracted 94 representations from other persons on the grounds that granting the licence would undermine the four licensing objectives. The key concerns highlighted in the representations are that the activities and times requested are unsuitable for the tranquil, family-oriented riverside location, which is adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Some representations argue that noise, litter, and disturbance would increase, with sound carrying easily over water and into residential areas, fundamentally changing the character of the site.

6. Many objectors support the continued operation of the Tea Gardens as a café and occasional event venue but believe the scale and frequency of the proposed activities are excessive and incompatible with the sensitive environment and community needs.
7. The Licensing Authority received 26 representations in support of the application. The supporting representations highlight the applicant's history of responsible management and the positive role of the venue within the local community. Supporters state that previous events at Tuckton Tea Gardens have not resulted in significant noise, disorder, or other adverse impacts, and express confidence that the premises can continue to operate without compromising local amenity or the character of the area. Representations also refer to the applicant's operational controls, staff training, and family-oriented approach, which are considered conducive to maintaining public safety and promoting the licensing objectives. Overall, supporters consider that the premises can operate responsibly while upholding the licensing objectives.
8. The representations also raised concerns that fall outside the scope of the Licensing Act 2003, such as the increased parking and traffic problems.
9. A copy of these representations is attached at Appendix 3.
10. No representations were received from any Responsible Authorities.

Options Appraisal

11. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters:
 - 96 representations made against the application and 26 in support.
 - The submissions made by or made on behalf of the applicant.
 - 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

12. 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

13. 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

14. There are no human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

15. There are no sustainability impacts.

Summary of public health implications

16. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

17. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

18. There are no risk assessments.

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.