

Agenda

Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee

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This licensing hearing will be held on:

Date: **Monday 13 October 2025**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Simon Ottino

Councillor Ajaz Rehman

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING CASEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Housekeeping Matters

- Mobiles must be switched off
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The Meeting

1. The Licensing Casework Sub-Committee shall consist of three members of the Council (councilors). At the start of each Sub-Committee meeting a Chair shall be elected from among the three members. The Sub-Committee is responsible for reaching a decision upon the application being heard by the Sub-Committee, having received addresses and representations from all parties.

The Paperwork

2. Officers of the Licensing Authority (the City Council) will prepare the paperwork for the application that is to be heard by the Sub-Committee. The paperwork will include:-
 - A summary of the application, the representations received and of any other relevant material
 - The application and any other supporting material supplied by the applicant
 - Representations made by the responsible authorities
 - Representations made by interested parties

Introductions

3. The Chair will commence the hearing by introducing her or himself and the other two Sub-Committee members. The Chair will then ask all of the other parties present to introduce themselves and explain in what capacity they are attending.

Conduct of Proceedings

4. The role of the Chair is to control the proceedings. All questions must be put through the Chair.
5. The Chair will indicate that the members of the Sub-Committee have read and familiarised themselves with the papers and issues. The Chair will stress that the Sub-Committee does not therefore require points to be made or repeated at length.
6. The hearing shall take the form of a discussion. Formal cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the Chair considers that cross-examination in a particular circumstance would assist. In exercising this discretion to permit cross-examination, the Chair must have regard to the rules of natural justice and the right to a fair hearing.
7. Members of the Sub-Committee may ask questions to any party to elicit further information. The representative of the Licensing Authority may also ask questions of any party in order to clarify the evidence and any issues in the case.
8. The Sub-Committee will determine the application in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003 and Guidance and Regulations under the Act, taking into consideration the overriding need to promote the four Licensing Objectives.
9. In considering any representation or notice made by a party the Sub-Committee may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.
10. The Sub-Committee will generally not expect any of the parties to take more than 20 minutes to address it, to give further information or to call witnesses.
11. Where a person attending the hearing is acting in a manner that the Sub-Committee consider to be disruptive, the Sub-Committee may require that the person leave the hearing and may:
 - (a) refuse to permit that person to return; or
 - (b) permit him / her to return only on such conditions as the Authority may specify.

12. Before the end of the hearing any person who was required to leave the hearing under paragraph 11 may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

Order of Proceedings

13. All parties have a right to attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

The Licensing Authority

14. The representative of the Licensing Authority shall present the report relating to the application to be heard by the Sub-Committee. The representative shall say who the applicant is, what the application is for and explain the paperwork before the Sub-Committee.

Applicant case

15. The applicant must fully outline their application and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.
16. Where a responsible authority or interested party seeks to cross-examine the applicant or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Responsible Authorities case

17. Each responsible authority must fully outline the nature of their representation and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.
18. Where the applicant or an interested party seeks to cross-examine the responsible authority or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Interested parties case

19. Each interested party must fully outline the nature of their representation and address the licensing objectives, and then may call witnesses if desired.

20. Where there are a number of interested parties and the nature of the representations are similar, such parties may decide to appoint a spokesperson to represent the group.
21. Where a person is representing an interested party, the representative will be required to state the full name and address of the interested party.
22. Where the applicant or responsible authority seeks to cross-examine the interested party or any of their witnesses, he / she must seek the permission of the Chair who will exercise the discretion as to whether to allow such questioning.

Closing submissions

23. All parties will then be given the opportunity briefly to summarise their key points. The order shall be:-
 - Applicant
 - Responsible authorities
 - Interested parties
24. Interested parties may choose to appoint a spokesperson to briefly summarise the key points.

Determinations

25. At the end of a hearing, the Chair will announce that the hearing is adjourned while the Sub-Committee retires to deliberate in private.
26. The Sub-Committee must make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing in the following cases:
 - application for a variation and conversion of an “existing licence” (“existing licence” defined at paragraph 1 of Schedule 8);
 - application for variation and conversion of an existing club premises certificate;
 - counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice;
 - review of a premises licence following closure order;
 - determination of application for conversion of existing licence;
 - determination of application for conversion of existing club premises certificate;
 - determination of application by holder of a justices’ licence for grant of a personal licence.

27. In other cases (not mentioned in paragraph 26), excluding where a hearing has been dispensed with, the Sub-Committee must make its determination within the period of five working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held.
28. A written decision outlining the reasons for the decision will be sent to the parties forthwith on making its determinations.

Closed hearing

29. The hearing shall take place in public. However, the Sub-Committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public.

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Statement of Licensing Policy

Licensing Act 2003

March 2022 – March 2027



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March 2022 to March 2027

Licensing applications and enquiries:

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Welcome to Oxford City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Oxford is a bustling cosmopolitan city which enjoys huge cultural diversity and our leisure and entertainment scene is important in enhancing that. It attracts thousands of visitors from across the UK and abroad. Oxford caters for a very broad range of people as a regional entertainment and cultural centre and currently has approximately 850 licensed premises and clubs offering a vibrant, varied, fun night time economy.

The Council adopted its first Statement of Licensing Policy in January 2005 when the responsibility for licensing was transferred from the Magistrates' Court. The Licensing Policy has worked really well over the years and we have learned a lot from operating under it. The Council is obliged to determine and publish a "Statement of Licensing Policy" and to keep it under review and to republish it at least every five years. The fully revised Statement was last adopted by the Council in 2016, following wide public consultation. Both the Central Oxford SSP (Special Saturation Policy) and East Oxford SSP remained unchanged at that time.

It must be noted that, due to the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the significant impact it had on the night time economy, the Authority took the pragmatic approach to re-adopt the previous Statement of Licensing Policy in 2021, with the omission of the Special Saturation Policies (Cumulative Impact Assessment).

The Authority carried out a comprehensive and considered review later in 2021, and gathered new data, evidence, as well as the necessary input from the relevant authorities and a public consultation to consider a fresh cumulative impact assessment and has adopted new Special Saturation Policies that cover both Central and East Oxford.

The SSP does not affect existing licences in these areas. However, it does mean that applications for new licences and for significant changes to existing licensed premises are likely to be declined if relevant representations are received. Even so, we may still grant licences to those who can successfully demonstrate that their proposals will not exacerbate problems of crime, disorder or public nuisance, because we must consider each application on its merits. The Authority continuously keeps all parts of Oxford under review and will consult on changes to SSP areas as necessary.

This document sets out our guiding principles for making licensing decisions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Statement of Licensing Policy addresses licensing of many venues and events; from nightclubs to the smallest pubs and off-licences, from 'Cowley Road Carnival' to small-scale local events. We have a responsibility to balance the needs of residents, visitors, pub/club operators and businesses. Our aims are to promote the four licensing objectives enshrined in the Act:

- **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- **The Promotion of Public Safety**
- **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- **The Protection of Children from Harm**

We believe that this Policy Statement represents a fair and reasoned way to balance the needs and desires of everyone in this City. We hope it will help us to maintain Oxford's important role as a safe and pleasant centre of culture and entertainment for everybody.

The revisions to this Policy reflect the changes to the licensing regime that have been introduced by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Live Music Act 2012, the Deregulation of Schedule 1 of the Licensing Act 2003, Equality Act 2010, Business and Planning Act 2020 and to ensure that the Policy accurately reflects the workings of the Licensing Authority.

Councillor Colin Cook
Chair of Licensing and Gambling
Acts Committee

Councillor Mark Lygo
Vice-Chair of Licensing and Gambling Acts
Committee

PURPOSE

This policy statement has four main purposes, which are:

- **To confirm to Elected Members** of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, the boundaries and powers of the Authority and the parameters within which to make decisions.
 - **To inform licence applicants** of the parameters within which the Authority will make licensing decisions and therefore how licensed premises are likely to be able to operate within the area.
 - **To inform local residents and businesses** of the parameters within which the Authority will make licensing decisions and therefore how their needs will be addressed.
 - **To support a case in a court of law** if the Authority has to show how it arrived at its licensing decisions.
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Using this Statement of Licensing Policy

- The policies are shown in text boxes, which are separately numbered and titled.
- The additional text gives examples, background and reasons for the policies.
- The Appendices give additional information.

Oxford City Council has different roles under the Licensing Act 2003, so:

- 'Authority' is used where it acts as the Licensing Authority under the 2003 Act.
- 'Council' is used where parts of the Council act in other capacities, for example:
 - to determine policy;
 - when the 'Council' applies to the 'Authority' for a licence for Council premises;
 - when Environmental Health or Planning Control officers act as a 'Responsible Authority' in making a Representation about an application received.

The 'Authority' must balance the interests of applicants (as stated in their applications for licences) and any interests stated by others (in Representations and Relevant Representations). When it grants a licence, the Authority must attach mandatory conditions if applicable. The Authority cannot attach other conditions unless they are proportional to the applications and consistent with the operating schedule and any Representation or Relevant Representation received.

Other information

Pool of conditions

The Authority has a 'pool of conditions' which is available to potential Applicants who may then wish to add these conditions to their operating schedule. This pool of conditions is subject to continuous development and is available on the Council website.

Guidance to applicants

The Authority provides guidance to applicants to assist them with making their applications for licences. This guidance can be found on our website:

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20143/beer_and_entertainment

Contact details

Contact details are given on the back cover.

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Glossary

<u>Term</u>	Description	Reference in the 2003 Act
Authority	Oxford City Council in its capacity as Licensing Authority	
Council	Oxford City Council in its capacity as district council.	
Planning Authority	The Council in its capacity as planning authority.	
Police Authority	Thames Valley Police	
Fire Authority	The Fire and Rescue Service of Oxfordshire County Council	
Navigation Authority For rivers – For canals –	The Environment Agency Canal and Rivers Trust	Section 13(4)(h)
Other Person <i>(Any other person may make a representation about an application and may request a review)</i>	Any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities in relation to applications for the grant, variation, minor variation or review of premises licences and club premises certificates, regardless of their geographic proximity to the premises.	
Responsible Authority <i>(A Responsible Authority may make a Representations about applications and may request reviews)</i> <i>(Appendix 7 lists the contact details for these Responsible Authorities)</i>	Any of the following – (a) the Licensing Authority, (b) the Chief Officer of Police for the area, (c) the fire authority, (d) the enforcing authority under Section 18 of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, (e) the local planning authority (i.e. department of the Council), (f) the environmental health department of the Council, (g) the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board, (i) the Public Health Board, (h) Trading Standards, (i) any other Licensing Authority in whose area part of the premises is situated, (j) Home Office Immigration Enforcement (on behalf of the Secretary of State). (j) in relation to a vessel – the navigation authority.	Section 13(4)

Objection	Representations made by the Police or the Environmental Health Service in relation to a Temporary Event Notice.	Schedule 8 para 25
Representations	Comments made by a Responsible Authority on an application.	
Relevant Representation	Comment made by any other person, which is not rejected by the Authority as irrelevant, frivolous, vexatious, or repetitive.	
Authorised Person <i>(Authorised Persons have roles in <u>enforcement</u> of the 2003 Act)</i> <i>(Police officers are not listed as Authorised Persons, as they already have powers of enforcement under other legislation)</i>	Any of the following – (a) an officer of the Licensing Authority, authorised for the purposes of the 2003 Act, (b) an inspector appointed under article 26 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (c) an inspector appointed under S.19 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, (d) an officer of the Council authorised to exercise statutory environmental health functions, (e) in relation to a vessel, an inspector, or surveyor of ships, appointed under S.256 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, (f) a person prescribed for the purposes of S.13(2) of the Licensing Act 2003.	Section 13(2)
Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee	The Committee of elected members of Oxford City Council that is responsible for the Council's licensing functions.	Section 6
SIA	Security Industry Authority	
2003 Act	The Licensing Act 2003	
LACORS	Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services	
TSI	Trading Standards Institute	
Statement of Licensing Policy	The current statement of licensing policy required under Section 5 of the 2003 Act, following publication and as amended by subsequent revisions.	Section 5
Designated Premises Supervisor	The person specified in a premises licence as the premises supervisor.	Section 15
Secretary of State's Guidance	Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the 2003 Act	Section 182
Regulated Entertainment	Regulated entertainment as defined in Schedule 1 of the 2003 Act (see also Appendix 5)	Schedule 1
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer	
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service	

1 Introduction

1.1 Objectives

1.1.1 The Licensing Authority (the 'Authority') for Oxford is Oxford City Council (the 'Council').

Policy GN 1: Objectives

The Authority will carry out its licensing functions under the 2003 Act with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives in the 2003 Act, which are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- the promotion of public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

Each of the four licensing objectives is of equal importance and there are no other objectives, so that the four licensing objectives are paramount at all times.

1.2 The Authority's area and the licensable activities

1.2.1 Appendix 1 describes the Authority's area, its centres of population and its population profile. It also describes the mix of licensable activities, where they take place and their positive and negative impacts on the area.

1.2.2 The Authority has regard to matters of sustainability, equality, the local economy and tourism to the extent that they affect the Licensing Policy. The Authority will also have regard to minimising waste and litter in the interests of minimising public nuisance, including litter associated with queues and smoking areas outside licensed premises and the licence holder's responsibility for such litter.

2 General matters

2.1 Precedence issues

2.1.1 A licensing policy must not ignore or be inconsistent with provisions in the 2003 Act. The Authority must have regard to the Secretary of State's Guidance when making and publishing its policy. When revisions on the Guidance are issued, there may be a period of time when this policy statement is inconsistent with the Guidance, for example, during any consultation by the Authority. If this occurs, the Authority will have regard, and give appropriate weight, to the Guidance and this policy statement.

Policy GN 2: Precedence

The meaning of the 2003 Act and any Regulations made under it take precedence over the meaning of this Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.2 Adoption and publication of the Statement of Licensing Policy

2.2.1 The Council adopted this Statement of Licensing Policy at its meeting on 21st March 2022 and it became effective from that date.

Policy GN 3: Five yearly licensing policy review

The Council will prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy at intervals of no more than five years, to enable it to continue to undertake its licensing functions.

Policy GN 4: Interim licensing policy reviews

The Council will keep its licensing policy under review and will make such revisions to it, at such times, as it considers appropriate.

Policy GN 5: Consultation on licensing policy

Before determining any revision to its Statement of Licensing Policy, the Council will consult:

- (a) the chief officer of Police for the Oxford area;
- (b) the fire authority for the Oxford area;
- (c) the Trading Standards Officer for Oxfordshire County Council;
- (d) the Social and Health Care Department of Oxfordshire County Council, which the Authority

considers to be the competent and responsible authority for the purpose of advising on issues of protecting children from harm; and

- (e) the Clinical Commissioning Group;

together with such persons as the Authority considers at the time to be representative of:

- (f) holders of Premises Licences issued by the Authority;
- (g) holders of Club Premises Certificates issued by the Authority;
- (h) holders of Personal Licences issued by the Authority;
- (i) businesses and residents who may be affected by the operation and impact of the premises;
- (j) other interests in the licensing of premises in its area.

The Authority will give appropriate weight to the views of the persons listed above when it determines any revision to its Statement of Licensing Policy.

Policy GN 6: Publication of licensing policy revisions

When the Authority determines any revisions, it will publish either a statement of those revisions, or its revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.3 Scope of the Statement of Licensing Policy: Licensable activities

2.3.1 This policy addresses licensing of the following activities:

- the sale of alcohol by retail;
- the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of a club;
- the provision of late night refreshment (supply of hot food or drink between 2300 and 0500 hours)(including “take aways” and “hot food vans”); and
- the provision of ‘regulated entertainment’ (defined in Schedule 1 of the 2003 Act) which includes:
 - a performance of a play;
 - an exhibition of a film;
 - an indoor sporting event;
 - a boxing or wrestling entertainment (indoors and outdoors);
 - a performance of live music;
 - the playing of recorded music;
 - a performance of dance;
 - entertainment similar in description to music and dance.

2.3.2 Activities that are not to be regarded as regulated entertainment and activities that are not to be regarded as late night refreshment are also listed in Schedules 1 and 2, respectively, of the 2003 Act, and a broad description of such entertainment activities that are exempt from the licensing regime following the Deregulation of Schedule 1 of the 2003 Act can be found at Appendix 5.

2.4 Scope of the policy: Applications and notices

2.4.1 This policy addresses decisions on applications for:

- Premises Licences;
- Club Premises Certificates;
- Personal Licences;
- Transfer of licences;
- Variation of licences and associated matters.

2.4.2 This policy also addresses Temporary Event Notices (TENs) and the review of Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates.

2.4.3 This policy also informs all parties as to how the Licensing Authority and Licensing Officers will carry out their enforcement and compliance operations and any actions arising from those operations.

2.5 Fundamental principles

2.5.1 The Authority recognises that its power to reject applications, or to apply conditions to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates is strictly constrained by the terms of the 2003 Act.

2.5.2 The Authority recognises that it has no power to:

- attach any condition, including mandatory conditions, to a Temporary Event Notice (save for when an objection is made by a relevant Responsible Authority and as such requires determination by the Licensing Casework Sub-Committee);
- modify mandatory conditions;
- attach conditions to a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate (other than appropriate mandatory conditions)

unless those conditions are consistent with the operating schedule submitted with the application, or further to a Representation or Relevant Representation.

2.5.3 The Authority recognises that it has no power to:

- modify conditions attached to a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate;
- to exclude from the scope of a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate any of the licensable or qualifying activities to which the application relates;
- refuse to specify a person in a Premises Licence as the Designated Premises Supervisor;
- reject the application,

unless it has received a Representation or a Relevant Representation about the application and then only to such extent as the Authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

2.5.4 Throughout this document the Authority has outlined the standards which it expects to be addressed in applications. The policies within this statement have been developed in consultation with all of the Responsible Authorities.

2.5.5 In considering and determining applications the Authority will take into account:

- The Race Relations Act 1976, as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000;
- Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988;
- The Human Rights Act 1998;
- Noise Act 1996;
- Fire and Safety Order 2005;
- Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006;
- Health Act 2006;
- Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004;
- Equality Act 2010;
- Business and Planning Act 2020;
- any other relevant legislation or statutory guidance.

2.5.6 The Authority:

- will treat each application on its individual merits;
- will not override the right of any person to apply under the terms of the 2003 Act for a variety of permissions;
- will not override the right of any person to make Representations on an application or to seek a review of a licence or certificate where the 2003 Act makes provision for them to do so;
- will, as far as possible, avoid duplication with other licensing and regulatory regimes that already place obligations on employers and operators, e.g. The Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Disability Discrimination legislation and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, Equality Act 2010;
- will only apply to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates conditions that are necessary to underpin or promote the licensing objectives.

- 2.5.7 The Authority recognises that the purpose of the 2003 Act is to allow appropriate levels of regulation for premises, temporary events, members' clubs and persons authorised to make alcohol available for sale.
- 2.5.8 In considering applications the Authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the vicinity of the licensed premises.
- 2.5.9 For each application for the grant, variation or review of a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate, the 2003 Act requires the Authority to consider the Representations made by Responsible Authorities and those Representations made by other persons, which the Authority accepts as relevant.
- 2.5.10 Other persons will be given its widest possible interpretation and, where it includes persons involved in business, will not be confined to those engaged in trade and commerce. It will include partnerships and the functions of charities, churches and medical practices. Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 remove the requirement for other persons to reside within the immediate vicinity.
- 2.5.11 The Authority will accept relevant representations from other persons.
This includes any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities in relation to applications for the grant, variation, minor variation or review of premises licences and club premises certificates, regardless of their geographic proximity to the premises. Any representations made by these persons must be 'relevant', in that the representation relates to one or more of the licensing objectives. It must also not be considered by the licensing authority to be frivolous or vexatious.
- 2.5.12 Where a notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the Authority is required to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made. In circumstances where the Authority considers that the other person has a well-founded fear of intimidation and may be deterred from making a representation because of this, the Authority may withhold some or all of the other person's personal details (if requested).
- 2.5.13 A Responsible Authority or other person may seek a review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.
- 2.5.14 In determining applications and reviews of licensed premises, the Authority will give appropriate weight to:
- Representations received from Responsible Authorities;
 - Relevant Representations made by other persons;
 - the Secretary of State's Guidance;
 - this Statement of Licensing Policy;
 - the steps necessary to promote the licensing objectives.
- 2.5.15 Any terms and conditions that the Authority imposes will be focused on matters that are within the control of individual licensees. These matters will centre on the premises and places being used for licensable activities and the vicinity of those premises and places.
- 2.5.16 The Licensing Authority recognises that the Equality Act 2010 places a legal obligation on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity; and to foster good relations, between persons with different protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. The Licensing Authority expects that licensed premises will not discriminate against any person based solely on any of these characteristics -for example, refusing a person entry to a licensed premises on the basis of their race, sex or age. The sole exception to this will be where such action is necessary to comply with legal requirements or situations where licence holders must restrict access to age-restricted goods or services to any person who is below the legal age for that good or service - for example, the sale of alcohol to under 18s.
- 2.5.17 The Licensing Authority will actively take steps to ensure that it complies with its legal obligation to eliminate or reduce the potential for unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation of persons with protected characteristics and ensure compliance with the Equality Duty.

- 2.5.18 The Statement of Licensing Policy is transparent, and clearly identifies the need to promote the four licensing objectives. The opportunity to obtain a premises licence or variation in an existing licence is open to all regardless of their protected characteristics, other than age. Any person, regardless of their protected characteristics, can also submit a representation against a licence application.

2.6 Reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy with other authorities

- 2.6.1 The Authority will work with the other Licensing Authorities in Oxfordshire reviewing this Statement of Licensing Policy to ensure, as far as possible, that a consistent approach is taken to assist applicants for licences and those who may wish to make Representations under the provisions of the 2003 Act. The Authority will also liaise with other neighbouring Licensing Authorities to ensure that there is consistency across District Council boundaries. Full regard will still be given to local issues and situations, which will take precedence.
- 2.6.2 The Authority will maintain partnership working with various enforcement agencies as it recognises that the licensing objectives can only be promoted through a range of actions, some of which are outside the scope of the licensing system.
- 2.6.3 The Authority will maintain protocols with the Police, the Environmental Health Service, the Fire Authority and Trading Standards Services, as it considers appropriate for enforcing the 2003 Act.
- 2.6.4 The Authority will maintain dialogue with the licensed trade, businesses, local people and relevant organisations in the entertainment and alcohol industry to ensure that the Statement of Licensing Policy remains relevant and secures promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.6.5 The Authority will have regard to the considerations of the relevant Officer of the Licensing Authority delegated with the power to make relevant representations to applications and instigate reviews of licences (in such a person's role as a Responsible Authority). Such considerations will be based on the evidential findings of that Officer, including (but not limited to) actions undertaken during and after enforcement and compliance operations carried out by the Licensing Officers under such persons control, multi-agency operations, test-purchase operations, and any best practices adopted by other Authority's that may be deemed to further uphold the four licensing objectives locally.

2.7 Integrating strategies

- 2.7.1 Licensing is about promoting the four licensing objectives by balancing different interests. The experience gained by the Authority can usefully inform the development and application of strategies by others for local crime prevention, planning, transport, tourism and culture. It is important that such strategies do not undermine promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.7.2 In preparing this Statement of Licensing Policy, the Authority has taken account of relevant national policies and action plans, which include the following:
- Safer Nightlife;
 - The Governments "Alcohol Strategy" (Home Office);
 - Alcohol and Violence (Public Health Faculty);
 - Reform of Anti-Social Behaviour Powers (Home Office);
 - Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults (Oxford City Council).
 - Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (Home Office)
- 2.7.3 The Authority has taken account of the policies and programmes that the Council has already adopted. These are listed in Appendix 2, along with an explanation of how they integrate with the Statement of Licensing Policy.

<p>Policy GN 7: Integrating strategies</p> <p>The Council will ensure any strategies it may have, or develop, for local crime prevention, planning, transport, waste management (both solid and water waste), sustainability, tourism and culture will be integrated with its licensing function but such strategies will not overrule the licensing objectives.</p>

2.8 Planning and building control

- 2.8.1 The Council recognises that there is a need for proper separation of the planning, building control and licensing regimes to avoid duplication and inefficiency.
- 2.8.2 The Council recognises that the Planning Authority must be aware of the Authority's concerns as this will assist in promotion of the licensing objectives. The Authority will provide reports to enable the Planning Authority to have regard to such matters and have a role in promoting the four licensing objectives when the Planning Authority takes its decisions.
- 2.8.3 The Council recognises that the following three regimes have different purposes:
- **Planning:** ensuring the suitability of the location, use and design of the premises for the activities and the adequacy of the local infrastructure;
 - **Building Control:** ensuring the suitability of the construction of the premises; and
 - **Licensing:** ensuring the suitability of the proposed use and its operation at the proposed premises.
- 2.8.4 The grant of a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate, or any variation to one of these, does not relieve the applicant of the need to obtain planning permission and building regulations consent as appropriate.
- 2.8.5 The applicant must observe the earlier closing time if planning conditions set a terminal hour for the use of the premises for commercial purposes.

Policy GN 8: Planning permission and listed building consent

The Authority will normally expect an application for a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate to be made only in respect of premises that already have an appropriate established use or any planning permission and listed building consent necessary for the proposed range of licensable activities to take place.

The Authority will similarly expect an applicant to have obtained planning permission where necessary for the use proposed, before applying for a provisional statement under section 29 of the 2003 Act.

2.9 Administration, exercise and delegation of functions

Policy GN 9: Levels of decision-making

The Authority will have the following levels of decision-making for undertaking its licensing functions:

- The Council;
- Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee;
- Licensing Casework Sub-Committees;
- Licensing Officers.

- 2.9.1 A Licensing Casework Sub-Committee will generally determine each application that attracts an Objection, Representation or Relevant Representation, unless:
- all Objections or Representations from Responsible Authorities are withdrawn and it is agreed by all parties that a hearing is not necessary; and
 - all representations from Interested Parties are either:
 - determined by a designated officer to be irrelevant, vexatious or frivolous; or
 - withdrawn, and it is agreed by all parties that a hearing is not necessary; or
 - the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee wish to consider the matter.
- 2.9.2 Licensing Officers will determine all other applications and the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee will receive regular reports on the decisions made by Officers so that members maintain an overview of the general situation locally and nationally, and maintain an understanding as to the volume and nature of applications submitted to the Licensing Authority. Such reports shall also provide the Committee with details of all enforcement and compliance operations undertaken by the Licensing Officers, and any actions arising from those operations. Details of any proposed future developments related to or impacting upon the Licensing Act 2003, including proposed partnership working arrangements, and proposed changes to current legislation shall also be included in such reports.

2.9.3 For the convenience of applicants, the system of delegation is tabulated in Appendix 4.

Policy GN 10: Delegation

The Authority has delegated licensing decisions in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary of State's Guidance and in the interests of speed, efficiency and cost effectiveness, as follows:

- (a) The Council determines:
 - the Statement of Licensing Policy;
 - membership of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee;
 - the extent to which functions, other than functions under the 2003 Act, are delegated to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee.
- (b) The Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee will undertake all functions of the Authority under the 2003 Act that are not the responsibility of the Council, as follows:
 - making recommendations to the Council on the Statement of Licensing Policy;
 - reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy within five-year intervals, keeping the policy under review at other times and undertaking appropriate consultations;
 - arranging for training of members and officers to enable the Authority to discharge its duties under the 2003 Act;
 - agreeing which body is competent to advise the Authority in respect of matters relating to the protection of children from harm;
 - deciding the extent to which the Authority will recommend the classification of films;
 - monitoring the impact of licensing on regulated entertainment in general and live music and dancing in particular in connection with cultural strategies;
 - considering current licences or applications for licences where a Representation or a Relevant Representation has been made and not withdrawn.
 - receiving reports on matters determined by Licensing Officers with delegated authority.
- (c) Licensing Sub-Committees will operate under authority delegated by the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee and determine matters as set out in Policy GN 11.
- (d) Licensing Officers will operate under delegated authority and determine matters as set out in Policy GN 12.

Policy GN 11: Licensing Casework Sub-Committee – delegated functions

Licensing Casework Sub-Committees will determine any of the following where a Representation or a Relevant Representation has been made and not withdrawn:

- application for a Personal Licence;
- application for Personal Licence with unspent convictions;
- application for Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate;
- application for provisional statement;
- application to vary a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate;
- application to vary Designated Premises Supervisor;
- application for transfer of Premises Licence;
- application for interim authorities;
- application to review a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate;
- determination of a Police or Environmental Health Objection to a Temporary Event Notice;
- decision to object when the Authority is a consultee and not the relevant authority considering the application.

Policy GN 12: Licensing Officer – delegated functions

A Licensing Officer, delegated within the Council's Constitution, will determine every other licence application for which no Objection, Representation or Relevant Representation has been received, or when any Objection, Representation or Relevant Representation has been received but has been withdrawn and that it is agreed by all parties that a hearing is not necessary.

Policy GN 13: Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee – procedure

Subject to any statutory provisions, the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee will regulate its own procedure and that of Licensing Casework Sub-committees.

Policy GN 14: Licensing Casework Sub-Committee – procedure

In considering any application subject to a Representation or a Relevant Representation, the Sub-Committee will follow the principles set out in the Hearings Regulations under the 2003 Act.

Policy GN 15: Determination of applications – conditions

The Authority will determine the type and extent of conditions to be affixed to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates as follows:

- (a) Matters determined by Licensing Officers:
 - Licensing Officers will develop any condition that they consider necessary to appropriately translate the offered information in the applicant's operating schedule;
 - no other conditions, other than the mandatory conditions, will be added;
 - Licensing Officers will report to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee from time to time on the matters that those officers have determined.
- (b) Matters determined by a Licensing Casework Sub-Committee:
 - Sub-Committees will attach conditions taken from the applicant's operating schedule, as in (a) above;
 - no conditions, other than mandatory conditions and conditions offered in an operating schedule, will be added unless an appropriate Representation or Relevant Representation has been upheld;
 - Sub-Committees may also attach conditions that take account of a Representation made by a Responsible Authority or a Relevant Representation made by an Interested Party.

2.10 Non-licensing issues: What this statement is not for

2.10.1 The Authority recognises that:

- licensing is not about mechanisms for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are beyond the direct control of the individual club or business holding the licence, certificate or permission concerned (subject to Policies GN19 and LH6);
- licensing is not about matters contained in other legislation, which may well apply simultaneously to the activities of licensed individuals or premises. Appendix 8 includes references to some of this legislation.

3 Cumulative impact**3.1 Cumulative impact**

- 3.1.1 The Authority wishes to take steps to prevent public nuisance, crime or disorder arising from the concentration of premises in one particular area.
- 3.1.2 Whilst need is primarily an issue for the market and the planning system, the cumulative impact of licensed premises on the promotion of the licensing objectives is a matter for consideration under the licensing provisions. Serious problems of public nuisance and disorder can arise in the vicinity of licensed premises where a number of them are grouped together and particularly where they may be situated near to residential areas. The numbers of premises selling alcohol and providing entertainment until the early hours of the morning have increased significantly over the years and many special measures have been adopted to try to deal with the crime and anti-social behaviour that can result from the more intensive activities.
- 3.1.3 The distribution of late night premises may be such as to warrant special action from the Authority to combat exceptional problems of disorder and public nuisance over and above the impact from individual premises.

Policy GN 16: "Need" for licensed premises

The Authority will leave the assessment of the "need" for licensed premises to the Planning Authority and to the market. It will not address this matter in undertaking its licensing functions.

Policy GN 17: Need for an evidential base

The Authority will consider Representations based on the impact of the grant of a particular application on the promotion of the licensing objectives in the Authority's area. However, there must be an evidential base for the assertion that the addition of the premises in question would produce the cumulative impact claimed. The impact can be expected to be different for premises with different styles and characteristics.

Policy GN 18: Use of other mechanisms to address cumulative impact

The Council will encourage the use of other mechanisms that are available for addressing problems caused by a minority of consumers behaving badly and unlawfully once away from licensed premises. For example:

- (a) planning controls;
- (b) positive measures to create a safe and clean town centre environment in partnership with local businesses, transport operators and other departments of the Council;
- (c) powers the Council has to designate parts of its area as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly and take into account areas currently covered by Public Spaces Protection Orders;
- (d) Police enforcement of the normal law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the issuing of fixed penalty notices;
- (e) the prosecution of any Personal Licence holder or member of staff at such premises who is selling alcohol to people who are drunk;
- (f) the confiscation of alcohol from adults and children in designated areas;
- (g) Police powers to close down instantly for up to 24 hours any licensed premises or temporary event on grounds of disorder, or the likelihood of disorder or excessive noise emanating from the premises;
- (h) the power of the Police, other Responsible Authority or any other person to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question (please refer to 9.1 Reviews)

3.2 Special Saturation Policy

- 3.2.1 It is possible that the impact of the behaviour of customers of separate premises taken together on surrounding areas is greater than the usual impact from customers of individual premises and so creates exceptional problems of crime, disorder or public nuisance. In these circumstances a Responsible Authority or other persons may consider that the cumulative effect is to saturate an area, making it a focal point for large groups of people to gather and circulate away from the licensed premises themselves.
- 3.2.2 Guidance sets out the steps to be followed when considering whether to adopt a special policy within the Statement of Licensing Policy. These include:
- identification of concern about crime and disorder or public nuisance;
 - consideration of whether there is good evidence that crime and disorder or nuisance are happening and are caused by the customers of licensed premises, or that the risk of cumulative impact is imminent;
 - identification of the boundaries of the area where problems are occurring;
 - consultation with those specified in section 5(3) of the 2003 Act, and subject to the outcome of the consultation;
 - including details of the special policy in the published Licensing Policy Statement.
- 3.2.3 With effect from 6th April 2018 Cumulative Impact Assessments (CIA) were put on a legal footing and introduced into the Licensing Act 2003 by the Policing and Crime Act 2017. Section 5A of the 2003 Act now sets out what a licensing authority needs to do in order to publish a CIA and review it.
- 3.2.4 Previous editions of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy have included special saturation policies for Oxford City Centre and East Oxford, adopted following assessment of the particular impact from the concentration of licensed premises in those areas. These policies were adopted following government guidance applicable at the time.
- 3.2.5 The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy was adopted on 17th February 2021. However, the review of the previous Special Saturation Policies had been disrupted by the Covid19 pandemic and no realistic assessment of cumulative impact had been possible in accordance with section 5A. Therefore, the Council determined no introduction of a formal

Special Saturation Policy at that time.

- 3.2.6 The effect of adopting a Special Saturation Policy is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates or material variations to these will normally be refused, if Relevant Representations to that effect are received, unless it can be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. Applicants would need to address the Special Saturation Policy issues in their Operating Schedules in order to rebut such a presumption. However this presumption does not relieve Responsible Authorities or other persons of the need to make a Relevant Representation before the Licensing Authority may lawfully consider giving effect to its Special Saturation Policy. Responsible Authorities, such as the Police, or other persons can make written Relevant Representations maintaining that it is necessary to refuse the application for the promotion of the prevention of public nuisance, or crime and disorder and referring to information which had been before the Authority when it developed a Special Saturation Policy for inclusion in its Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 3.2.7 Special Saturation Policies should never be used as a ground for revoking an existing licence or certificate when Relevant Representations are received about problems with those premises. In this context, the “cumulative impact” on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a concentration of multiple licensed premises should only give rise to a Relevant Representation when an application for the grant or variation of a licence or certificate is being considered. A review must relate specifically to individual premises, and by its nature, “cumulative impact” relates to the effect of a concentration of many premises.
- 3.2.8 Having regard to Guidance, evidence from Thames Valley Police and other Responsible Authorities and representations received, the Authority has conducted a Cumulative Impact Assessment and considered it necessary to adopt special policies to limit the cumulative impact of licensed premises in Oxford city centre and East Oxford. The areas covered by these policies are defined in Appendixes 10 and 11. Evidence to support these special policies can be found in Appendix 12.

Policy GN 19: Special Saturation Policy

It is the Authority's policy, if Relevant Representations are made, to refuse applications for new or material variations to, Premises Licences or Club Premises Certificates in the Special Saturation Policy Areas. A material variation would be where modifications are directly relevant to the Special Saturation Policy, for example an application to vary a licence with a view to increasing the occupancy limit of a premises or to extending the operating hours where evidence demonstrates that the variation would add to the problems of cumulative impact. If an application for a licence in either of these areas is made the Authority will expect the applicant to demonstrate in their Operating Schedule, the steps to be taken to prevent problems relating to nuisance and public safety and the steps to be taken to promote the reduction of crime and disorder. The Authority will consider the individual merits of any application, together with the Relevant Representations made, and where it feels that to grant the application would be unlikely to add significantly to the cumulative impact in light of the licensing objectives, the Authority will grant the application. The Authority recognises that if no Relevant Representations are made regarding an application for a licence in an area where the Special Saturation Policy exists, the Authority must and will grant the licence. The Special Saturation Policy will never be used as a ground for revoking an existing licence or certificate.

The Authority will regularly monitor the impact of this Special Saturation Policy. If it becomes evident that the criteria for such a policy are no longer met, the Authority will arrange for it to be discontinued or for the designated area to be redefined.

Other areas may also be considered in the future for the adoption of a Special Saturation Policy where the licensing objectives are likely to be undermined due to cumulative impact. These areas will be subject to public consultation.

4 Pool of conditions

4.1 Pool of conditions

- 4.1.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance requires the Authority's licensing policy to “make clear that a key concept underscoring the 2011 Act is that conditions attached to licences and

certificates should be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and events concerned.” It also states that “This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions.” The Authority will therefore need access to a wide range of appropriate conditions from which it can draw.

- 4.1.2 Provided no Representation or Relevant Representation has been received, the type and extent of conditions to be affixed to a Premises Licence will be determined by officers acting under delegated authority, and consistent with the operating schedule.
- 4.1.3 Where another person has made a Relevant Representation or a Responsible Authority has made a Representation, a Licensing Casework Sub-Committee will hear the case and may attach conditions to a licence. Use of standard conditions on all licences will be avoided, as will conditions that are unnecessary because other legislation makes adequate and appropriate provision for applicants’ compliance.

Policy GN 20: Pool of conditions

The Authority will maintain a pool of conditions, devised by The Licensing Authority, Thames Valley Police and Environmental Health, from which appropriate and proportionate conditions can be drawn. The Authority will adapt such conditions as necessary for promoting licensing objectives to suit the individual circumstances of each application for a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate.

Policy GN 21: Pool of conditions: premises-specific

The Authority will not apply standard conditions to every Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate that it issues, other than the mandatory conditions where alcohol is sold or supplied

Policy GN 22: Pool of conditions: additions

The Authority may add to the pool of conditions each condition that is developed to suit the individual circumstances of each application, so that it may be used as the basis of development of other conditions. The Authority will develop such conditions with regard to:

- (a) the 2003 Act;
- (b) the Secretary of State’s Guidance;
- (c) this Statement of Licensing Policy;
- (d) a condition attached to a permission, which requires conversion to a new Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate; and
- (e) a statement made in the operating schedule by an applicant for a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate.

4.2 Live music, dancing and theatre

- 4.2.1 It would be inappropriate to expect organisers of small-scale activities (200 people “permitted capacity limit”) to incur the potentially substantial costs of complying with conditions that are more appropriate to larger events. Such small-scale activities will tend to be those that are arranged for small community groups or for children and have the potential for generating wider cultural benefits for communities generally.
- 4.2.2 The imposition of inappropriate conditions might entail substantial costs and so inadvertently deter live music, dancing and theatre in community centres, small venues or venues that are likely to be used only infrequently.
- 4.2.3 The Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation of Schedule 1 of the 2003 Act further reduces the burden placed upon those wishing to host entertainment events, and the Authority will be mindful of events that host entertainment deemed to no longer fall within the requirements of the 2003 Act. Details as to what activities are now exempt from the licensing regime can be found at Appendix 5.

Policy GN 23: Live music, dancing and theatre

The Authority will take proper account of the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre in balance with the potential for disturbance from these activities. In determining what conditions should be attached to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates, the Authority will take account of the need to avoid measures whose potential for imposing substantial costs could inadvertently deter live performances, especially at smaller venues.

5 Licensing hours

5.1 Licensing hours

- 5.1.1 With regard to licensing hours it is emphasised that each application will be considered on its individual merits. The Authority recognises that, in some circumstances, flexible licensing hours for the sale of alcohol can help to ensure that the concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously are avoided. This can help to reduce the friction at late night fast food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport, which can lead to disorder and disturbance. Providing customers with greater choice and flexibility is an important consideration, but will always be balanced against the duty to promote the four licensing objectives and the rights of local residents to peace and quiet.

Policy LH 1: Zoning

The Authority will not generally restrict trading hours, but may restrict hours for particular premises if a Responsible Authority makes an appropriate Representation or an interested Party makes an appropriate Relevant Representation and this will promote the licensing objective.

Policy LH 2: Staggered closing times

The Authority will not seek to engineer any pattern of closing times ('staggered closing times') by setting quotas for particular closing times.

Policy LH 3: Licensing hours not limited

The Authority will not reduce the hours permitted for licensable activities to less than those stated in an application, unless a Representation or a Relevant Representation indicates that this is necessary and then only in the context of the individual merits of that application.

5.2 Display of operating hours

- 5.2.1 Licensing hours and the closing time of premises may be different. The cessation of licensable activities may take place at some time prior to actual closing time for the premises depending on the nature of the activities.
- 5.2.2 The Authority considers that it would be beneficial for potential customers and Interested Parties living or working nearby to be able easily to discover when licensed premises are likely to be operational.

Policy LH 4: Display of operating hours

Where appropriate the Authority normally expects to see a notice stating the actual operating hours of the premises displayed conspicuously outside every public entrance to a premise operating under a Premises Licence.

Policy LH 5: Closing times

In determining applications, the Authority will take into account the time that it is proposed to close the premises where patrons have been attracted to attend by a licensable activity. Regard will also be had to matters such as the nature of the locality and the availability of public transport at the time that the premises propose to close.

The Authority considers that licensable activities should normally cease not later than 30 minutes before final closure of the premises.

5.3 Dispersal procedures

- 5.3.1 Organised dispersal procedures can help to prevent crime, disorder and public nuisance where large numbers of persons leave licensed premises over a concentrated period of time. This applies whether customers leave in small numbers over an extended period, or in large numbers.
- 5.3.2 The Authority considers that dispersal procedures, on which all staff employed at the licensed premises are trained, are particularly necessary for premises at which regulated entertainment or the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises will continue after midnight. Persons living in the vicinity may experience the effects of the dispersal of customers from licensed premises as public nuisance. Such problems can be minimised

through orderly dispersal.

- 5.3.3 Staff trained in dispersal procedures could also play a key role in the event of emergency evacuation.

Policy LH 6: Dispersal procedures

Where appropriate, the Authority expects Premises Licence applicants for premises that will remain open beyond midnight and will be open primarily for public entertainment or the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, or both, to submit a written statement with their application covering procedures for orderly dispersal of patrons at closing time to minimise any negative impact locally and to support the rights and needs of residents and businesses.

Such a statement should show how all staff in the premises are trained in its implementation.

The Authority expects any dispersal procedure to state the time at which the licensable activities cease and the later, actual, closure time of the premises.

5.4 Latest admission times

- 5.4.1 It is undesirable that persons should seek to 'top up' their alcohol intake by 'club-hopping' and seeking out those premises that are admitting customers at the latest times as crime, disorder and public nuisance in urban centres can be increased by persons moving between venues late at night.
- 5.4.2 Establishing last entry times can reduce the tendency of customers to concentrate at those premises which remain open the latest, without restricting the hours of trading. This will encourage dispersal and reduce the pressure on late-night refreshment outlets and transport facilities that can lead to disorder problems. It will therefore assist with objectives to prevent public nuisance and crime and disorder in certain circumstances.

Policy LH 7: Latest admission times

The Authority expects latest admission times to apply, for example, in areas where there is a concentration of premises that continue to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises and provide Regulated Entertainment after midnight.

The Authority expects the latest admission time to be at least one hour before cessation of the licensable activity.

5.5 Hours for 'off-sales' of alcohol

- 5.5.1 The Government suggests that the norm will be for all shops, stores and supermarkets with Premises Licences that permit the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises to be free to provide such sales of alcohol at any times when the retail outlet is open for shopping unless there are very good reasons for restricting those hours.
- 5.5.2 Where a licence permits the sale of alcohol in general terms such as 'during opening hours', the Authority, Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties would have no role in determining the availability of alcohol in any subsequent changes to shopping hours. Therefore any conditions on the timing of alcohol sales should state specific times.

Policy LH 8: Hours for 'Off-Sales' of Alcohol

The Authority will normally approve an application for licensing hours for retail premises that permit the sale of alcohol (for consumption off the premises) at any time that the retail premises are open for shopping.

Where there are good reasons for restricting those hours, the Authority will specify the particular hours during which the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises is permitted. In such cases the Authority will not specify those hours in general terms, such as 'at any time that the retail premises are open for shopping'.

If a Representation or a Relevant Representation is made to the Authority, concerning premises intended for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, that those premises are likely to become a focus for disturbance or public nuisance, the Authority reserves the right to restrict trading hours as one mechanism of combating such problems.

6 Children and licensed premises

6.1 Access to premises

- 6.1.1 The 2003 Act does not prohibit children who are accompanied by an adult from having free access to licensed premises of all kinds, including those selling alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- 6.1.2 However, the 2003 Act makes it an offence for any child under the age of 16 who is not accompanied by an adult from being present:
- at any time on pub premises, or other premises being used exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on those premises; or
 - between the hours of midnight and 5am on restaurant premises, or other premises that supply alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- 6.1.3 Apart from the above, the admission of children is a matter for the discretion of the individual licensee or club, unless conditions included in a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate limit the access of children.
- 6.1.4 The fact that the new offence may effectively bar children under 16, who are not accompanied by an adult, from premises where the consumption of alcohol is the exclusive or primary activity does not mean that the 2003 Act automatically permits unaccompanied children under the age of 18 to have free access to other premises or to the same premises even if they are accompanied or to premises where the consumption of alcohol is not involved. The 2003 Act includes on the one hand, no presumption of giving children access or on the other hand, no presumption of preventing their access to licensed premises. Each application and the circumstances obtaining at each premises must be considered on its own merits.

Policy CH 1: Access by children to Licensed Premises not a requirement

The Authority will not apply conditions to Premises Licences that require that children must be given access.

Policy CH 2: Restrictions on access by children to Licensed Premises (1)

The Authority will not apply conditions to Premises Licences that limit the access of children except to the extent that:

- (a) it considers necessary for the prevention of harm to children (with regard to a Representation or Relevant Representation on the application); or
- (b) applicants have included such restrictions in their operating schedules as a result of risk assessments that determined that the presence of children would be undesirable or inappropriate.

- 6.1.5 The range of situations in policy CH 3, enables the Authority to restrict the access of children to any premises, by taking appropriate account of the 'reputation' of those premises in addition to the formal aspects of an application.

Policy CH 3: Restrictions on access by children to Licensed Premises (2)

In considering access by children to licensed premises, the Authority will address the individual merits of each application with regard to any Representation or Relevant Representation on the application and, in particular, will take account of situations:

- (a) where entertainment or services of an adult or sexual nature are commonly provided;
- (b) where current staff working at the premises have been convicted of serving alcohol to minors, or the premise have a reputation for underage drinking;
- (c) with a known association with drug taking or dealing;
- (d) where requirements for proof of age cards or other age identification to combat the purchase of alcohol by minors is not the norm;
- (e) where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises; or
- (f) where the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the exclusive or primary purpose of the services provided at the premises.
- (g) and any other occurrence that the Authority determines is contrary to the licensing objectives.

- 6.1.6 The range of options in policy CH 4, which can be applied singly or in combination, enables the Authority to apply conditions to a Premises Licence, or Club Premises Certificate, that are in proportion to the scale of a perceived problem.

Policy CH 4: Restrictions on access by children to Licensed Premises (3)

The Authority will rarely apply a complete ban on access by children to any individual licensed premises. However when, in response to a Representation or Relevant Representation, the Authority considers that access by children should be limited, it will apply one or more conditions (to the whole, or parts, of the premises) that include the following options (singly, or in combination):

- (a) limitations on the hours when children may be present;
- (b) age limitations (below specified ages younger than 18);
- (c) limitations or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;
- (d) requirements for accompanying adults (including requirements that apply only to children below specified ages);
- (e) checking proof of age;
- (f) full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.

6.2 Prevention of alcohol consumption by minors

- 6.2.1 In most circumstances, the consumption of alcohol by minors would be illegal. The Authority considers that it would also contribute to harm to children, so systems should be put in place to ensure compliance with the law. The Authority encourages the development of a culture in which the checking of proof-of-age cards is accepted as the norm in circumstances where doubt might otherwise exist (e.g. Challenge 25)
- 6.2.2 The Authority will maintain close contact with the police, social care teams, health services and Trading Standards about the extent of unlawful sales and consumption of alcohol by minors and be involved in the development of strategies to control or prevent these unlawful activities and to pursue prosecutions.

Policy CH 5: Prevention of under-age consumption of alcohol

The Authority expects Personal Licence holders to ensure that alcohol is not supplied to persons under 18 except as permitted under the 2003 Act and expects every premises where alcohol is supplied to include, in its operating schedule, a management protocol for achieving this.

6.3 Entertainment for and by children

- 6.3.1 Entertainment specifically for children (for example, pantomimes) can attract large numbers of unaccompanied children. The Authority expects the licence holder to undertake a risk assessment including details of how they will ensure the safe access and egress of children, and the management of children during the event.
- 6.3.2 The Authority expects the licence holder to provide them with a copy of their safeguarding policy and procedures.
- 6.3.3 The Authority expects licensees to provide attendants, at all performances specially presented for children, in accordance with model national standard conditions.
- 6.3.4 The Authority expects teenage discos and similar events to be ticket-only. This is because there is a risk that when 'pay-at-the-door' events reach capacity, children will be left alone on the street.
- 6.3.5 The Authority has an obligation to report people in a position of trust (employed or volunteer) to the LADO if a safeguarding concern is reported. A referral must be made in all cases where it is alleged that a person who works or volunteers with children has:
- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child; or
 - Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
 - Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children; or
 - Behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates that they may not be suitable to work with children
- 6.3.6 The Authority has a duty to make barring referrals to the DBS if it thinks a person has

either:

- Harmed or poses a risk of harm to a child or vulnerable adult
- Has satisfied the harm test; or
- Has received a caution or conviction for a relevant offence and;
- The person they're referring is, has or might in future be working in regulated activity and;
- The DBS may consider it appropriate for the person to be added to a barred list

Policy CH 6: Regulated entertainment for children

The Authority expects that, where regulated entertainment includes performances specially presented for children, applicants will include in their risk assessment details of the number of attendants that will be on duty to ensure the safety of children and to control the access and egress of children, and the management of children during the event. The Authority will also expect a copy of the applicant's safeguarding policy and procedures.

Policy CH 7: Regulated entertainment with child performers

For licences that include performances by children, the Authority will normally expect a nominated adult to be responsible for such child performers.

Policy CH 8: Persons supervising children - DBS checks

In premises where children's entertainment is provided and particularly where children participate in providing entertainment, the Authority would normally expect that any person who will be engaged in supervising children to have been subject to a check through the Enhanced Disclosure procedure of the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Policy CH 9: Regulated entertainment for children – ticket only policy

The Authority expects that Regulated Entertainment organised for teenage children in the form of a disco or similar event will normally be managed as ticket-only events, with no tickets available at the door.

If pre-ticketing is not to be used, the Authority expects the applicant to demonstrate what alternative arrangements will be used to control admissions and prevent disorder.

6.4 Film exhibitions

- 6.4.1 In the case of premises giving film exhibitions the Authority expects applicants to describe in their operating schedules their arrangements for ensuring compliance with the film classification recommendations that apply.

Policy CH 10: Film Classification (1)

To every Premises Licence that authorises the exhibition of films, the Authority will attach a mandatory condition requiring the admission of children to the exhibition of any film to be restricted in accordance with:

- the recommendations of the film classification body specified in the licence, (which will normally be the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) see Appendix 3), or
- the Authority's recommendation.

The Authority will attach a similar condition to every Club Premises Certificate that authorises the exhibition of films.

Policy CH 11: Film Classification (2)

The Authority will not apply its own system of classification for the majority of films. However, provided the operator submits the film for classification at least 28 days before the proposed date of showing, the Authority may classify a film:

- that has no BBFC classification; or
- that has a BBFC classification, but the operator has requested the Authority to consider reclassification and the Authority agrees to do so, or
- where there has been a Relevant Representation from another person or a Representation from any Responsible Authority with an interest in the protection of children from harm.

The Authority will have regard to the BBFC classification system, the BBC Code for Producers and the Ofcom/Broadcasting Standards Commission Broadcasting Code when making any decision on the classification of films.

Any classification made by the Authority will have precedence over any other classification.

Policy CH 12: Exhibition of film – display of notices

The Authority will expect applications to ensure that appropriate notices are displayed about restrictions on admission and that performances do not take place in areas other than where they can be restricted to a particular audience when necessary.

7 Licence Applications

7.1 General

- 7.1.1 Applications that are incomplete, or fail to comply with the requirements of the 2003 Act will impose additional administrative burdens that hinder the Authority's ability to process the applications that do comply. The Authority will therefore return applications that it considers incomplete, as it considers that applicants should retain the responsibility for ensuring their applications comply with the requirements of the 2003 Act.
- 7.1.2 The 2003 Act requires some applications to be advertised for a set period, or to be copied to the Police or other Responsible Authorities. This gives other persons and Responsible Authorities an opportunity to make Representations about the application to the licensing authority, i.e. those which are not frivolous or vexatious and which relate to the licensing objectives. The Authority considers that the failure of an applicant to comply with these requirements is appropriate grounds for rejecting an application.
- 7.1.3 Applications may be made via the Council's website, emailed to licensing@oxford.gov.uk, by post to the address given in Appendix 9, and in person at our offices if circumstances allow.
- 7.1.4 Once an application has been accepted, any amendments to the application, unless made in response to a Representation or Relevant Representation, must normally be made by way of an application for variation or a fresh application. The Authority therefore recommends that applicants discuss their proposals with the appropriate Responsible Authority before finalising their submission.
- 7.1.5 Where applications are silent on particular issues, such as the use of special effects or the type of events to be held, this will limit the range of activities permitted under the Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate that is granted.

Policy LA 1: Licence applications – acceptance

The Authority requires applications to comply with the requirements of the 2003 Act before they are registered as being received.

The Authority will return to the applicant any application that it discovers to be incomplete because it does not comply with the 2003 Act, including any requirement to advertise or failure to provide a complete copy to a Responsible Authority.

If the Authority returns an application to an applicant for any of the above reasons, it will treat the application as not received. This Policy will apply regardless of any proof of delivery of the application to the Authority.

7.2 Personal Licences

- 7.2.1 The Authority seeks to ensure that it grants only those applications which satisfy the relevant licensing objectives and that the Police have the necessary information on which to base any Representation they may wish to make to the Authority, if applicable. This is because the holder of a Personal Licence should be a person who is not only properly qualified but someone who will contribute to crime prevention.
- 7.2.2 An application for a personal licence is made by an individual to the Licensing Authority for the area in which the applicant normally lives. Thereafter, this Licensing Authority

becomes the “Relevant Licensing Authority” for that licence, even though the licence holder may move out of the area or gain employment elsewhere. Licence holders must notify their ‘Relevant Licensing Authority’ when they move address.

- 7.2.3 The Licensing Authority will grant a personal licence if it appears that:
- the applicant is over 18;
 - the applicant possesses a relevant licensing qualification;
 - the applicant has not forfeited a personal licence in the previous five years beginning with the day the application was made;
 - the applicant has not been convicted of any relevant offence as defined in the Act;
 - the appropriate fee has been paid.
- 7.2.4 Where an applicant has a relevant unspent conviction we will supply a copy of the application to Thames Valley Police. The police can object to the application on crime prevention grounds, and they will serve a notice if they want to object.
- The applicant is entitled to a hearing before the Licensing Sub-Committee where the applicant can bring evidence to support the application.
- 7.2.5 If an application is refused, the applicant will be entitled to appeal to the Magistrates’ Court against the decision. If the application is granted despite a police representation, the Chief Officer of Police is entitled to appeal against the Licensing Authority’s determination. We will therefore record full reasons for any decision that they make.
- 7.2.6 A Personal licence holder has a duty to notify the Licensing Authority that granted the licence of any changes to their personal details i.e. change of address or name. If they are charged with any relevant offence they have a duty to inform the court that they hold a personal licence. They must notify us if they lose their licence or if it is stolen.
- 7.2.7 The Authority acknowledges that the Government has determined that any Personal Licence due to expire after 1st April 2015 will not require renewing.
- 7.2.8 An individual who wishes to be a designated premises supervisor (DPS) will need to obtain a personal licence. This gives the individual the ability to authorise the sale of alcohol in accordance with the terms of the premises licence.
- 7.2.9 The police may object to a DPS where, in exceptional circumstances, they believe that the appointment would undermine the “crime prevention” objective. Where the police object we must arrange for a hearing to consider the application. Either party then has a further right of appeal at the Magistrates’ Court if they disagree with the determination of the Licensing Casework Sub-Committee.

7.3 Premises Licences

General Prevention of Public Nuisance

- 7.3.1 Frequent complaints can be received about noise from the operation of licensed premises. Any noise nuisance from a licensed premises can be reported to the relevant department via the Council website, by calling 01865 249811 or emailing saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk or noise@oxford.gov.uk Responsible operators will wish to avoid enforcement action having to be taken under licensing or other legislation. Applicants for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates are advised to consider measures that prevent noise nuisance from occurring.
- 7.3.2 A Noise Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, or a Warning Notice under the Noise Act 1996 may be served on premises that cause a statutory nuisance through failure to meet appropriate standards for preventing the escape of noise, regardless of the conditions of any Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate.
- 7.3.3 Powers also exist for the Police and the Council to deal with noise issues that may affect persons living in the vicinity of licensed premises selling alcohol and/or providing Regulated Entertainment.
- 7.3.4 However, it will normally be appropriate for applicants for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates to suggest measures that are adequate to deal with the potential for nuisance and/or anti-social behaviour having regard to all the circumstances of the application.
- 7.3.5 As noise could emanate not only from the playing of music but also from air handling

equipment or the patrons, applicants may wish to consider undertaking sound tests to ensure that the level of noise leakage from the premises is acceptable given the location.

- 7.3.6 Night-time trading can increase noise and disturbance for local residents and result in damage to property in the vicinity of licensed premises. The Authority may consider that there are benefits to be achieved in minimising public nuisance by curtailing hours of operation, generally or on specific occasions, if a Representation or a Relevant Representation is made to that effect.
- 7.3.7 The Authority advises applicants to give special consideration to noise control measures if proposing to provide Regulated Entertainment or to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises beyond midnight.
- 7.3.8 Different approaches to prevention of public nuisance will apply to a Premises Licence application for Regulated Entertainment, given the nature of the activities, and special circumstances that can arise in relation to those activities, for example:
- longer hours of operation;
 - noise pollution issues;
 - public nuisance caused by people queuing to obtain admission;
 - general safety for the public in a crowded and or dimly lit environment; and
 - congregation of patrons outside licensed premises.
- The applicant will be expected to include relevant conditions, taken from the Council's pool of conditions or their own recommendations, related to the prevention of public nuisance in their operating schedule.
- 7.3.9 Section 177 of the 2003 Act provides that, at premises licensed for music and with a permitted capacity of not more than 200 persons, conditions relating to the provision of music entertainment do not have effect for unamplified music between 8.00am and midnight, unless they derive from the operating schedule, or are imposed due to a review.

Policy LA 2: Premises Licence – Regulated Entertainment (General)

Where appropriate, the Authority expects the applicant to address sources of noise leakage in practical ways such as (these measures may be employed singly or in combination):

- (a) providing adequate mechanical ventilation so that doors and windows can be kept closed;
- (b) ensuring that the mechanical ventilation is adequately sound-proofed;
- (c) installing a sound limiting device to prevent sound exceeding an appropriately defined level;
- (d) installing sound proofing measures to contain sound and vibration;
- (e) other organisational measures to ensure that potential sound leakage is contained, particularly from special events;
- (f) having a queue management policy.

Applicants should ensure that they carefully consider Approved Document F (Ventilation) in the Building Regulations 2000 when deciding on the levels and types of activities proposed.

Policy LA 3: Premises Licence – Noise control to suit late night trading

The Authority will, in response to a Representation or a Relevant Representation, and if considered necessary, apply conditions on noise control that suit the licensing hours for premises in areas that include residential accommodation. These conditions may be sourced from the pool of conditions, available to be viewed on the Council website, or bespoke conditions in collaboration with the appropriate Responsible Authority.

Addressing local concerns

- 7.3.10 Noise nuisance can adversely affect residents living near to licensed premises or business premises in their vicinity if measures taken to deal with noise are inadequate. Management logging of complaints and adoption of procedures for overcoming reported problems will assist with the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. Sight of a complaints log will also provide the Authority with information necessary to assess the effectiveness of the management of the premises with regard to the licensing objectives. Residents can contact can report any noise nuisance from a licensed premises by calling 01865 249811 or emailing saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk or noise@oxford.gov.uk or via our website: www.oxford.gov.uk.

Policy LA 4: Premises Licence – Addressing local concerns

The Authority expects applicants to address how other persons may raise matters of concern directly with those responsible for managing the premises and how those matters will be effectively addressed. A suitable contact number for the premises to be provided to local residents is advised.

Policy LA 5: Premises Licence – Safer Nightlife

Special attention should be given to the organisation and risk assessments for such events, taking into account the advice and guidance in the 'Safer Nightlife' booklet and the need for higher levels of vigilance than required for normal dance events. In particular the Authority will expect increased levels of supervision, medical/first aid provision, on-premises drug counselling/advisory services and other arrangements to ensure the safety of patrons attending the event and those supervising it. Additional measures to prevent public nuisance arising from loud music being played at such events must be considered.

Special Effects

7.3.11 The Authority expects those applicants who propose to provide Regulated Entertainment and to use special effects, to adequately address the implications of risk assessments in their operating schedules and so ensure that public safety is not adversely affected.

7.3.12 Regulated Entertainment can involve special effects such as:

- dry ice machines - cryogenic fog;
- smoke machines - fog generators;
- pyrotechnics including fireworks;
- real flame;
- firearms;
- motor vehicles;
- strobe lighting;
- lasers;
- explosives and highly inflammable substances.

Policy LA 6: Premises Licence – Special Effects

The Authority expects that a proper risk assessment be undertaken where any regulated entertainment is proposed that potentially involves danger to the audience or performers. The organiser should take appropriate measures that are designed to ensure that the risk is effectively removed.

Sanitary Accommodation

7.3.13 The Authority expects licensed premises to provide sanitary accommodation for both male and female customers, and are encouraged to include gender-neutral facilities, commensurate with maximum occupancy levels. This is to promote public safety and to minimise public nuisance caused by departing customers urinating in public places, as convenient alternative facilities may not be available when customers leave. Licensed premises are also encouraged to include provision of baby changing facilities in both male and female toilets, or an area accessible to all parents, regardless of gender.

7.3.14 BS 6465 states recommended levels of provision.

7.3.15 Local authorities can require provision of sanitary accommodation at premises providing entertainment, under S20 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. However, it would be preferable for applicants to make the necessary arrangements voluntarily in accordance with the BSI Standard.

Policy LA 7: Premises Licence – Sanitary Accommodation

The Authority requires premises to provide adequate and convenient sanitary accommodation to suit the needs and numbers of its customers, including those with disabilities, and commensurate with the nature of the licensable activities proposed.

7.4 Club Premises Certificates

- 7.4.1 The Government has emphasised that non-profit making clubs have made an important and traditional contribution to the life of many communities in England and Wales and bring significant benefits. Their activities also take place on private premises and they operate under codes of discipline applying to members and their families. In determining what conditions should be included in certificates, the Authority will bear these matters in mind and conditions will not be attached unless they can be demonstrated to be strictly necessary.

Qualifying Conditions

- 7.4.2 Section 61 of the 2003 Act sets out the conditions that a qualifying club must meet. Section 62 also sets out specified matters for licensing authorities to enable them to determine whether a club is established and conducted in good faith - the third qualifying condition. Section 63 sets out additional qualifying conditions that apply solely to clubs intending to supply alcohol to members and guests.

Policy LA 8: Club Premises Certificates – Club qualifying conditions

The Authority will require applicants to provide copies of the Club's Constitution and Rules for it to be able to determine whether the club is established and conducted in good faith as a club. This information must accompany the application.

Operating schedule

- 7.4.3 The range of issues that should be addressed in operating schedules will be premises-specific, but may include the issues listed in the 'OS' series of policies.

Policy LA 9: Club Premises Certificates – Scope of the operating schedule
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Where an applicant is required to provide an operating schedule, the Authority expects this to address the four licensing objectives through a comprehensive range of issues applicable to the location and activities proposed at the club premises.

Film and theatrical performances

- 7.4.4 The Authority may require the display of appropriate notices and restrictions on the entry of children, if performances include material that is not suitable for minors.
- 7.4.5 Where there is to be an exhibition of a film or a theatrical performance is to take place on club premises, applicants should refer to the 'CH' series of policies set out in this policy statement.
- 7.4.6 Where a special theatrical performance for children takes place in Club Premises then the Authority will expect the presence of sufficient adults to control the access and egress of the children and ensure their safety. Such numbers of adults should be agreed with the Authority before the performance takes place.
- 7.4.7 The Authority expects that a restriction on admission is applied in any case where a theatrical performance contains material which can be regarded as suitable for an adult audience only.

Policy LA 10: Club Premises Certificates – Film or Theatrical Performances

The Authority will require clubs to display appropriate notices about any restrictions on admission to film or theatrical performances and ensure that these do not take place in areas other than where they can be restricted to a particular audience when necessary.
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Gender equality in clubs

- 7.4.8 The Authority recognises that equal treatment for everyone is not a licensing objective. The Licensing Authority will expect member's clubs to ensure that their membership rules do not result in discrimination against a person on the basis of a protected characteristic, as detailed in the Equality Act 2010 – for example, maintaining different membership classes for persons of different genders.

Policy LA 11: Club Premises Certificates – Gender Equality

The Authority will not impose conditions that interfere with the arrangements for granting membership or voting within the club.
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7.5 Particular premises and activities

Pubs, Restaurants, Hotels, Guest Houses

- 7.5.1 The licensable activities in pubs, restaurants, hotels and guest houses are likely to require minimal conditions, provided they only undertake the sale of alcohol, or sale of alcohol with a meal.
- 7.5.2 The Authority expects those responsible for managing licensed premises to prevent public nuisance by ensuring that licensable activities likely to affect third parties are contained and properly managed.

Policy PP 1: Pubs, Restaurants, Hotels, Guest Houses

In pursuing family friendly environments for such establishments, the Authority expects applicants to ensure that the use of outdoor areas will not cause a public nuisance to nearby residents and expects applicants to demonstrate that they will appropriately manage activities in such areas. The Authority may exclude licensable activities from outside areas at appropriate times or in appropriate circumstances in response to a Relevant Representation.

High Volume Drinking Establishments

- 7.5.3 High Volume Drinking establishments (HVDs) are premises with exceptionally high capacities, used primarily or exclusively for the sale and consumption of alcohol with little or no seating for patrons. A comprehensive review of the research conducted in the last twenty-five years into alcohol and crime and its relationship to licensed premises shows that the environment within such establishments can have a significant bearing on the likelihood of crime and disorder arising on the premises.
- 7.5.4 The Authority considers that this research shows that HVDs do not further the licensing objectives.
- 7.5.5 The research indicates that the key points on preventing crime and disorder include:
- controlling the capacity to prevent overcrowding and frustration to customers;
 - ensuring adequate seating for customers; and
 - ensuring the provision of door security teams at the premises to control capacity and ensure already drunk or disorderly individuals are not admitted.

Policy PP 2: High Volume Drinking Establishments (HVDs)

Where necessary and appropriate, the Authority may attach conditions to Premises Licences for HVDs and similar premises (if not volunteered by the venue operator) following an appropriate Representation or Relevant Representation which require adherence to:

- (a) a prescribed capacity;
- (b) an appropriate ratio of tables and chairs to customers based on the capacity; and
- (c) the presence of Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered security teams to control entry for the purpose of compliance with the capacity, and to carry out security duties in other parts of the premises.

Internet sales, Mail Order and Home Deliveries

- 7.5.6 The place where the order for alcohol, or payment for it, takes place may not be the same as the place where the alcohol is appropriated to the contract (i.e. the place where it is identified and specifically set apart for delivery to the purchaser). This position can arise when sales are made online, by telephone, or mail order. Section 190 of the 2003 Act provides that the sale of alcohol is to be treated as taking place where the alcohol is appropriated to the contract. It will be the premises at this location which need to be licensed; for example, a call centre receiving orders for alcohol would not need a licence but the warehouse where the alcohol is stored and specifically selected for, and despatched to, the purchaser would need to be licensed.

This may differ with Home deliveries if the alcohol is being stored where sales are taking place. However the Council will carefully consider the distance selling supply chain in deciding where the alcohol is appropriated to the contract. The Licensing Authority has received numerous applications for home delivery services from venues such as storage warehouses as well as residential addresses.

Designated sports grounds

- 7.5.7 The Authority expects organisers of sporting events to make appropriate arrangements to limit the possibility of crowd disturbance within sports stadiums and to take steps to minimise the incidence of public nuisance within the vicinity of stadiums in accordance with licensing objectives to prevent crime, disorder and public nuisance.
- 7.5.8 Issues of disorder among, or safety of, spectators can arise at sporting events and crowd control in and around grounds can be affected where licensable activities such as the sale of alcohol take place.

Policy PP 3: Designated Sports Grounds, Events and Outdoor Stadiums
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If the Police make a Representation, the Authority may seek to restrict sales of alcohol at sporting events to specific areas of the venue, to times set relative to particular performances or events, or to set times and may require different arrangements for public and private areas.
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Garages and Service Areas

- 7.5.9 Section 176 of the 2003 Act provides for a general prohibition on the sale of alcohol at motorway service areas and garage forecourts. The Government may, by order, alter the description of premises from which alcohol may be sold.
- 7.5.10 The 2003 Act largely maintains the situation in previous legislation which has allowed the sale of alcohol to develop in line with the range of goods available from garage shops as is now commonplace. Accordingly, where proper facilities are provided in the form of a shop at a garage, the Authority does not propose to preclude sales of alcohol within the range of goods available.

Policy PP 4: Garages and Service Areas

The Authority will apply no general restriction on the sale of alcohol from garage shops that also offer a substantial range of groceries for sale.

In order to establish that premises are not primarily used as a garage, which would prevent the sale of alcohol, an applicant will need to show the intensity of use by customers at the premises. This may be evidenced by lists of customers according to usage, or by sales figures classified according to purchases.

This policy does not amend the prohibition of alcohol sales at motorway service areas.
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Vessels (boats)

- 7.5.11 When licensing vessels, the Authority will consider the conduct of the proposed licensable activities in the context of the licensing objectives. In particular it will address the need for adequate control of licensable activities to further the public safety objective and to prevent public nuisance to residents in the vicinity of the vessel's navigational route.
- 7.5.12 The Authority will not be concerned with the safety of the vessel for carriage of passengers, or issues concerning the safe navigation of the vessel. These are matters dealt with under other legislation.

Policy PP 5: Vessels – Safety

The Authority expects the normal safety measures for a vessel to be supplemented as appropriate to suit the scale, nature and timing of any licensable activities that occur. In considering such matters, the Authority may consult with the Environment Agency or any other authority with responsibility for the safety of vessels.
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Policy PP 6: Vessels – Noise

Licensable activities taking place on board a vessel must not cause noise nuisance or other public nuisance to people in the vicinity of a vessel's berth or the route of its navigation. Furthermore, in response to a Representation or Relevant Representation, the Authority may require that specialist supervision in the form of Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered door staff or safety attendants is arranged in connection with any regulated entertainment which takes place on board.

Vehicles and Moveable Structures

7.5.13 Alcohol may not be sold on a moving vehicle but there may be a requirement for sale of alcohol and possibly other licensable activities to take place from a stationary vehicle or structure, for example one that is sited temporarily at an event.

7.5.14 Where a Premises Licence is required for the vehicle or structure, this will relate solely to the place where the vehicle is sited and the licensable activities are to take place.

Premises Licences for vehicles and moveable structures are therefore required wherever they are sited when licensable activities take place and this may well mean applications to more than one Licensing Authority.

Policy PP 7: Vehicles and Moveable Structures

The Authority expects the operator of any vehicle or moveable structure to ensure that it is located in an area that is appropriate for the proposed licensable activities.

It may not be appropriate to site any such vehicle or structure near to other licensed premises, or in an area subject to a Public Space Protection Order or where it may cause noxious smells or litter problems if operating between 23:00 and 05:00 hours.

7.5.15 The operator of a vehicle trading in a 'consent street' will continue to require a street trading consent in addition to any Premises Licence and the conditions attached to the street trading consent will continue to apply. Such conditions will normally be equally relevant to vehicles trading in areas where street trading consents are not required.

Policy PP 8: Late Night Refreshment Vehicles – outside consent streets

The Authority will seek to apply the conditions that apply to vehicles under street trading consents to the Premises Licences for vehicles or structures that provide late night refreshment in areas that are not consent streets.

No Premises Licence is valid for a vehicle within an area prohibited to street trading.

Late night refreshment

7.5.16 The 2003 Act requires that premises selling hot food or drink for consumption by members of the public on or off the premises, between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00 must have a Premises Licence.

7.5.17 Such premises include those dedicated to providing this service, restaurants (not only those that offer take-away facilities) and vehicles trading during these hours.

7.5.18 Premises engaged in the late night provision of hot food and drink are covered by the 2003 Act to enable appropriate controls to be introduced to reduce the incidence of disorder, disturbance and public nuisance that can arise if these venues become the focus for gatherings of people that have come from other venues and may have been consuming alcohol.

7.5.19 Management of late night refreshment venues needs to be undertaken effectively to assist in preventing crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

Policy PP 9: Late Night Refreshment

The Authority will look carefully at the scope of operation intended for late night refreshment premises. The Authority particularly expects applicants to address issues such as:

- (a) Hours of operation, to prevent public nuisance to any nearby residents, or problems of noxious smells and anti-social behaviour;
- (b) Supervision of queues and the management of large numbers of clientele descending on the premises at certain times - this could include door supervision to control surges of customers where this may occur;
- (c) Layout of the premises to cope with patrons e.g. position of counters, entrances and exits;
- (d) Litter control and environmental activities, such as litter picking including cigarette butts from patrons, provision of litter bins, street sweeping/washing in the immediate vicinity of the premises;
- (e) CCTV; and
- (f) Public safety, including the type of power supply to be used where the application is for a trading vehicle or moveable structure.

The Authority expects premises licensed for late night refreshment to have regard to the

'Voluntary Code of Practice for the Fast Food Industry' (DEFRA Oct 2003).

Policy PP 10: Take-away food outlets – presumption of no alcohol sales

The Authority will have a presumption against the sale of alcohol from premises where the primary activity during the hours 23:00 to 05:00 is the provision of take-away food unless it can be clearly shown that there will be no contribution to crime or disorder.

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises

7.5.20 It is not the Authority's policy generally to seek to restrict the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises. However, where premises are relatively isolated, with minimal levels of staffing, this can lead to problems of anti-social behaviour or disorder in the vicinity of the premises. Pressure can also be applied to staff to sell alcohol to persons who are under age or to those seeking to purchase high strength beers, lagers, ciders, etc.

7.5.21 Policy PP11 is intended to ensure that alcohol is sold only to those who are entitled to purchase it and that premises have proper checks in place to ensure that the restrictions are enforced, so that minors and those seeking to purchase high strength beers, lagers, ciders, etc. do not obtain access to alcohol which can lead to public nuisance or disorder. If deemed appropriate in order to address evidenced local concerns, the Responsible Authorities may seek licence holders to consider the impact on the licensing objectives when selling high strength beers, lagers, ciders, etc.

Policy PP 11: Supply of alcohol ('Off-sales')

For applications that include the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, the Authority will expect operating schedules to address how sales of alcohol will be confined to those entitled to purchase it and how the procedures will be consistently applied. The role of the Designated Premises Supervisor will be pivotal in this respect. The operating schedule should cover such practical issues as:

- (a) the display of prominent warning notices about the supply of alcohol to minors;
- (b) offences which adults can commit by buying alcohol for minors;
- (c) requirements for production of satisfactory proof of age;
- (d) Whether any high strength beers, lagers, ciders, etc. will be made available for sale.

The Authority expects that staff involved in the sale of alcohol will have had appropriate training in order to put the operating schedule into effect.

Times during which alcohol may be sold will be restricted if it appears to the Authority, as a result of a Representation or Relevant Representation, that this would promote the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance, crime and disorder.

The Authority will maintain close working relationships with both the Police and Trading Standards Officers who will conduct 'test purchasing' of alcohol under the 2003 Act in order to detect and prevent sales of alcohol to minors and to pursue prosecutions where appropriate.

Safe drinking-vessels

7.5.22 The Authority seeks to remove the risk of injury that could result from the use of particular types of drinks containers at particular venues, or in association with particular licensable activities.

7.5.23 The risk of injury can arise not only from the deliberate misuse of glass containers and bottles during disturbances, but also from accidental breakage in crowded or dark venues and from broken glass in parks, water features and swimming pools.

7.5.24 Where appropriate, such as where there are concerns about crime and disorder or public safety, the Authority will require all drinks to be supplied in containers that are safer than traditional glasses or bottles (e.g. polycarbonate, paper, environmentally sustainable materials where possible, or toughened glass). Where appropriate, bottled beverages should also be dispensed into safe containers. Premises may also consider the use of anti-drink spiking products.

Policy PP 12: Safe drinking-vessels

In appropriate circumstances, the Authority will require safe drinking-vessels to be used

wherever a material risk of injury might arise.

This policy applies not only to drinking vessels and containers for alcohol, but also to containers for soft drinks and water including any brought to the premises by customers.

Other potential weapons

Policy PP 13: Other potential weapons

In appropriate circumstances the Authority will require premises not to provide loose items that could be used as weapons, e.g. heavy or glass ashtrays, or unfixed furniture.

Large Scale and Outdoor Events

7.5.25 The Authority in partnership with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) regularly meets to discuss proposed large scale and outdoor events. The Authority encourages organisers of such events to approach council officers at the earliest opportunity to discuss the arrangements for the licensed activities involved. This may include the production of an Event Management Plan. It would normally be expected that reference should be made in the operating schedule to the Event Management Plan. The Authority will offer advice and assistance to organisers about this preparation through the Safety Advisory Group. In producing operating schedules and Event Management Plans for such events the organisers are encouraged to visit our Events page on our website: <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/20035/events> and should have regard to the following documents:

- Safety Guidance for Street Arts, Carnival Procession and Large Scale Performances published by the Independent Street Arts Network, obtainable through: <https://outdoorartsuk.org/>
- Safer Clubbing Guide.

7.5.26 However, those creating operating schedules or club operating schedules, licensing authorities and responsible authorities should again note that under no circumstances should any conditions be regarded as standard for all premises.

7.5.27 Any individual preparing an operating schedule or club operating schedule should volunteer any measure, such as those described in Section 8 of this Policy document and in the Authorities adopted Pool of Conditions, as a step he or she intends to take. Such measures will become conditions of the licence/certificate, and as such, any breach of these conditions could give rise to prosecution.

Policy PP 14: Large Scale and Outdoor events

The Authority expects the organiser of a large scale or outdoor event, except those that may be covered by Temporary Event Notices, to identify an adequate management team at an early stage and to designate a lead person to liaise with the Authority.

The Authority also expects a representative of an open-air event's organisers to attend co-ordination meetings with Responsible Authorities and the Council's Safety Advisory Group.

Sex-related entertainment

7.5.28 The Authority is not able to control the content of adult entertainment involving activities such as striptease or lap-dancing through the Licensing Act 2003.

7.5.29 Such premises are controlled under the amendments to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, which came in to force in this Authority on 10th June 2010.

Community Centres and Village Halls

7.5.30 The Authority encourages all Community Centres and Village Halls to apply for Premises Licences to cover all expected activities, as the managers of these venues are likely to find too restrictive the permitted annual number of Temporary Event Notices.

7.5.31 If alcohol is to be supplied, the Personal Licence Holder nominated as the Designated Premises Supervisor need not be a member of the management committee of the centre or hall.

Public spaces and council-controlled premises

- 7.5.32 In places for which the Council holds a Premises Licence entertainers will be able to give a performance, without the need to serve Temporary Event Notices or to apply for individual Premises Licences.
- 7.5.33 This approach will make it more possible for cultural diversity to thrive and will be a far simpler process for many types of entertainment that use numerous venues each year, such as circuses and street artists. However, entertainers will need to obtain the permission of the Council (as both landlord and Premises Licence holder) and comply with any conditions that might be imposed.
- 7.5.34 This approach may reduce the administrative burden on the Authority and ensure that licensable activities are encouraged in locations that the Authority considers appropriate and where the promotion of the licensing objectives has been previously considered and any potential noise nuisance can be properly managed.

Policy PP 15: Public spaces and council-controlled premises
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<p>The Authority encourages the Council and Oxfordshire County Council to seek Premises Licences for the purpose of particular types of public entertainment at premises under their control, such as community halls, parks and public open spaces.</p>
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<p>The Authority expects the organisers of proposed large-scale events in parks and public open spaces to apply for Premises Licences, because the Premises Licences held by the Council for these locations are likely to be of limited scope.</p>

7.6 Designated Premises Supervisors

- 7.6.1 In order for alcohol to be sold under a Premises Licence, the licence must name a Designated Premises Supervisor who holds a Personal Licence. Even though the Police may not object to the grant of a Personal Licence to a particular person, they may object to that person being named as the Designated Premises Supervisor for particular premises on grounds that the crime prevention objective is likely to be undermined. The Police can only challenge in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.6.2 Although the Designated Premises Supervisor has a key role in the management of premises, the 2003 Act does not require the Designated Premises Supervisor to present at the premises.
- 7.6.3 In the event of any problems, Authorised Persons will need recourse to the Designated Premises Supervisor who is in a pivotal position within licensed premises. The Designated Premises Supervisor must be managerially able to mobilise resources at the premises as necessary to assist the promotion of the licensing objectives. In order to comply with the conditions of the licence, this must include the ability to manage the systems described in the applicant's operating schedule.
- 7.6.4 On occasions where the Designated Premises Supervisor is not available then a nominated competent person must be available to oversee the day-to-day running and control of the premises and where appropriate this person shall be a Personal Licence holder.

Policy DPS 1: Designated Premises Supervisors
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<p>The Authority expects that under normal circumstances the Designated Premises Supervisor will be the person who has day-to-day responsibility for running the premises.</p>
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7.7 Temporary Event Notices

- 7.7.1 Under the 2003 Act, Temporary Event Notices enable licensable activities to take place outside the scope of a Premises Licence. These notices can be given for events that last no more than 168 hours and have less than 500 people present at any one time. There are annual restrictions on how many notices one person may give and on the number of times the same premises can be used.
- 7.7.2 By their nature, temporary events may not be as well-resourced as activities organised under a Premises Licence, so are potentially disruptive and can cause problems for residents and owners of property nearby. However, the legislative framework for temporary events envisages a 'light touch' by the Authority, the Police and the

Environmental Health Service.

- 7.7.3 A private event is exempt from a TEN for invited guests which is held in a hired private room and no sale of alcohol occurs. There must be no charge for admission which is intended to make a profit.
- 7.7.4 A maximum number of fifteen TENs can be submitted each calendar year for any premises. A premises can operate its business under TENs for a maximum of 21 days in a calendar year. For 2022 and 2023, the limits have been increased to 20 TENs for a maximum of 26 days.
- 7.7.5 The most important aspect of the system of permitted temporary activities is that no authorisation as such is required for these events from the Licensing Authority. The process involves notification of an event to the Licensing Authority, the police and the environmental health service. Only the police and environmental health may intervene to prevent such an event from taking place.
- 7.7.6 The Licensing Authority may only ever intervene itself, if the limit on numbers of events is exceeded. Otherwise, the Licensing Authority is only required to issue a timely acknowledgement.
- 7.7.7 There are two types of TENs – “**Standard**” and “**Late**” TENs.
- 7.7.8 A **Standard** TEN must be given to the Licensing Authority ten clear working days (being Monday - Friday) before the event, and a **Late** TEN must be given to the Licensing Authority no later than five clear working days (being Monday – Friday) before the event. Section 193 of the Act defines "working day" as any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in England and Wales. "Ten working days" notice means ten working days exclusive of the day on which the event is to start, and exclusive of the day on which the notice is given.
- 7.7.9 For a ‘**Standard**’ TEN, the Police and/or Environmental Health may submit an objection notice if they consider that by allowing the event to take place at least one licensing objective would not be met. Where the Police or Environmental Health object they will serve an objection notice on you. You can then discuss the event and agree modifications to address their concerns. If no agreement is reached, the Licensing Authority will hold a hearing to consider the objection. If the Police or Environmental Health object to a **Late** TEN, the event will not be permitted to go ahead because there is no means to arrange a hearing or agree modifications to the proposed event.
- 7.7.10 If the TEN is in connection with a licensed premises, the Licensing Casework Sub-Committee may impose one or more of the existing licence conditions. Conditions can **only** be imposed on the TEN where they already exist on the premises licence or the club premises certificate. The Act requires the conditions to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives **and** not inconsistent with the carrying out of the licensable activities.
- 7.7.11 Persons organising Temporary Events involving music should liaise with Environmental Health to discuss provisions necessary to prevent noise nuisance.
- 7.7.12 Any noise nuisance resulting from the licensable activities under a Temporary Event Notice can be reported by affected residents to the relevant department via the Council Website, by calling 01865 249811 or emailing saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk or noise@oxford.gov.uk

Policy TEN 1: Temporary Event Notices
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To be valid, Temporary Event Notices must be served on the Authority, with a copy to the Police Authority and the Environmental Health Service.

7.8 Provisional Statements; New or Substantially Altered Premises

- 7.8.1 Where premises are to be newly constructed, extended or substantially altered, an applicant who has an interest in the premises can apply for a ‘Provisional Statement’. This is in addition to any planning and building-control consents that may be required.
- 7.8.2 A Provisional Statement gives the applicant some assurance about the grant of a future application for a Premises Licence. This may be useful if the applicant has insufficient information to be able to complete the operating schedule that is necessary for a Premises Licence application or, if alcohol sales are proposed, is unable to name the proposed

Designated Premises Supervisor. An applicant with adequate information could apply, instead, for a Premises Licence at a suitable stage in design and construction.

Policy PR 1: Provisional Statements; new or substantially altered premises

The Authority will consider issuing a Provisional Statement for new premises, provided the applicant already holds appropriate planning consent.

Policy PR 2: Changes to provisional statements

Where there are any changes to the proposals before a substantive licence is granted, these must be dealt with by way of an application for variation.

Once the Authority has issued a Provisional Statement, it will exclude from its consideration any Representation or Relevant Representation made about the subsequent application for a Premises Licence if, without reasonable excuse, a substantially similar Representation or Relevant Representation could have been made about the application for the Provisional Statement. However, the Authority recognises that genuine and material changes may arise in the intervening period and the Authority reserves the right to entertain Representations and Relevant Representations that reflect changed circumstances.

A Provisional Statement may not be sought for a vessel, a vehicle or a moveable structure.

7.9 Minor Variations

7.9.1 The minor variations process allows licensees to make application to the Licensing Authority to make certain minor changes to an existing licence, without the need for a full application to vary the existing authorisation. Minor variations do not have to be copied to the Responsible Authorities by the applicant, the Licensing Authority will determine which Responsible Authorities, if any, shall be consulted and are only advertised by way of a white notice displayed at the premises for a period of ten working days starting on the first working day after the application was given to the Licensing Authority.

7.9.2 Minor variations can only be used in cases where the variation sought shall not impact adversely on the licensing objectives. There is no right to a hearing to take place to consider minor variations. The decision as to whether or not a minor variation is appropriate will be made by the officers of the Licensing Authority, and this decision shall be final. In making such decision, officers must have regard to any relevant representations received from other persons within the statutory time limit. Representations must be relevant where they relate to the likely effect of the grant of the application on one or more of the licensing objectives. Officers shall consult when and if necessary with the relevant Responsible Authorities.

7.9.3 If the Licensing Authority fails to respond to a request for a minor variation within fifteen working days, it is deemed refused and the Authority must return the fee to the applicant forthwith. However, the Licensing Authority and the applicant may agree instead that the undetermined application should be treated as a new application and that the fee originally submitted will be treated as a fee for the new application.

7.9.4 A minor variation should only be used in the following circumstances:

- Reductions in the hours during which licensable activities may take place
- Reduction in opening hours
- Minor changes to the layout of premises that do not impact on the licensing objectives, such as moving the location display cabinets for alcohol within a supermarket or shop.
- The removal of licensable activity
- Variation to the times alcohol is sold, where those times are between 07:00 hours and 23:00 hours.
- Adding conditions that will assist in promoting the licensing objectives
- Amending conditions that are badly worded
- Removing or amending conditions that are unenforceable
- Removing conditions that are obsolete.

7.9.5 Relevant Considerations:

- Whether the application increases the capacity for consuming alcohol on the premises
- Whether access to emergency exits or escape routes shall be blocked by the proposed

- changes
- Whether the alterations might affect the operation of noise reduction measures such as an acoustic lobby
- Whether the addition of a licensable activity might impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives, e.g. the addition of live or recorded music on the prevention of public nuisance objective. The proximity of the unlicensed premises to residential accommodation
- Conditions volunteered by the applicant to mitigate the effects of any changes
- The previous history of the premises
- The likely effect on surrounding premises

7.9.6 Residents and businesses are able to raise representations (objections) to applications for, and variation to premises licences. These must relate to the four licensing objectives and the proposals made in the application.

7.9.7 Details of applications and variations to premise licences will be required to be displayed on or outside the premises concerned.

7.9.8 For variations that include layout changes and submission of a revised plan of the premises, the licence holder is encouraged to include provisions for disabled people, including disabled access, if not already accommodated.

7.10 Members as Interested Parties

7.10.1 The law has changed, giving elected members will be able to both make representations and potentially call for reviews of licences. There are some caveats, the foremost being evidence to support your case.

7.10.2 This is a significant change from the previous situation, where individual Members could only make such representations if they lived in or had a business in the vicinity of the premises, or had been specifically asked to represent a constituent at a hearing.

7.10.3 The statutory constraints on the reasons for representations or reviews still apply – they may only be made on the grounds of one or more of the licensing objectives, which are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- public safety;
- the protection of children from harm.

7.10.4 Representations or applications for review on other grounds cannot be considered. For instance, public health is not a statutory objective and cannot be considered.

7.10.5 All representations or reviews:

- must be in writing, showing the name and address of the writer (the representation or review application must be published as part of the process) – there is a prescribed form for reviews on the Licensing webpage;
- must clearly set out the likely effects the grant of the licence would have on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives;
- must present evidence in support of the representation or review.
- must clearly relate to the premises for which application is being made.
- For example, representations on the basis of general noise and disturbance, without evidence of a link to specific premises, will carry little or no weight with the Sub-Committee.

8 Operating schedules

8.1 General

8.1.1 The operating schedule is a key document and, if prepared comprehensively, will form the basis on which premises can be licensed without the need for additional extensive conditions.

8.1.2 The Authority expects an operating schedule to indicate the steps that the applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives. It is particularly important that the operating schedules for appropriate premises should be precise and clear about measures that the management proposes to take to meet the licensing objectives.

8.1.3 The 'OS' series of policies indicates some of the issues that the Authority encourages

applicants to consider including in any operating schedule. They are intended to assist applicants in their consideration of how best to meet the licensing objectives and, in doing so, may help prevent Representations from Responsible Authorities that would otherwise result in a hearing.

8.2 Safety

- 8.2.1 Safety within premises to which the public are admitted is of fundamental concern and is therefore one of the licensing objectives. All these policies are designed to ensure that the objective is promoted as appropriate to the premises.
- 8.2.2 There are two aspects to safety to take into account, one being the form of construction of the premises, the other being the way in which the patrons are managed once in the premises.
- 8.2.3 The Authority will expect the premises to be constructed to the appropriate standards for the uses to which it is to be put. It expects applicants to have addressed the requirements of Health and Safety at Work and Fire Safety legislation. Where appropriate, applied standards set out in any technical guidance for construction of buildings for a particular purpose should also be met.
- 8.2.4 The Authority will expect the applicant to have considered provisions for disabled people, including disabled access to the premises.

Policy OS 1: Operating schedule – Safety

Those preparing operating schedules and Responsible Authorities should consider:

- (a) Model National and Standard Conditions for Places of Public Entertainment and Associated Guidance ISBN 1 904031 11 0 (Entertainment Technology Press - ABTT Publications);
- (b) The Event Safety Guide - A guide to health, safety and welfare at music and similar events (HSE 199) ('The Purple Book') ISBN 0 7176 2453 6;
- (c) Managing Crowds Safely (HSE 2000) ISBN 0 7176 1834 X;
- (d) 5 Steps to Risk Assessment: Case Studies (HSE 1998) ISBN 07176 15804;
- (e) Guide to Fire Precautions in Existing Places of Entertainment and Like Premises (Yellow Guide) HMSO ISBN 0 11 340907 9; and
- (f) advice from the Fire Officer or Building Control Officer.
- (g) Guidance from the Equality Act 2010 regarding provisions for persons with protected characteristics.

Policy OS 2: Operating schedule – Premises management and maintenance

The Authority expects operating schedules to detail how premises will be properly managed and maintained at all times.

Where necessary the operating schedule must reflect the management structures necessary to deal with the variety of activities taking place on the licensed premises on different days, at different times and in different parts of the premises at the same time.

Policy OS 3: Operating schedule – Log book

The Authority expects the managers of appropriate premises to maintain a log of activities for the premises that records the details of the manager and supervisory staff and the times that they are on duty, with details of incidents such as where people have been ejected from the premises.

Policy OS 4: Operating schedule – Occupancy limits

The Authority expects the operating schedule for each of the following types of premises to state the occupancy limits:

- (a) cinemas;
- (b) theatres;
- (c) any premises where Regulated Entertainment is to be provided;
- (d) any other premises, on the advice of a Responsible Authority where there are particular reasons to do so.

The Authority expects the operating schedule to state the occupancy limits of each floor of such premises and, where appropriate, separate areas on each floor, or under different operating conditions.

Policy OS 5: Operating schedule – Free drinking water

The Authority expects applicants to indicate how supplies of free drinking water will be made available and clearly advertised at appropriate events and venues, particularly those where Regulated Entertainment takes place over a lengthy period of time.

Policy OS 6: Smoke free Premises

The Authority expects operating schedules to detail how premises will be able to comply with the Health Act 2006 without compromising any of the four licensing objectives (e.g. re-entry policies, drinks supervision, litter management and noise control etc. Applicants may wish to include additional plans to highlight any smoking areas they propose to use.

8.3 CCTV

- 8.3.1 The Authority seeks to further the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder through greater use of CCTV in licensed premises, as appropriate to the scale and type of licensable activities proposed. CCTV is in wide use in public areas and has been successful in bearing down on crime and disorder. CCTV has also been in use in nightclubs to complement the CCTV system in public areas and to record information for use in dealing with incidents in clubs.

Policy OS 7: Operating schedule – CCTV

For appropriate premises, the Authority expects the use of CCTV equipment to capture images of appropriate quality, location and frequency. The Authority expects applicants for licences for such premises to demonstrate in their operating schedules that the installation and operational procedures for the equipment at the premises comply with Thames Valley Police's 'Standard Minimum Closed Circuit Television Requirements'.

8.4 Drug control

- 8.4.1 The Authority seeks to minimise the availability of drugs in furtherance of the public safety and crime and disorder objectives. The Authority therefore expects venues to have a comprehensive management approach to eliminating drug use and possession.
- 8.4.2 There are many indications that an increasing number of people are taking illegal drugs and are using a wider range than ever before. This is particularly true of what are often referred to as 'recreational drugs'. Their use, sometimes in places where entertainment is taking place, has led to fatalities.
- 8.4.3 The Authority will actively seek ways in which it can assist in promotional initiatives to highlight the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse.
- 8.4.4 For those venues where drug misuse is an identified risk, measures need to be taken to combat supply, use and the effects of any use. There is advice available about how to control and mitigate the effect of drug-taking, which is relevant for entertainment venues in general and venues which provide intensive dancing, such as 'nightclubs', in particular.

Policy OS 8: Operating schedule – Drugs

The Authority expects licensees of venues where there is a risk of drug-taking, to take all appropriate steps to prevent drugs from being brought onto the premises and from being traded within the premises, in addition to implementing measures to prevent tragedies as a result of any drug misuse.

The Authority expects licensees of premises that hold 'rave-style' dance events, whether regularly, intermittently or as single events, to produce a drug policy statement. That statement may incorporate the guidance and recommendations in the 'Safer Clubbing' booklet.

The Authority expects the operating schedule to show how the whole management structure of the venue is trained and organised to follow the measures agreed for the venue to minimise use of drugs.

Premises that hold outdoor events are likely to be required to have Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered door staff on duty, so the drugs policy statement for the premises should be explicit about how the door staff will participate in systems to minimise drug use. In particular, the Authority expects such policies to include clear statements of the procedures for searching

customers as a condition of entry.

In appropriate cases the Authority will consider attaching, to the Premises Licence, conditions that are based upon recommendations detailed in approved guidance on drugs.

8.5 Door supervisors

- 8.5.1 The Authority supports the pro-active use of trained and registered door staff as part of the operational management of some types of premises, because this can reduce the risk of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour occurring.
- 8.5.2 A Premises Licence that provides for the presence of door supervisors will include a mandatory condition that such door supervisors must be either registered by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) or part of the Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS).
- 8.5.3 The ACS is the mechanism by which the SIA implements the requirements of the Security Industry Act 2001 as it applies to companies. The purpose of the ACS is to “raise performance standards and to assist the private security industry in developing new opportunities “. It aims to achieve this by putting in place a system of inspection for providers of security services. Certification Bodies, like Security Systems Alarms Inspection Board, will undertake the inspection activities on behalf of the SIA to ensure that companies who achieve the required standard can be registered as approved.

Policy OS 9: Operating schedule – Door Supervisors

The Authority generally expects Premises holding regulated entertainment that continues beyond midnight to employ door supervisors in furtherance of the licensing objectives.

Where appropriate, the Authority will attach conditions to Premises Licences about the minimum numbers of male and female door supervisors on duty and their roles, which will reflect the layout of the premises, the location, the type of entertainment or function provided and the periods when regulated entertainment normally takes place.

Where a Representation or Relevant Representation has been made, the Authority may require premises to use door supervisors for particular types of regulated entertainment, which might potentially provoke disorder (e.g. broadcasts of sporting tournaments in pubs) and special promotional events in which the sale of alcohol is significant.

At premises that have regular entertainment, or where special events are taking place, other attendants who do not engage in security activities may be required to supervise areas within the premises.

The Authority expects door supervisors and other staff undertaking security or supervisory duties to be readily identifiable by members of the public and where appropriate to wear high visibility clothing.

8.6 Pub-watch and Late Night Business Partnership Schemes

- 8.6.1 Pub-watch and late night business partnership schemes are a pro-active means of promoting the licensing objectives. They support the exchange of information and collective agreement on persons being excluded from premises because of anti-social or disruptive behaviour. They also assist in helping to establish and grow strong and mutually beneficial relations between licensees and Responsible Authorities.
- 8.6.2 Responsible managers of appropriate licensed premises will wish to actively participate in such schemes, which are in operation in the Authority's area.
- 8.6.3 The Authority fully supports Oxford's "Nightsafe" partnership initiative to combat crime and disorder associated with the night-time economy.

Policy OS 10: Operating schedule – 'Pub-Watch and Late Night Business Partnership' Schemes

The Authority expects that all premises licensed to sell alcohol will participate in a pub-watch scheme, where there is one in place, and to become part of the system(s) that Pubwatch, and Nightsafe schemes may implement to alert members about potential troublemakers.

The Authority encourages such premises to join such schemes in order to promote closer working relations with the Licensing Officers, and other Responsible Authorities in a manner designed to address the needs of business and the promotion of the licensing objectives.

8.7 Drinks promotions

- 8.7.1 The Authority has concern about the potential for crime and disorder and public nuisance that might arise from sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises through discounts or special sales promotions. The Authority does not wish to deny consumers the opportunity to participate in responsible promotions, but in response to a Representation or Relevant Representation, will restrict activities where it appears that such sales are inadequately supervised, or the discounts encourage excessive consumption by individuals, or the period of the promotion too long.
- 8.7.2 Policy OS 11 enables the Authority to consider circumstances where drinks promotions are a regular feature for particular premises and to enable the Police and Authority to consider whether adequate controls are in place to limit or prevent disorder that may result.

Policy OS 11: Operating schedule – Discounting and sales promotions

The Authority expects any discounted drinks and sales promotions to be properly managed and take into account the guidance issued by the British Beer and Pub Association.

The Authority supports measures to promote sensible drinking including a commitment not to participate in drink promotions / happy hours etc., which encourage binge drinking. Premises licences are likely to be subject to review where they have led to any of the licensing objectives being undermined. Licence holders should not only consider the price of the alcohol sold on the premises but also in the manner in which it is promoted.

The Authority expects applicants to include in their operating schedules any proposals for discounting or sales promotions of alcohol and to provide the Authority with written procedures detailing how such promotions will be managed in order to further the licensing objectives, giving particular attention to any increased supervision that may be required.

Policy OS 12: Operating schedule – Public Nuisance Noise

In considering applications, the Responsible Authority would recommend evidence that the likelihood of public nuisance has been addressed for the premises. The use of outside areas can potentially cause public nuisance particularly during quieter periods of the day when background noise has diminished. It is anticipated that the Responsible Authority may on occasions request that the operating schedule address measures such as restricting the use of certain areas of the premises e.g. garden area.

8.8 Fly Posting and Distribution of Printed Matter

- 8.8.1 Problems can be caused by fly-posting. Some licence holders and / or promoters use fly-posting as a cheap way of advertising their venue(s). This is not only an eyesore but it creates a public nuisance and is illegal.
- 8.8.2 The Council can tackle fly-posting in many ways including use of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Highways Act 1980 and the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. Licence holders should also be aware that the new Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 give further powers to the Council to tackle this problem.
- 8.8.3 Licence Holders must be aware that the Authority considers that fly posting is a public nuisance and that they will be held accountable for any matter found promoting their venue.
- 8.8.4 The Authority strongly advises premises that wish to advertise their venue use the poster boards that have been supplied by the Council in partnership with Oxford Brookes and various local nightclubs. These boards are situated throughout the City and the full list is available on the City Council's website. Alternatively a premises may apply to the Council for consent to distribute free printed matter.

Policy OS 13: Operating schedule – Public Nuisance Fly Posting

The Authority would normally expect provisions to be made to prevent fly posting. We would expect within your operating schedule details of how promotions and special events will be publicised. We require venues and promoters using their venues to have the correct number of Distribution of Free Printed Matter licences should distribution of flyers take place.

8.9 Drink Spiking

- 8.9.1 Spiking has traditionally been the term for when alcohol or drugs are put into someone's drink without their knowledge or consent. More recently, another form of spiking has emerged that involves individuals being injected by a needle without their consent.
- 8.9.2 The number of spiking cases recorded has increased significantly to the extent that the Home Affairs Select Committee launched its own enquiry into spiking in December 2021.
- 8.9.3 The Authority is acutely aware that this is a very serious matter, and works in close partnership with the relevant authorities to ensure that licensed premises in Oxford are safe environments for members of the public. This includes working alongside Thames Valley Police with their Operation Vigilant, which was launched to target predatory behaviour in order to prevent sexual offences taking place.
- 8.9.4 The Authority has a procedure in place for when an officer suspects a case of spiking when out on enforcement operations.
- 8.9.5 The Authority expects applicants and licence holders to take a number of measures to ensure the safety of their customers in regards to spiking. These include having a written safeguarding and vulnerable person or duty of care policy, and to adopt such schemes as Ask Angela. All members of staff should be suitably trained in regards to this policy and to be able to identify potential spiking cases. A procedure and clearly defined response plan should be in place for suspected spiking incidents including collecting evidence, contacting the Police and facilitating any medical attention if necessary.

Policy OS 14: Operating schedule – Drink Spiking

The Authority would expect robust measures to be taken by applicants and licence holders to ensure the safety of their patrons. A written safeguarding and vulnerable person or duty of care policy should be provided that includes what process will be followed if a spiking incident occurs. All staff should be trained on this policy and a record kept of the date and the name of the person trained. The policy should state that if a spiking is suspected that the Police will be informed immediately and a medical response should be facilitated where appropriate.

It is also advisable that anti drink spiking products should be made available to customers as well as forensic kits that include drug testing equipment.

8.10 Equality Act 2010

- 8.10.1 The Authority actively encourages and supports any application that will enhance the provisions for persons with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, be it the addition of disabled access or safe spaces for members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- 8.10.2 The Authority will expect applicants and licence holders to consider the Equality Act 2010 when compiling their operating schedule and where an application requires submission of a new or revised plan of the premises.
- 8.10.3 Public Safety, as one of the licensing objectives, is of utmost importance when submitting an application and applicants will be expected to provide information on how they intend to ensure the safety of their patrons. This may include the adoption of schemes such as Ask Angela or a policy on vulnerable persons.

Policy OS 15: Operating schedule – Equality Act 2010

The Authority encourages applicants to consider persons with protected characteristics listed under the Equality Act 2010 when submitting an application and to include robust policies and procedures in their operating schedule to ensure that members of the public are safe and supported whilst in their premises. Any application that requires the submission of a new or revised plan should take into account access and facilities for persons with protected characteristics.

9 Reviews and Enforcement Issues for Premises

9.1 Reviews

- 9.1.1 Under the 2003 Act it is possible for the Authority to review a Premises Licence at any time, if it receives a Representation from a Responsible Authority or a Relevant Representation from another person. The Authority may not initiate its own review without having received a Representation or Relevant Representation. Reviews may only arise in connection with a failure or failures in the premises connected to the licensing objectives.
- 9.1.2 Successful promotion of the licensing objectives relies on a partnership approach between the Authority, licence holders, other persons and Responsible Authorities. Reviews should not therefore be used as a commonplace way of securing adherence to licence conditions or of redressing perceived failures in management of licensed premises.
- 9.1.3 Reviews in connection with crime, could lead to revocation of the licence - even in the first instance.
- 9.1.4 The 2003 Act, as amended by Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, enables the Authority, on the application of a senior police officer in serious cases of crime and disorder, to attach interim conditions to licences pending a full review.

Policy RE 1: Reviews (1)

Generally, unless the Authority regards the issue as serious, a review will only be conducted where there has been a failure to address matters previously raised.

Policy RE 2: Reviews (2)

Where a request for a review is made, the Authority will expect the person making the Representation or Relevant Representation to declare the nature of their interest and provide specific evidence to demonstrate why a review is necessary. The person seeking a review should in the first instance contact the Authority for guidance and visit the relevant page of the Council's website for further information.

Policy RE 3: Reviews (3)

The Authority will not review licences simply because a Representation or Relevant Representation may have failed on previous occasions or under other legislation.

Policy RE 4: Reviews (4)

If a request for a review is received from another person or Responsible Authority, the Authority will decide whether a reasonable interval has elapsed since a previous review, if any, has taken place. It will generally not expect to hold a review into a licence in response to a Relevant Representation from a particular person more often than annually, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

9.2 Inspection Regime

- 9.2.1 The 2003 Act does not require inspections to take place, save at the discretion of those charged with this role.
- 9.2.2 The Council will adopt the enforcement principles of risk assessment and targeting, taking into account the nature of the licensed activities, the extent to which the licensing objectives are met and the confidence in the management of the premises. This approach will ensure that enforcement is effectively concentrated on problem premises whilst monitoring the situation in other premises, and provide for efficient deployment of the Council's staff and Police officers.
- 9.2.3 The Licensing Authority will establish and maintain both proactive and reactive enforcement protocols / service level agreements with the local police and other enforcement agencies. Protocols will provide for the proportionate targeting of agreed problem and high-risk licensed activities needing greater attention and a corresponding lighter touch for well run, lower risk premises in the area.
- 9.2.4 The Licensing Authority believes that proportionate but vigorous enforcement will be a key

element in ensuring the successful implementation of the licensing regime and that the four licensing objectives are met. We intend to use our powers under the Licensing Act 2003 and other relevant legislation to ensure a proper balance is struck between the interests of the licensed trade and of the wider community.

9.2.5 Licensing Officers will use a graduated form of response in adherence to the Council's Corporate Enforcement Policy to assist in resolving issues of non-compliance, including drawing up action plans; although we recognise that in serious cases a prosecution or a review application will be the appropriate action.

9.2.6 The Council will also undertake pre-event inspections in appropriate locations.

Policy EN 1: Inspection Regime and Enforcement

The Council will establish and maintain protocols with the local Police and other enforcement agencies as appropriate for the management of both the day and night-time economy. Central to this would be the enforcement of the law relating to sales of alcohol to drunk and underage people and drunkenness or disorder on, or in the immediate vicinity of the licensed premises. The Council will seek to ensure that these protocols concentrate on targeting of mutually agreed problems and high-risk premises, while providing a lighter touch in respect of low-risk premises that are well run.

9.2.7 The following sets out how the inspection regime will work:

Type of Premises	Frequency of planned inspections
High risk (e.g. night-clubs/pubs with regulated entertainment, open after midnight, cinemas, theatres, indoor sports entertainments)	According to risk rating to be determined at first inspection
Medium risk (e.g. pubs, pubs with regulated entertainment not open after midnight, registered members' clubs, 'off-licences' not part of a shop, late night refreshment premises)	According to risk rating to be determined at first inspection
Low risk (e.g. off-licences that are part of a shop) restaurants, Village/community halls	According to risk rating to be determined at first inspection
Temporary event notices (which last for a maximum of 168 hours)	Prior to event starting
Outdoor Concerts/Events involving Regulated Entertainment and/or sale of alcohol	Prior to event starting

9.2.8 There may be occasions when additional inspections will be required, for example following premises alterations, complaints made by Interested Parties or requests by Responsible Authorities.

9.2.9 This inspection routine recognises that Premises Licences, unless issued for a specific period of time, have no end date once they have been granted.

9.2.10 The Authority is empowered to make 'Public Space Protection Orders' under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to control the consumption of alcohol in a public place outside licensed premises.

9.3 Failure to pay Annual Fees – Licence Suspensions

9.3.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 amended the Licensing Act 2003 to allow us to suspend licences and certificates. We must suspend premises licences or club premises certificates when the annual fee is not paid.

9.3.2 Where an annual fee is not paid we will write to tell you that you have a period of 21 days from the date the fee became due to pay the outstanding fees. The period of 21 days

exists so as to allow for resolution as to a dispute, or as a result of an error. After this period the licence or certificate will be suspended. We will not send any further warning letters.

- 9.3.3 We will write to the licence holder advising you of the suspension and tell you the date on which the suspension will take effect. This will be 2 days after the day the notice is given
- 9.3.4 We will notify Thames Valley Police and the relevant responsible authorities as defined under the Act.
- 9.3.5 The lifting of a suspension will only take place from the day on which we receive the payment of the outstanding fee/fees. In all instances, we shall confirm that the suspension has been lifted in writing the following working day after the payment has been received. Notification will also be provided to Thames Valley Police, and the relevant responsible authorities as notified at the time the suspension notice was given.

10. Early Morning Restriction Orders and Late Night Levy

10.1 Early Morning Restriction Orders (EMRO)

- 10.1.1 The power for licensing authorities to introduce an EMRO is specified in sections 172A to 172E of the 2003 Act which was amended by Section 119 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. These provisions came into force on 31st October 2012.
- 10.1.2 Regulations prescribing the requirements in relation to the process for making an early morning restriction orders (EMRO) were brought in force on 31st October 2012.
- 10.1.3 Guidance has been introduced by the Home Office in relation to:
 - the EMRO process
 - the evidence base
 - introducing an EMRO
 - advertising an EMRO
 - dealing with representations
 - hearings
 - implementation
 - limitations
 - enforcement
- 10.1.4 The legislation gives licensing authorities discretion to restrict sales of alcohol by introducing an EMRO to restrict the sale or supply of alcohol to tackle high levels of alcohol related crime and disorder, nuisance and anti-social behaviour. The order may be applied to the whole or part of the licensing authority area and if relevant on specific days and at specific times. We must be satisfied that such an order would be appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.
- 10.1.5 The only exemptions relating to EMROs are New Year's Eve and the provision of alcohol to residents in premises with overnight accommodation by means of mini bars and room service. The decision to implement an EMRO should be evidence based and we may wish to outline the grounds which we will take into consideration when considering implementation of an EMRO. This should include consideration of the potential burden imposed as well as the potential benefits.
- 10.1.6 The function of making, varying or revoking an EMRO is specifically excluded from the delegation of functions and may not be delegated to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee. The Committee makes a recommendation to Council for the actioning of the recommendation.

10.2 Late Night Levy

- 10.2.1 The late night levy does not fall within the Licensing Act. However, in the future we may consider a levy and therefore we have set out some details about late night levies.
- 10.2.1 The legislative provisions relating to the late night levy are contained in sections 125 to 139 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The provisions came into force on 31st October 2012.

- 10.2.3 There are also Regulations in force setting out the way in which the levy must be applied; the way it will be administered, as well as arrangements for expenses, exemptions and reductions. There is also Guidance which sets out:
- implementing the levy and the consultation process
 - the design of the levy
 - exemptions from the levy
 - reductions in levy charges
 - how revenue raised from the levy may be spent
 - the levy charges
 - the levy collection process
- 10.2.4 We will have discretion as to whether we exempt certain premises but these can only be the types of premises set out in paragraphs 1.24 to 1.31 of the Guidance on the Late Night Levy. We also have discretion whether to reduce the amount of the levy by 30% for premises which participate in business-led best practice schemes [Guidance on the Late Night Levy, paragraphs 1.33 to 1.37].
- 10.2.5 Any revenue from the levy must be split between us, as the licensing authority, and the Police, with at least 70% of the 'net' levy (after expenses) paid to the Police. The Late Night Levy Guidance suggests at paragraph 1.40 that we may wish to use existing partnership arrangements with the Police to ensure that the police intentions for the share of the levy revenue paid to them are genuine.
- 10.2.6 These new powers enable us to charge a levy in relation to persons who are licensed to sell or supply alcohol late at night as a means of raising a contribution towards the costs of policing the night-time economy. It is a 'local' power that we can choose whether or not to exercise. Any decision to introduce, vary or cease the requirement for a levy has to be made by the full council. Other decisions in relation to how the levy is administered may be subject to delegation.
- 10.2.7 The Licensing Authority intends to continue to maintain a watching brief as to the feasibility of such a levy in Oxford, and in doing so we will look to work with the businesses involved in the night time economy and those impacted by those businesses in order to further assess whether a levy may be deemed appropriate and necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives.

Appendices

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Appendix 1 – The Authority's area and licensable activities

Oxford is a major centre for education, tourism, business, culture, leisure activities and healthcare, and plays an important role in the southeast region of England. It is internationally renowned for its unique heritage and as a centre of learning and innovation. Alongside this, it is seen as an icon of excellence and a source of inspiration in both industry and the arts, providing jobs for almost 118,000 people and welcoming over 7 million visitors each year.

We are fortunate in our diversity and have a broad spectrum of communities and cultural influences that have become part of the vibrant, everyday life of the city. Our rich heritage and cultural life, which includes the festivals held in its parks and open spaces, has been recognised by the awarding of Centre of Culture status for 2008.

With a population of over 151,000, the pressures of success continue to challenge the city and its communities today. There are 33,000 students, boosting our 18-29 year old group to 32% of the population. This is the largest proportion of adults in full-time studies of any city in England and Wales. This affects the demand for entertainment facilities, which in turn must be balanced with the needs of other those living in the vicinity of those facilities.

There were ambitious plans for promoting a renaissance in Oxford by developing the unrealised potential of the city, with the re-development of the Westgate Centre, which provided significant opportunities to add leisure, cultural, and retail capacity to that part of the town centre. The importance of enhancing the celebrated quality of Oxford's historical built environment is paramount, along with the need to complement existing architecture with challenging design and public art.

Incorporating improvements to the transport infrastructure will also be a key ingredient of any major urban development. The city is at the centre of important national and regional road and rail networks so that managing transport pressures is a challenge as it is to all historic towns. Local bus services are a vital means of transport for many in the city. The first Park and Ride scheme in the country was established here in 1973 and has expanded to play a major part in managing travel within the city. The adequacy of late night bus, train, taxi and private hire services is a key consideration in developing an evening and late-night economy in which alcohol is consumed.

Oxford is prosperous but there remain challenging pockets of deprivation. According to the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation, 10 of Oxford's 83 neighbourhood areas ('Super Output Areas') were among the 20% most deprived areas in England. These areas experience multiple levels of deprivation – low skills, low incomes and relatively high levels of crime.

In June 2020 Oxford had 4,595 working-age residents claiming unemployment benefits (Jobseeker's Allowances or Universal Credit claimants who are out of work). The rate for June 2020 was over twice the rate for the same period the previous year but was still below the national and regional rates.

Oxford has a wide variety of venues for licensed activities, ranging from relatively isolated public houses in the countryside to open spaces that are used for large-scale public events and including night clubs, cinemas, theatres and large late-night supermarkets. In parts of the city centre and the Cowley Road there are significant concentrations of licensed premises.

We recognise that many of the challenges that face us in bringing together a successful city and its citizens are interlinked - housing to mental health, education to the economy, employment and leisure activities to the needs of local residents and so on - and we will work to respond to those connections more effectively in future.

There are increasing pressures on the urban environment and on the balance between providing buildings and enhancing open public spaces. Demands for growth and expansion have, however, always been a feature of life in Oxford and the city has, perhaps uniquely, managed to balance this with a preservation of its conservation areas and the natural environment.

We have distinctive areas of natural beauty such as the River Thames, Port Meadow, Wolvercote Common, and Shotover Park, all with an outstanding range of wildlife and biodiversity. The city is surrounded by a green belt and has 12 SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) protected through designation by English Nature.

Our waterways and flood meadows are especially important for wildlife, with parks, domestic gardens, and cemeteries providing other valuable habitats. Access to these green spaces and the biodiversity they support significantly improves the quality of life for those who live in, work in, and visit the city.

We need to ensure that the success of Oxford as a globally recognised city is translated into tackling inequalities on our own doorstep and that we are responding to the diverse needs of local individuals and communities.

Further information on Oxford's demography, housing, economic activity, education and further statistics is available online at www.oxford.gov.uk.

Appendix 2 – Other Council policies and programmes

The Council has adopted the following local policies and programmes that will have a role in the promotion of regulated entertainment and other licensable activities:

- Oxford City Council Our Strategy 2020-2024
- Oxford Local Plan 2016-2036
- Oxford Transport Strategy
- Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy
- Street Trading Policy
- Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy
- Culture Strategy
- Green Spaces Strategy
- Corporate Enforcement Policy
- Pubwatch and Nightsafe Schemes

Commerce is one of the most important activities in Oxford. The characteristic clusters of commercial uses, such as shops, restaurants, banks and offices are found in a variety of locations throughout the City, from the City centre down to parades of a few shops within and just beyond the City boundary.

Shopping is the key activity in the centres. The City Council strategy aims to provide for it in a variety of locations and forms. Within the larger centres especially, the aim is also to maintain a varied mix of commercial uses to complement the main shopping function. Proposals for new developments, whether within or outside existing centres, are looked at carefully to ensure that they will support these aims in a neighbourly way and also be in accordance with Government policies to maintain the vitality and viability of existing centres and encourage use of public transport.

Adopted and emerging local plan policies seek to ensure an appropriate balanced mix of uses is promoted within the City centre and four District centres. The District centres include Cowley Road, Cowley centre, Headington and Summertown. These policies recognise the important role that Class A3 (food and drink) uses such as restaurants and public houses make to the vitality and viability of existing centres. However this should not generally result in a high proportion of Class A3 uses within these defined frontages at the expense of the retailing importance of the existing centres.

The service sector has grown considerably in Oxford in recent years, particularly in Class A3 (food and drink) uses. The emerging policies propose Class A3 uses for some allocated development sites and within defined shopping frontages, subject to the appropriate mix of uses being maintained. Whilst these uses make an important contribution to the vitality of the existing centres they can have an impact (both during the day and evening), particularly when outlets are clustered, leading to environmental problems, transport problems and loss of residential amenity. Policies therefore seek to direct Class A3 uses to designated centres, ensure that there is an appropriate mix of uses and do not result in unacceptable environmental problems that cannot be reasonably controlled by planning conditions.

Appendix 3 – BBFC Film Classification

Films would normally be classified by the British Board of Film Classification or the local authority in the following way:

U	Universal - suitable for all
PG	Parental Guidance - some scenes may be unsuitable for young children.
12A (PG12)	Passed only for viewing by persons aged 12 years or older or younger persons accompanied by an adult.
12	Passed only for viewing by persons aged 12 years or older.
15	Passed only for viewing by persons aged 15 years and over.
18	Passed only for viewing by persons aged 18 years and over.

In some cases, the PG rating may carry a recommended viewing age – e.g. PG8 would only be suitable for children over the age of 8, if accompanied by an adult.

Appendix 4 – Delegation of functions under the 2003 Act

The following functions have been delegated by the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee to Licensing Casework Sub-Committees and to Officers:

Matter to be dealt with	Sub-Committee	Authorised Officers
Application for Personal Licence	Police objection (See Note 1)	All other cases
Application for Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate	Relevant Representation (See Note 2)	All other cases
Application for Provisional Statement	Relevant Representation (See Note 2)	All other cases
Application to vary Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate	Relevant Representation (See Note 2)	All other cases
Application for a Minor Variation to Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate		All cases
Application to vary Designated Premises Supervisor	Police objection (See Note 1)	All other cases
Request to be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor		All cases
Application for transfer of Premises Licence	Police objection (See Note 1)	All other cases
Applications for interim authorities	Police objection (See Note 1)	All other cases
Application to review Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate	All cases	
Decision on whether a complaint is irrelevant, frivolous, vexatious, repetitious etc.		All cases
Decision to object when local authority is a consultee and not the relevant authority considering the application	All cases	
Determination of a Police and / or Environmental Health Representation to a Temporary Event Notice.	All cases	

Note 1 – ‘Police objection’ = If a Police objection has been made and not withdrawn.

Note 2 – For the purposes of this table ‘Relevant Representation’ above = If a Representation has been determined by a delegated officer as a Relevant Representation from any person or a Representation has been made by a Responsible Authority and at least one of those Representations or Relevant Representations has not been withdrawn with the agreement of all parties that a hearing is not necessary.

Appendix 5 – Deregulation of Schedule 1

The Live Music Act came into force on 1st October 2012 and is designed to encourage more performances of 'live' music. On 1st April 2015, elements of Schedule 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Regulated Entertainment) were deregulated in order to promote further the holding of events whilst reducing the burden placed on those seeking to host such events.

When is regulated entertainment not licensable?

Below is a brief guide as to when certain regulated entertainment is exempt from the need for a licence or temporary event notice.

Type of entertainment	When is it not licensable
Plays / Theatrical Performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and the audience is no more than 500 people
Films (in Community Premises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and is "not-for-profit"; and takes place to audiences of 500 or less; and is held in accordance with any age classification recommendations set by the BBFC, or where different, any age rating set by the Licensing Authority in whose area that exhibition takes place.
Indoor Sporting Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and the audience is no more than 1000 people
Boxing / Wrestling (includes Mixed Martial Arts and Cage Fighting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> only if Olympic style Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling the audience is no more than 1000
Live Music (Amplified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and it takes place at a licensed premises or workplace; and/or an unlicensed community premises; and/or non-residential premises the audience is no more than 500 people
Live music (Acoustic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm anywhere
Recorded Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and it takes place at a licensed premises; and/or an unlicensed community premises; and/or non-residential premises the audience is no more than 500 people
Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes place between 8am and 11pm; and the audience is no more than 500 people
Similar to Music and Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karaoke Busking Incidental music or dancing as part of a wider event

Cross-activity Exemptions hosted by local authorities, hospitals, nurseries and schools on own premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regulated entertainments between 0800-2300 with no audience limitations
Activities held on local authority, hospital, nursery and school premises by others with their permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live and Recorded Music between 0800-2300 for audiences up to 500
Community premises (e.g.: church and village halls, community halls, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live and Recorded Music between 0800-2300 for audiences up to 500
Circuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live and Recorded Music, Plays, Dance and Indoor Sports between 0800-2300 with no audience limitations

Other Exceptions:

No licence or temporary event notice is needed for:

- Films which are solely or mainly to demonstrate a product, advertise goods or services, or provide information, education or instruction
- Films as part of an exhibition in a museum or gallery
- TV and radio broadcasts, providing they are shown live and not recorded
- Religious meetings or services
- Entertainment in places of public religious worship
- Garden fetes (unless held for private gain)
- Entertainment provided in a moving vehicle
- Morris dancing
- 'Incidental entertainment' (i.e. background entertainment such as):
 - a supermarket playing background music (people go there to shop, not to listen to music)
 - music during keep-fit classes (people are there to exercise)
 - salsa dance classes (people are there to learn to dance)
 - a pub jukebox playing in the background (people are there to drink).

Appendix 6 – Proof of Age documents

The Licensing Authority also expects Designated Premises Supervisors/Personal Licence holders to ensure that unless it is permitted to do so, serving of alcohol to those under 18 shall not be permitted and that there will therefore be in place in the operating schedule a management protocol to check the age of persons seeking to be served with alcohol.

Similar proof of age should be required as appropriate in other circumstances.

Such checking may be carried out by requiring production of:

- (i) a valid passport;**
- (ii) a proof of age card approved by the 'Proof of Age Standards Scheme' (PASS);**
- (iii) a photocard driving licence issued by a country in the European Union;**
- (iv) a citizencard supported by the Home Office (details from www.citizencard.net);**
- (v) an official identity card issued by HM Forces or by a country in the European Union bearing a photograph and the date of birth of the bearer.**

Appendix 7 – The role of local Councillors and Other persons

Local Councillors

Local councillors play an important role in their local communities. They can make representations in writing and at a hearing on behalf of any person such as a resident or local business if specifically requested to do so. They can also make representations as ‘another person’ in their own right as an elected Ward Councillor or live in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Local councillors are subject to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 which restricts their involvement in matters, in which they have a ‘prejudicial’ interest (i.e. an interest that a member of the public would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member’s judgement of the public interest). The latest version of the Code, which came into force on 3 May 2007, has relaxed the rules on prejudicial interest.

In terms of licensing, this has the effect of allowing councillors with prejudicial interest in an application to attend relevant meetings, to make representations, answer questions or give evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend for the same purpose, whether under the licensing legislation or otherwise and as long as they withdraw from the meeting immediately afterwards. Councillors have a duty to act in the interests of all their constituents. Their role as a community advocate must therefore be balanced with their ability to represent specific interests.

Other Persons (Formally Interested Parties)

Other persons are the bodies or individuals who are entitled to make representations to the Authority on new or variations to premises licences. In addition to this, any person may seek a review of a premises licence. Examples include:

- a person likely to be affected by the operation and impact of the premises,
- a body representing persons likely to be affected by the operation and impact of the premises,
- a person involved in a business likely to be affected by the operation and impact of the premises,
- a body representing persons involved in such businesses likely to be affected by the operation and impact of the premises,
- Elected Members of the Oxford City Council.
- Any other person

A representation would only be “relevant” if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. A representation that fails to do this is not “relevant” for the purposes of the 2003 Act and cannot be accepted.

It is for the licensing authority to determine on its merits whether any representation by an interested party is frivolous or vexatious.

Representations must be received in writing or email at the licensing authority office by the last date for representations. Representations must be signed, dated, provide the grounds of representation in full and include the name and address of the person / body making the representation.

Any individual or group of people may specifically request a representative to make a representation on their behalf. For example, a legal representative, a friend, a Member of Parliament or a local ward councillor could all act in such capacity.

Appendix 8 – Other legislation and controls

The Secretary of State's Guidance proposes that policy statements should provide information on other relevant legislation and controls that apply to licensed premises. This is because the regulatory framework of the 2003 Act will not control all matters that are likely to arouse concern in connection with the operation of licensed premises, including the behaviour of persons away from the immediate vicinity of licensed premises. Other legislation relevant to licensed premises is as follows:

Planning

1. Planning controls are covered above in paragraph 2.8 and Policy GN 8.

Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003

2. Section 40 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 allows the Council's Chief Executive to make a Closure Order against a premises if he or she reasonably believes that a public nuisance is being caused by noise coming from the premises and it is necessary to close the premises to prevent it. This applies to any premises where there is a Premises Licence, a Temporary Event Notice, or no permission.

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

3. This Order reforms the law relating to fire safety in non-domestic premises. It replaces fire certification under the Fire Precautions Act 1971 with a general duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of employees, a general duty, in relation to non-employees to take such fire precautions as may reasonably be required in the circumstances to ensure that premises are safe and a duty to carry out a risk assessment. The Order imposes a number of specific duties in relation to the fire precautions to be taken.

Smoke Free Premises as defined under the Health Act 2006.

4. Smoke Free Premises came into effect on 1 July 2007 under the Health Act 2006. The legislation is aimed at ensuring a healthy environment, so everyone can socialise, relax, travel, shop and work free from second-hand smoke.

Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006

5. This Act introduces new measures to ensure the police and local communities have the powers they need to tackle guns, knives and alcohol related violence. Relevant measures include:
 - amendment to the Licensing Act to introduce an offence of persistently selling alcohol to children.
 - amendment to the Act which will enable licensing authorities, on the application of a senior police officer in serious cases of crime and disorder, to attach interim conditions to licences pending a full review.

Disability Discrimination Act 1995

6. The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 came fully into effect in October 2004 and includes widespread responsibilities not to treat people with disabilities in a less advantageous way than other people.
7. The Authority will not seek to duplicate the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, however, in response to a Representation or Relevant Representation, the Authority will apply conditions where necessary to ensure the equal treatment of people with disabilities where they coincide with licensing objectives.

Gambling Act 2005

8. The Gambling Act 2005 came into force on 1 September 2007. Under the provisions of this Act public houses enjoy an automatic entitlement to a maximum of two gaming machines of category C or D on licensed premises. The Category of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 defines the maximum stakes and maximum prizes permitted for category C and D machines. This is an automatic entitlement if the Premises Licence holder sends written notice along with the prescribed fee, to the Authority of his intention to make gaming machines available for use in the premises.

9. For more than two machines a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit is needed. Applications are made to the Authority in the form and manner that the Authority directs for grant or variation. There is both an application and an annual fee. The notification of two machines or an application for a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit, does not need to be made until the existing Section. 34 Permit is due to expire.

Censorship

10. The content of regulated entertainment is a matter that is already addressed by other laws governing indecency and obscenity.
11. The Authority will not seek to impose conditions that censor the content of any film or play in a way that cannot be related to the licensing objectives. Where the concern is about protecting children, their access will be restricted.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

12. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 includes measures for providing and maintaining clean and safe local environments. It covers a number of areas and introduces a number of measures to deal with crime and disorder, abandoned and nuisance vehicles, waste and fly-tipping, litter and graffiti, dogs, noise, nuisance from artificial lighting and insects.

Health and Safety Work Act 1974

13. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, employers have a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of its workers and other persons who may be affected by the place of work. In addition, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999) require every employer to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of all the risks to the health and safety of workers and others arising at or from a work activity.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

14. Amongst other matters this addresses the issue of prohibited streets and consent streets in relation to street trading, and the licensing of Sex Establishments.

Drugs Act 2005

15. The Drugs Act 2005 brings about new police powers to test for class A drugs and more. The aim of the Drugs Act is to increase the effectiveness of the Drug Interventions Programme by getting more offenders into treatment. The Act aims to introduce a new civil order that will run alongside ASBOs for adults to tackle drug related anti-social behaviour.

Equalities Act 2010

16. Equality Act 2010 places a legal obligation on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of protected characteristics.

Equality law (Equality Act 2010) applies to any business that provides goods, facilities or services to members of the public including licensed premises such as pubs, bars, nightclubs and restaurants. A licensed premises is required to make reasonable adjustments to ensure the premises is accessible to people with disabilities.

Business and Planning Act 2020

17. The Business and Planning Act 2020 received Royal Assent on 22 July 2020. The Act introduced temporary and permanent measures designed to help certain business sectors operate following the devastating effects COVID-19 had on the relevant sectors. In regards to licensing, these included the temporary permission to permit 'off-sales' to on 'on-sales' premises licences and the increase in the number of Temporary Event Notices permitted at any one location in 2022 and 2023, as well as the introduction of Pavement licences, which includes references to smokefree spaces and introduced the requirement of providing smokefree seating areas outdoors, if smoking areas are also provided.

Other Controls

18. There are other controls that can be applied in promotion of the four licensing objectives.

These include:

- Police enforcement of legislation concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- powers of local authorities to designate parts of their area as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly. (There are such areas in Oxford);
- prosecution of any Personal Licence holder or member of staff at premises, who is selling alcohol to a person who is drunk;
- test-purchasing to check on sale of alcohol to under-18s;
- litter legislation;
- confiscation of alcohol from anyone in designated areas and from persons under 18 in any public place;
- positive measures to create safe and clean town centre environments in partnership with transport operators, local businesses, the licensed trade etc.
- a by-law on touting;
- controls on fly-posting, and provision of official poster sites.

Appendix 9 – Responsible Authorities

Table 1 – Application copies required

<u>Table 1 – Application copies required</u>		Responsible Authorities											
		Oxford City Council											
The type of application affects which Responsible Authorities must be sent a copy: A = Application C = Copy Type of Application													

PERSONAL LICENCE

New	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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PREMISES LICENCE

New	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-
Variation	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-
Minor Variation	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PROVISIONAL STATEMENT

New	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-
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CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

New	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-
Variation	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-
Minor Variation	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SPECIAL CASES

PREMISES: New (Boats)	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	-
PREMISES: 'Variation' or 'New'	A	C	C	-*	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	C*
CLUBS: 'Variation' or 'New'	A	C	C	-*	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	C*

(* note: Health and Safety matters for City and County Council premises and all Educational Institutions are dealt with by the Health and Safety Executive, not by the City Council)

<u>Table 2 – Addresses</u>		Contact details for preliminary discussions or follow-up enquiries	
Responsible Authority	Address	Phone	Email and website
The Licensing Authority	The Licensing Authority Oxford City Council St Aldate's Chambers, 109 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DS	01865 252565	licensing@oxford.gov.uk www.oxford.gov.uk/licensing
The Planning Authority	The Planning Authority, Oxford City Council St Aldate's Chambers, 109 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DS	01865 249811	planning@oxford.gov.uk www.oxford.gov.uk
Environmental Health	Environmental Protection, Oxford City Council St Aldate's Chambers, 109 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DS	01865 252862	noise@oxford.gov.uk www.oxford.gov.uk
Health and Safety	Health and Safety, Oxford City Council, St Aldate's Chambers, 109 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DS	01865 252862	foodsafety@oxford.gov.uk www.oxford.gov.uk
Thames Valley Police	Licensing, Thames Valley Police, Headquarters (South) Kidlington, OX5 2NX	01865 542059	licensing@thamesvalley.police.uk
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Protection Department, Rewley Road Fire Station Oxford, OX1 2EH	01865 895999	Fire.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk
Children services	Oxfordshire County Council, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND	01865 792422	www.oxfordshire.gov.uk
Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board	Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Officer Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB), 3rd Floor, County Hall, New Road Oxford OX1 1ND		

Trading Standards	Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards Service Electric Avenue, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford OX2 0BY	01865 895999	Duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Public Health	Equality and Access Commissioner, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning	01865 336800	publichealthlicensing@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Health and Safety Executive (* see note)	Health and Safety Executive Priestley House, Priestley Road Basingstoke RG24 9NW	0300 003 1747	
Applications for licences for boats may need to be copied to others – see next page			

(* note: Health and Safety matters for City and County Council premises and all Educational Institutions are dealt with by the Health and Safety Executive, not by the City Council)

Applications for Premises Licences for boats that will be operated within other district council areas must also be copied to the Navigation Authority and other Licensing Authorities as appropriate:

The Navigation Authority	Environment Agency Osney Yard Bridge Street Oxford OX2 0AZ	03708 506 506	enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
The Navigation Authority (Oxford Canal)	Canal and River Trust National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port South Pier Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire CH65 4FW	0303 040 4040	

The Oxford Canal – North of Oxford			
The Licensing Authority	The Licensing Authority Cherwell District Council Bodicote House Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA	01295 753744	licensing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk
The River Thames – South of Oxford			
The Licensing Authority	The Licensing Authority South Oxfordshire District Council 135 Eastern Avenue Milton Park Milton OX14 4SB	01235 422556	licensing@southoxon.gov.uk www.southoxon.gov.uk
The River Thames – South or West of Oxford			
The Licensing Authority	The Licensing Authority Vale of White Horse D.C. 135 Eastern Avenue Milton Park Milton OX14 4SB	01235 422556	Licensing.unit@whitehorsedc.gov.uk www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk
The River Thames – West of Oxford			
The Licensing Authority	The Licensing Authority West Oxfordshire District Council Woodgreen Witney OX28 1NB	01993 861000	ers.licensingandapplications@publicagroup.uk www.westoxon.gov.uk

Appendix 10– Central Oxford Special Saturation Policy Area



Appendix 11 – East Oxford Special Saturation Policy Area



Appendix 12 – Special Saturation Policy Evidence

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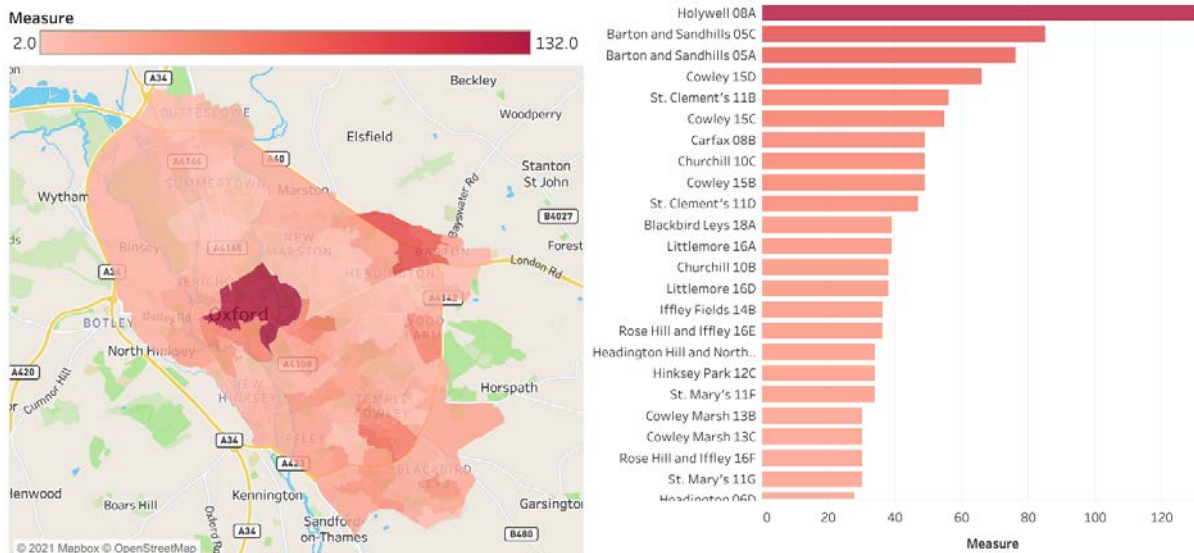
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Glossary

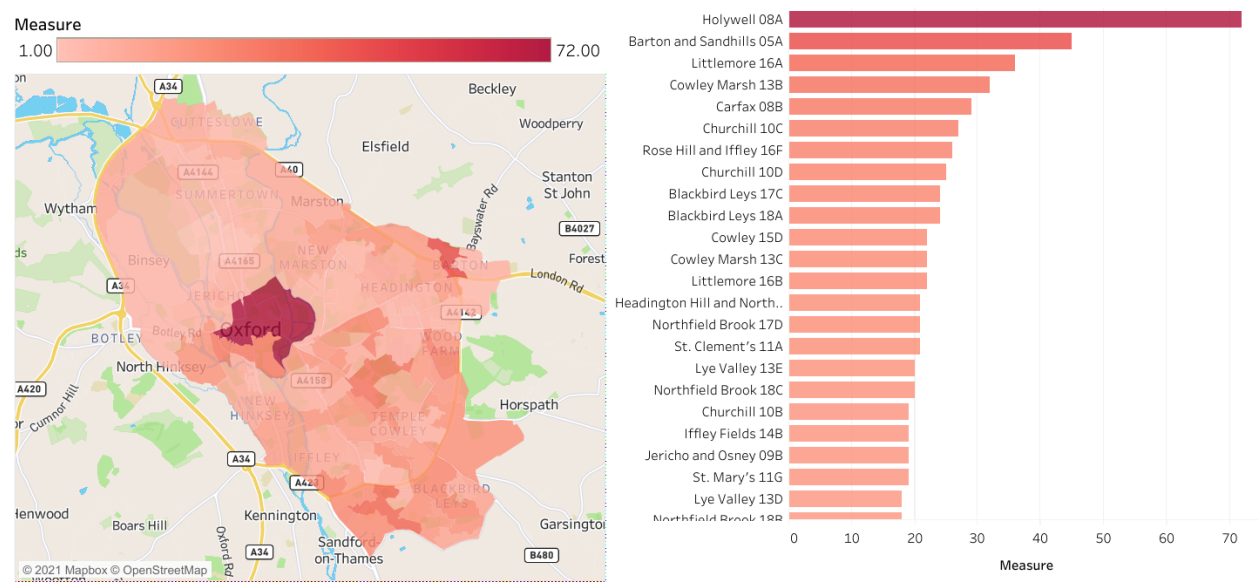
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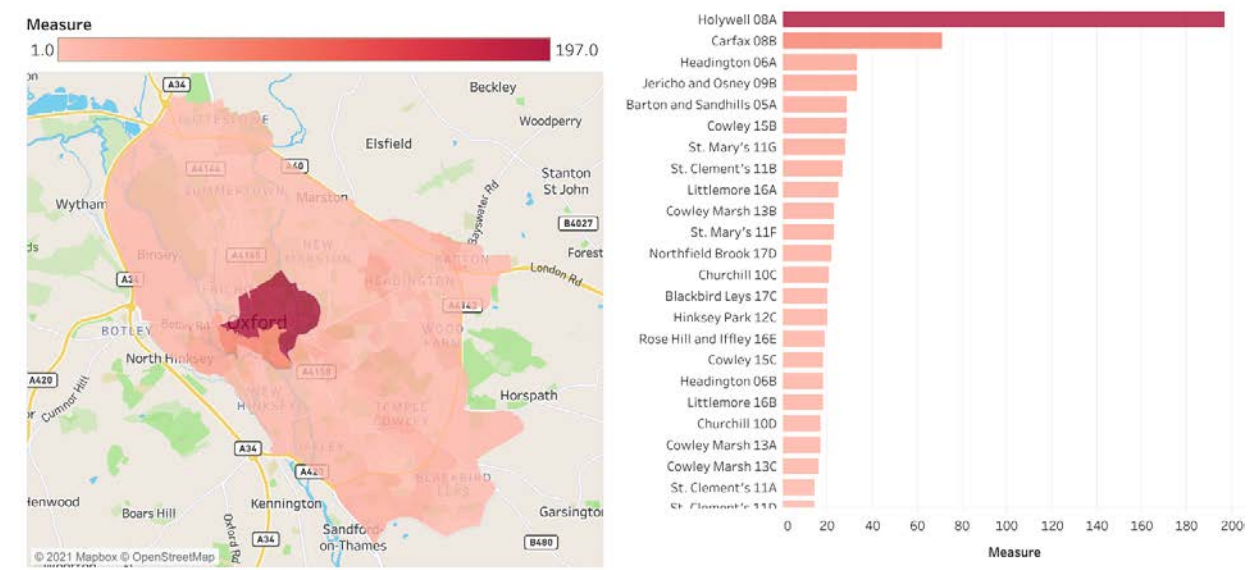
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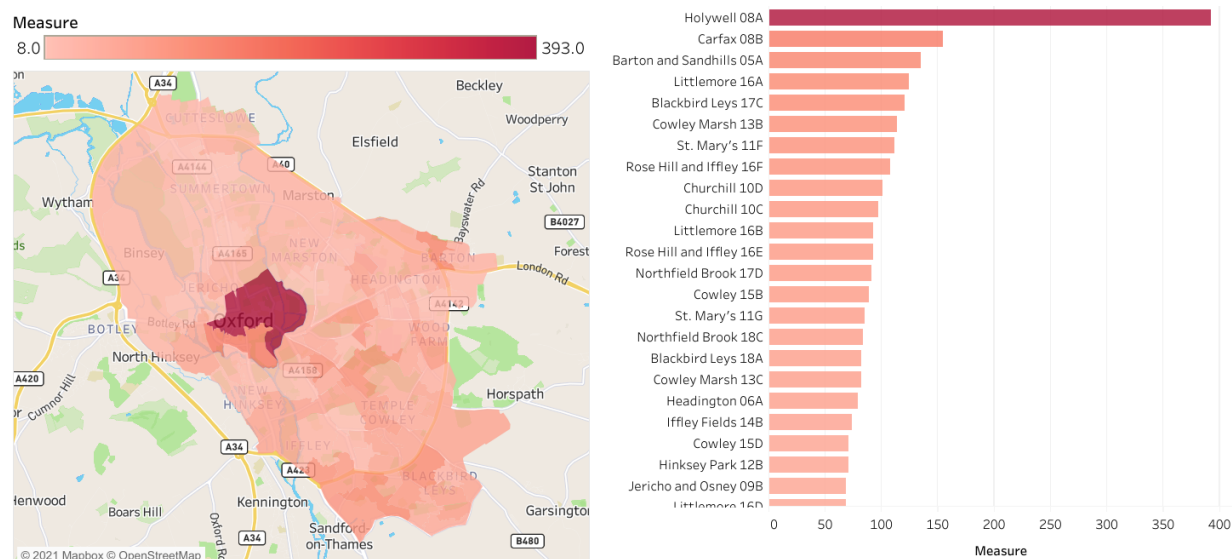
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3. Police Public Order crimes 2020 – LSOA level



4. Police Violent crime and sexual offences 2020 – LSOA level



5. Police crime trend data – top 4 LSOAs

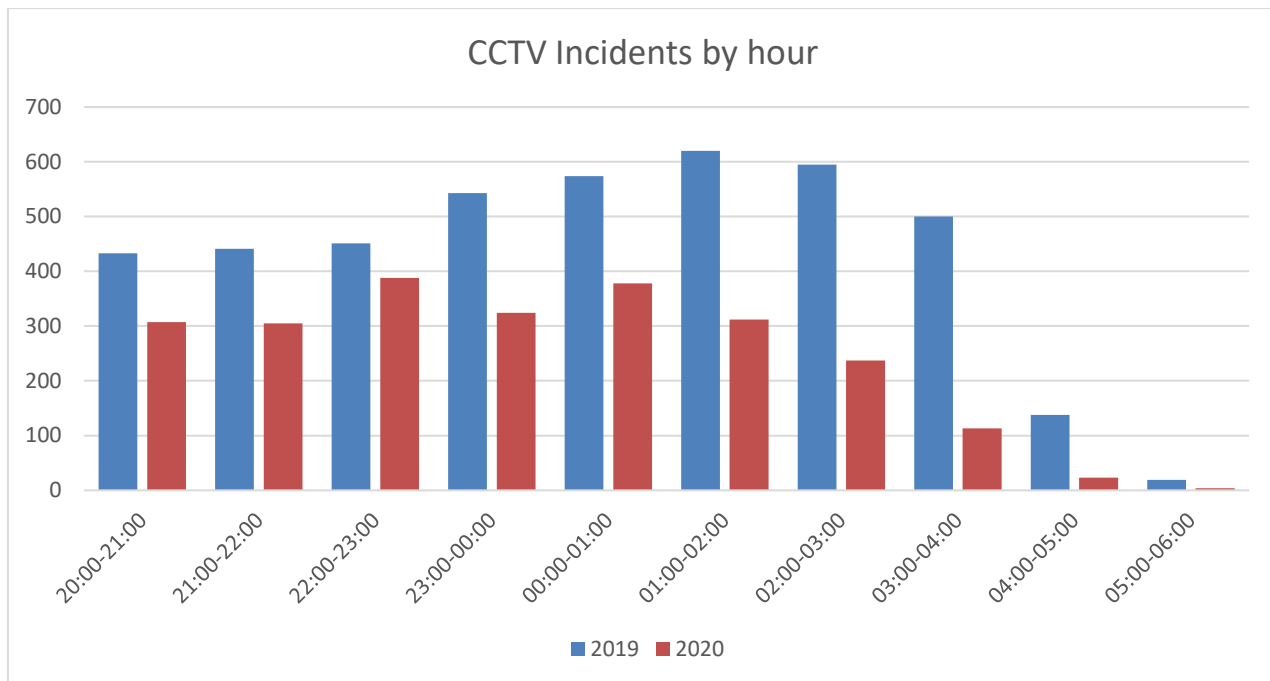
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	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	73	83	66	72	48	52	38	21	30	43	22	43	591
Barton and Sandhills 05A	18	14	13	24	28	18	8	25	20	23	16	13	220
St. Clement's 11D	36	44	18	12	26	7	10	8	14	15	6	11	207
Carfax 08B	31	20	27	22	19	9	16	9	11	13	4	10	191

Criminal damage & arson	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	32	43	23	36	26	16	23	11	14	24	11	17	276
Barton and Sandhills 05A	9	5	6	12	12	4	13	12	13	7	9	11	113
Littlemore 16A	14	7	9	6	14	4	6	13	5	12	5	6	101
Carfax 08B	17	10	9	9	5	7	3	7	10	9	8	4	98

Public order	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	56	48	49	57	37	55	54	24	59	60	61	97	657
Carfax 08B	14	18	13	17	20	15	24	8	13	26	15	18	201
Jericho and Osney 09B	2	2	1	4	3	2		9	11	13	24	22	93
St. Mary's 11G	6	2	2	9	8	6	9	4	9	6	9	15	85

Violence & sexual	2018		2019				2020				2021		Total
	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	
Holywell 08A	176	187	175	136	171	183	161	56	94	82	56	130	1607
Carfax 08B	29	36	35	30	38	39	39	24	44	48	31	67	460
Barton and Sandhills 05A	32	22	23	22	36	26	29	35	39	32	27	49	372
Littlemore 16A	24	35	34	27	39	17	35	34	26	30	27	31	359

6. CCTV incidents



The graph illustrates the peak hours of incidents monitored by public space CCTV cameras in the city. It is not possible to disaggregate the small number of cameras in neighbourhood areas from the cameras in the city centre.

This hourly breakdown is clearly linked to public space incidents during the night-time economy period.

7. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Methodology

Data from the police occurrence record keeping system for occurrences taking place within the Oxford Local Police Area with a reported date between 01/01/2017 and 26/04/2021 and with the Home Office Statistics Code 1 representing Violence Against the Person or Disorder.

Cancelled, historic or occurrences where the date was unknown were removed from the data set.

VAP and Disorder are very broad categories and include many occurrences unrelated to the NTE, attempts were made to refine the focus of the data by removing occurrences where the Location was recorded as a Dwelling or using the following criteria:

The data set resulting from the described initial search and filtering criteria comprised 4,523 occurrences which were considered to be related to Oxford's Night Time Economy. This data set was then analysed using Microsoft Excel and Esri ArcMap.

8. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Temporal Distribution

The temporal distribution of the 4,514 occurrences for which a time could be determined is shown below. It should be noted that 314 of these had an Event Start Time recorded as 00:00 – upon further investigation 305 of these were changed to a more accurate time based on Recorded Time, Event End Time and times noted in the summary report.

Fig. 1

	00:00 - 01:00	01:00 - 02:00	02:00 - 03:00	03:00 - 04:00	04:00 - 05:00	05:00 - 06:00	..	21:00 - 22:00	22:00 - 23:00	23:00 - 00:00	Grand Total
Monday	44	43	38	40	21	3		71	86	62	408
Tuesday	39	33	50	69	21	3		102	77	85	479
Wednesday	45	42	30	41	24			102	94	72	450
Thursday	60	44	61	42	18	4		99	61	68	457
Friday	52	47	64	56	29	3		94	114	122	581
Saturday	115	131	143	165	78	6		113	125	141	1017
Sunday	147	216	202	210	98	5		88	80	76	1122
	502	556	588	623	289	24		669	637	626	4514

Figure 1: Distribution of occurrences by time and day of week

Shows what we might expect intuitively: almost half (47%) of occurrences linked to Oxford's NTE occur on either a Saturday or a Sunday. The busiest period is between 01:00 and 04:00 on a Sunday morning, with those 3 hours alone accounting for 14% of occurrences analysed.

Fig. 2

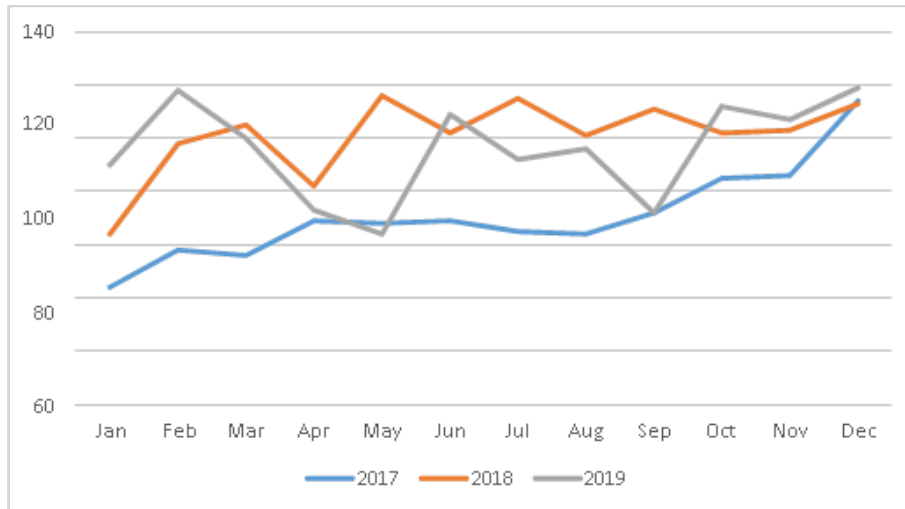
	00:00 - 01:00	01:00 - 02:00	02:00 - 03:00	03:00 - 04:00	04:00 - 05:00	05:00 - 06:00	..	21:00 - 22:00	22:00 - 23:00	23:00 - 00:00	Grand Total
Monday	12	9	7	5	5	1		3	4	3	49
Tuesday	11	6	12	18	16	8		2	5	7	85
Wednesday	7	8	5	5	3	3		2	2	7	42
Thursday	13	10	13	9	15	3		6	2	5	76
Friday	6	12	7	8	10	2		11	7	5	68
Saturday	15	27	32	28	40	16		10	5	14	187
Sunday	18	59	52	41	59	22		6	3	7	267
	82	131	128	114	148	55		40	28	48	774

Figure 2: Distribution of NTE-related hospitalisations to John Radcliffe AandE by time and day of week

Shows the distribution of admissions to the Accident and Emergency department of the John Radcliffe hospital between August 2017 and August 2020 which were classified as Apparent Assaults in which alcohol was believed to be a factor. The distribution largely mirrors the conclusion drawn from analysis of the temporal distribution of NTE-linked occurrences in Oxford, with an even greater focus on the early hours of Sunday morning (and to a lesser extent of Saturday morning).

9. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Seasonality

The count of NTE-linked occurrences taking place in each month of 2017, 2018, and 2019 is illustrated below. The chart does not suggest any great degree of predictable seasonality, although it appears that occurrence counts in November and December may be particularly high. These monthly counts were then compared to the expected level (based on the 12 month centred moving average) to determine whether any months appeared to have occurrence counts consistently above the expected count.



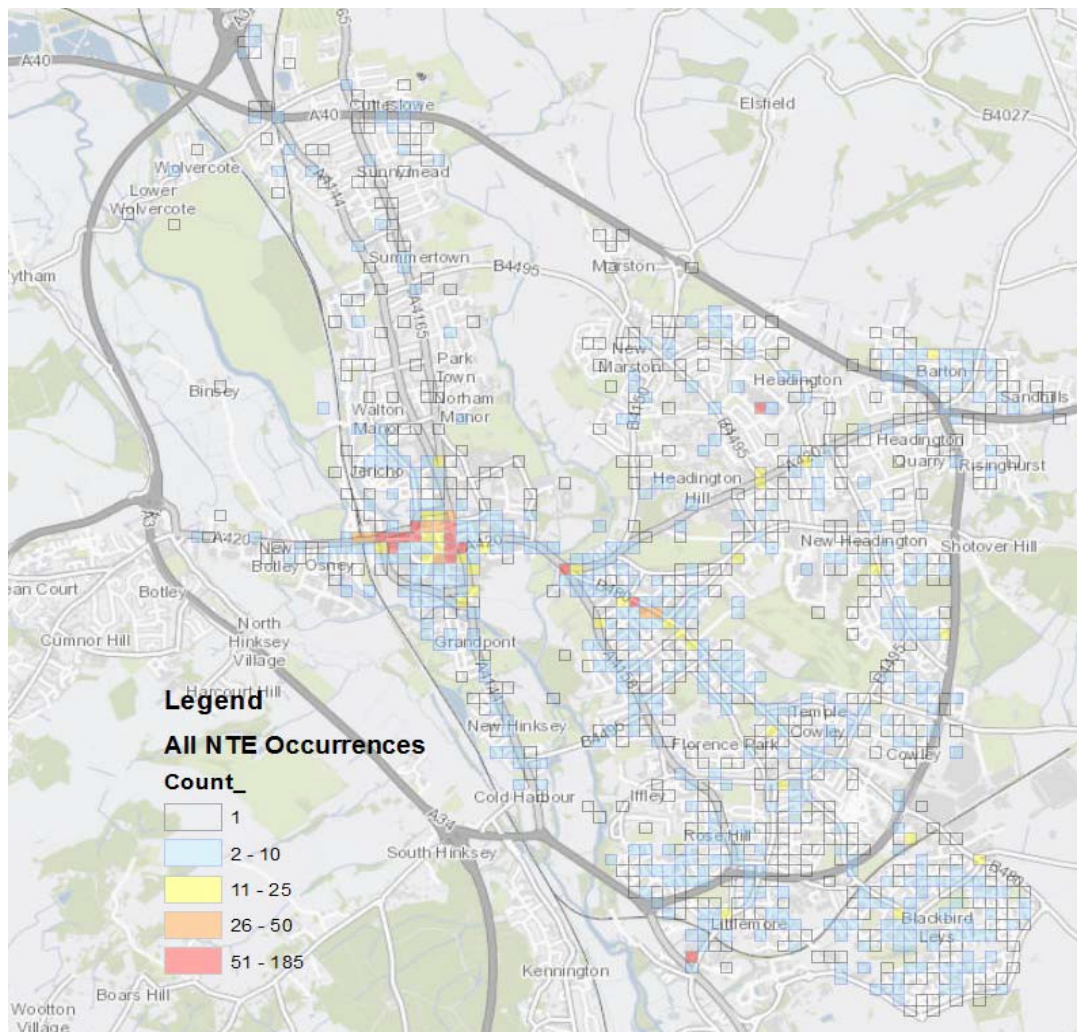
Month	2017	2018	2019
Jan	-27	-28	-8
Feb	-13	3	20
Mar	-15	7	6
Apr	-2	-18	-22
May	-3	15	-32
Jun	-2	1	13
Jul	-8	12	-6
Aug	-12	-4	-2
Sep	-8	7	-25
Oct	4	-2	18
Nov	1	4	13
Dec	26	13	28

This analysis accounts for changing trends (2017 saw a steadily rising number of monthly occurrence counts, leading to consistently higher levels in 2018). It clearly shows that December NTE-linked occurrence counts were higher than expected in every year from 2017 to 2019, and that January occurrence counts were lower than expected in every year. April and August were also consistently lower than expected, albeit to a lesser extent than January, and November was also associated with marginally higher than expected NTE occurrence counts.

10. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Geographic distribution

The following heat maps show locations of NTE occurrences in Oxford, using a 100m x 100m grid overlaid on a map of the police area with the count of occurrences recorded as taking place within each grid square being indicated by the colour of the square.

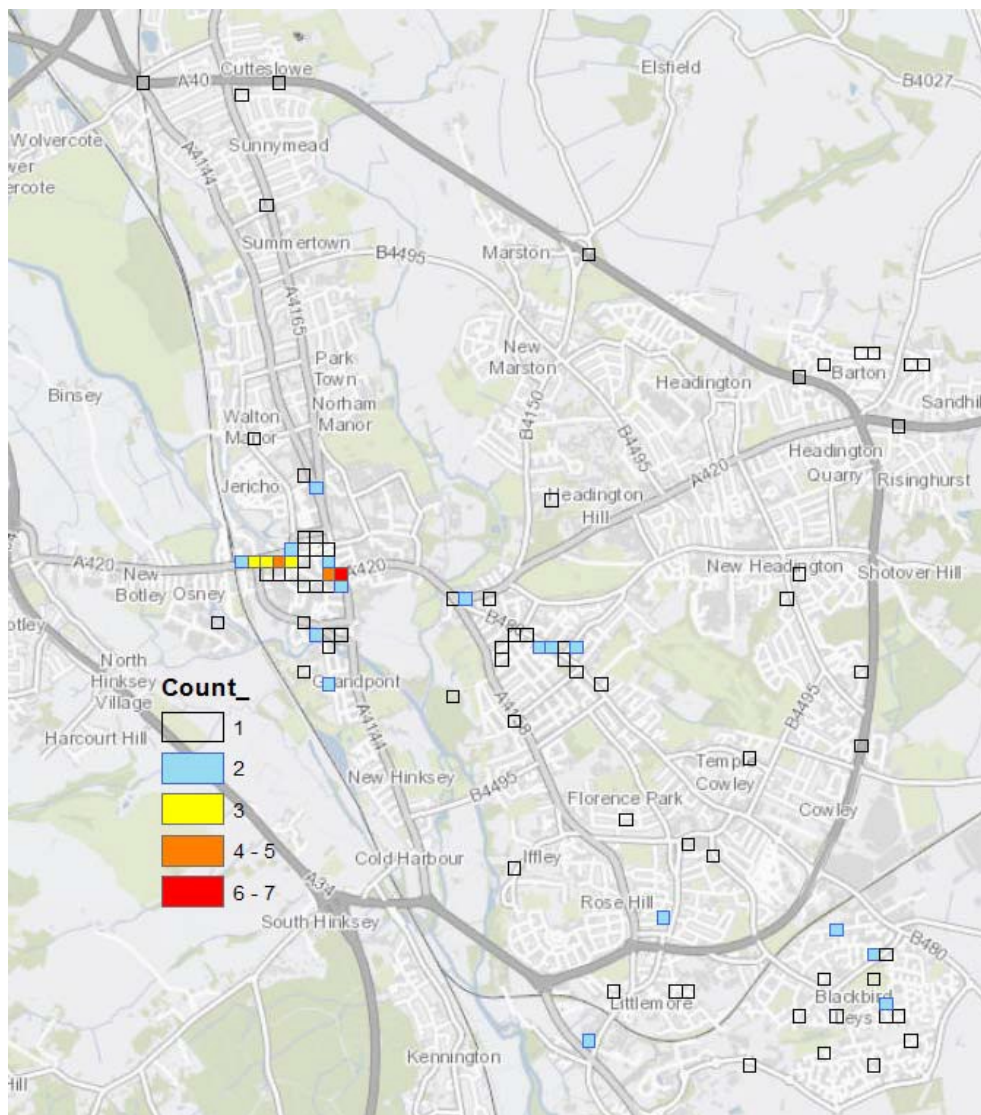
The map clearly indicates that the most notable areas in which NTE occurrences have taken place are: the city centre area focused on Park End Street, Hythe Bridge Street and Cornmarket; Magdalen roundabout, the Cowley Road between Union Street and East Avenue (O2 Academy and Cowley Retreat area); the A and E department of the John Radcliffe Hospital; and the Littlemore Mental Health Centre. It is possible (although not confirmed) that the hospital events may include occurrences that took place elsewhere and were reported from the hospital location.



11. Police Analysis of Violent Crime in the NTE: Geographic distribution

Serious violence offences.

Serious violence in Oxford's NTE appears to be highly focused in city centre areas, in particular: Queen Street / Cornmarket Street and Park End Street / Hythe Bridge Street.



12. Public Health Data

The table below shows the alcohol related hospital admissions and mortality rates for Oxford.

Compared to England: ■ better ■ similar ■ worse

Indicator	Period	England	Oxfordshire	Oxford
Alcohol related mortality	2018	46.5	41.1	48.6 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol related conditions	2018-19	664	526	640 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol specific conditions	2018-9	626	522	741 ■
Admission episodes for alcohol specific conditions -Under 18s	2016/17-18/19	31.6	31.7	50.0 ■
Hospital admissions of alcohol related cardiovascular disease (female)	2018/19	776	613	791 ■
Hospital admissions for mental and behavioural disorders due to alcohol	2018/19	75.6	52.2	97.9 ■
Hospital admissions for alcoholic liver disease	2018/19	131.2	96.0	138.4 ■

Source: PHE: Population Health Analysis (PHA) team using data from NHS Digital and ONS

The trend for hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions is increasing. There is also an increase in the trend for hospital admissions for alcohol related cardiovascular diseases.

Statement of Licensing Policy

Licensing Act 2003

February 2022 to February 2027

Licensing applications and enquiries:

The Licensing Authority
Oxford City Council
St. Aldate's Chambers
109 St. Aldate's
Oxford
OX1 1DS
Tel: 01865 252565
Email: licensing@oxford.gov.uk

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub- Committee on Monday 30 June 2025



Committee members present:

Councillor Miles

Councillor Rehman

Councillor Ottino

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Uswah Khan, Committee and Member Services Officer

Alison Daly, Legal Advisor

John Ali, Licensing Compliance Officer

Emma Thompson, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

61. Election of Chair for the hearings

Councillor Ottino proposed Councillor Miles as Chair for the meeting; Councillor Rehman seconded.

Councillor Miles was elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

62. Apologies for Absence

None.

63. Declarations of Interest

None.

64. Procedure for the hearing

The Sub-Committee noted the relevant procedure for the hearing.

65. Application for a new Premises Licence – Love Jericho, 30 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AA

Bill Donne (Applicant), Elvis Laci and Gledian Bushi joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all attendees. The Sub-Committee and officers introduced themselves.

The Chair outlined the procedure for the hearing.

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer presented the report, noting the requirement for members to determine an application submitted by Jericho Hospitality Ltd for a New Premises Licence in respect of Love Jericho, 30 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AA

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer summarised the report, stating that applicant applied for the following:

- Retail Sale of Alcohol (on and off sales), Recorded Music (indoors only): Sunday to Saturday: 10:00 hours to 02:00 hours
- Late Night Refreshment (indoors only): Sunday to Saturday: 23:00 hours to 02:00 hours
- Live Music (indoors only): Sunday to Saturday: 10:00 hours to 01:00 hours

The Sub Committee were informed that the application sought to replace the existing license with the three aims:

- To extend the terminal hour for licensable activities by one hour until 02:00 hours each day
- To adopt new conditions that are robust and meet today's expected standards of operation
- To retrospectively amend the layout of the floor plans lodged with the Licensing Authority

The Sub-Committee understood that a copy of the application could be found in appendix one, with details of both the application and the steps that the applicant intended to take to promote licensing objectives.

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer explained that there were no representations received by Responsible Authorities, and the applicant had agreed conditions with Thames Valley Police (TVP). The Sub-Committee were informed that during the consultation period, TVP liaised with the applicant to request amendments to the operating schedule to ensure that the licensing objectives were to be upheld. A number of conditions were amended and agreed upon, as found in appendix three of the report.

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer further added that they had received representation from 12 Interested Parties which can be found in appendix four. Additionally, they received representation from 9 Interested Parties in support of the application which can be found in appendix five.

A map detailing the applicant's premises and the surrounding area, including its proximity to residential areas was enclosed in appendix six.

The Sub-Committee were reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and the Human Rights Act 1998 (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.

The Sub-Committee were also reminded that they must make one of the following decisions which they consider to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- To grant the variation in accordance with the application.
- To modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.
- To exclude or restrict a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- Reject the whole of the application

The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

The Chair welcomed the Panel to ask questions.

Councillor Ottino asked about the layout, and the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer confirmed that the plans provided were internal layouts. Mr Donne added that the plans reflected what had been applied for and noted that an existing license was already in place. A minor variation application had been submitted two weeks prior to amend the floor layout. That consultation period had concluded, and they were hoping the licensing authority would approve the changes, as they had no impact on fire escapes.

A resident enquired whether the doors should remain closed at all times. The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer confirmed that doors should be kept closed when regulated entertainment, such as a DJ or live band were taking place. This did not apply to background music as that music was not considered regulated entertainment.

The Chair invited the applicant to present to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Donne presented an application on behalf of Jericho Unlimited for a not tied to commercial obligations due to new premises license. Although an existing license was in place, authorising activities until 1am, and 2am on Sundays preceding bank holidays, the intention was to surrender the old license if the new one were granted.

The original application included the provision of live and recorded music, late night refreshment and the sale of alcohol. Live music was proposed until 2am. However, due to objections and resident concerns, the application was amended verbally as follows:

- Live music was removed as a licensable activity, meaning it would only be permitted under the Live Music Act until 11pm.
- Recorded music and alcohol sales to end at 2am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, with the venue closing at 1am from Sunday to Wednesday, thus reducing the originally proposed hours.

Mr Donne confirmed that the applicant consulted with TVP prior to submitting the application. TVP had provided a set of conditions during that consultation. These were incorporated into the application and were considered more comprehensive, enforceable and robust than those under the existing license, raising the overall standard. The only point of disagreement with TVP was around radio coverage and Pub Watch membership. Mr Donne stated that Pub Watch should be a voluntary scheme but was in fact a legal entity and as such membership of it gave rise to legal liability with potential legal implications arising if someone were barred. He noted that TVP did not submit a formal objection, nor did any other responsible authorities. Additionally, no objection had been received directly from residents regarding the bar. Mr Donne also suggested that many residents lived at a distance and may not be significantly affected by the premises operation. Mr Donne referenced Section 1a of the statutory guidance, stating that the committee should give weight to the views of enforcement authorities, who had not raised any issues.

Mr Donne emphasised that the applicants had taken residential concerns seriously and made substantial changes to the application, including removing live music and reducing operational hours to address those issues.

The Chair invited questions from the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Ottino asked the applicant about the need for off-sales until 2am. The applicant explained that the licence covered both on and off-sales and that all sales would be in sealed containers. They noted that until March, off-sales were automatically included in most license with on-sales.

Councillor Ottino also asked what the last admission time to the venue would be. The applicant said it would be 15 minutes before bar closing. When further asked if this could be earlier, the applicant maintained that 15 minutes was appropriate, as customers would have 30 minutes to finish their drinks.

Councillor Rehman expressed concern about the terrace being open until 1am, noting it wouldn't make a difference to residents if it remained open that late. He added that if the venue stayed open till 2am, there should be supervisors present at the time. The applicant confirmed there would be supervision on Fridays and Saturdays and agreed that the same would apply to Thursdays if they opened that late.

The Chair asked about participation in the Night Watch scheme. The applicant confirmed that it would cost £450 per year but noted that radio coverage didn't reach the venue. They were informed by a police officer that funding might be available. The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer confirmed that the system didn't cover Walton Street. The applicant commented that while Pub Watch was a good system, participation raised questions about legal liability.

Regarding staff training, the Chair asked if staff were trained. The applicant confirmed that they would implement the Ask Angela initiative and provide staff management training. If the license were granted, notices would be displayed on the back of toilet

doors. The Chair further asked about handling complaints, to which the applicant responded that there was no current system for residents to contact the premises directly but agreed to add a condition for a dedicated hotline managed by the duty manger.

The Legal Advisor asked the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer about the closing times of the nearby venues. The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer provided this information in relation to Raouls Bar, Oxford Wine Café, the Duke of Cambridge and Angels.

The Chair invited the Interested Parties to present.

Tinka Marquardt, a local resident, spoke against the application on behalf of her neighbourhood. She objected on the grounds of four key licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, the promotion of public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Ms Marquardt expressed that the current operating hours of the premises had already led to recurring incidents of public disorder and criminal activity. She listed issues such as excessive noise, public vomiting and urination, overturned bins and rubbish in front gardens. Regarding public safety, she raised concerns about catcalling towards residents, particularly women, and the presence of broken glass posing a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists. Ms Marquardt stressed that extending the operating hours would only worsen the existing problems and make the area increasingly unpleasant and intolerable for residents.

Another resident noted that Walton Street was narrow, making it difficult to manage crowds. She highlighted the challenge of asking people to leave her garden and added that noise from shouting, especially during warm nights, made it impossible to sleep with windows open.

Councillor Pressel addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that Walton Street was a quiet residential street, not a high street, and noted that students living opposite the bar were often disturbed. She warned that later opening hours would attract more intoxicated individuals and set a precedent for other venues to follow. Councillor Pressel also observed that the balcony doors at the premises were never closed, contributing to noise issues, particularly at 2am on Thursday when children had school the next day.

In support of the application, a customer of Love Jericho stated that most of the noise at closing time came from other venues further down the street. She argued that with multiple venues closing at once, foot traffic was inevitable. She added that Oxford had few remaining nightlife venues, and that Love Jericho attracted a respectful, younger crowd with signage asking people to be mindful of neighbours. She also noted that the venue did not operate at all times, especially in colder months.

Another supporter, who lived on Clarendon Street, acknowledged the noise from crowds but stated that the clientele at Love Jericho were pleasant, and he had never witnessed any altercations. He said he believed the noise was due to people (possibly students and other groups) living further up in Jericho returning from late night out in the city centre and could not be attributed only to the venue itself. He appreciated having a local venue to attend, as many people preferred not to travel into the city centre.

The Chair welcomed final questions.

Councillor Rehman inquired about the venue's capacity. The applicant confirmed a fire risk capacity of 120 and a comfort capacity of approximately 95. The venue typically reached capacity on Fridays and Saturdays, while weekday attendance was significantly lower.

The Chair invited the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer, the Applicant and any Interested Parties to make any final comments

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer clarified once individuals leave a premises, their behaviour becomes their own responsibility, not the venues. She advised that incidents involving university students should be directly reported to the relevant institutions. She also noted the importance of considering staggering closed times, across different venues may aid in customer dispersal which should be taken into account.

Mr Donne summarised by acknowledging the concerns raised by local residents. However, he stated that there was limited evidence to prove that the issues described were directly caused by customers of Love Jericho. He pointed out that TVP had raised no objections and that, since the current management had taken over there had been no recorded complaints. He requested a one-hour extension to the venues operating hours from Thursday to Saturday and indicated a willingness to negotiate on the last entry time if necessary. He also referred to an agreed dispersal policy condition, designed to ensure orderly customer departure and minimise nuisance. Mr Donne emphasised that the venues operators were experienced and respected by the local police.

Interested Parties reiterated their concern about the precedent that might be set if the application were approved, even if judged on a case-by-case basis. They also noted that like the operators, the residents were also respected individuals but lacked the time and financial resources to formally represent themselves.

Mr Donne, Mr Bushi, Mr Laci, the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer, the Licensing Compliance Officer and all Interested Parties left the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to reach a decision.

The Sub-Committee debated and considered:

- That they acknowledged there were no objections from responsible authorities.
- That three residents attended to voice their objections and raising their concern that approval could set a precedent for future late-night applications, impacting residential amenity.
- However, two supporters had noted that the area is already generally noisy, and it is difficult to attribute specific complaints to the venue.
- That residents had requested no Thursday extension of hours due to nearby schools operating on Friday.

- That there was concern about the balcony and that the doors to it were habitually open and noise from inside the venue leaked out.
- However, that there had been no direct noise complaints associated with the use of the balcony which was a relatively small area.
- That antisocial behaviour was acknowledged in the area, but had not been directly attributed to the venue.

Mr Donne, Mr Bushi, Mr Laci, the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer, the Licensing Compliance Officer rejoined the meeting to hear the Sub-Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the application with some modifications, including terminal hours of 1am on Thursday and 2am on Fridays and Saturdays. Last entry was permitted one hour before closing on all nights. Conditions attached to the license include the incorporation of all the Thames Valley Police required conditions, the provision of a hotline phone number for resident groups to report complaints, the implementation of the Ask Angela scheme with appropriate staff training, and activation of the Night Safe radio system once a signal is established. Additionally, the provision for live music was removed from the application.

The Chair notified the applicant that they have 21 days to appeal the decision made during the hearing, via the Magistrates Court, from the date of receiving the decision notice.

Mr Donne, Mr Bushi, Mr Laci, and all Interested Parties thanked the Sub-Committee left the meeting.

66. Application for a New Premises Licence – Khalifa Super Store, 122 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1JE

Mohammed Ali (Applicant) and Russel Sharland (Trading Standard Responsible Authority) joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all attendees. The Sub-Committee and officers introduced themselves.

The Chair outlined the procedure for the hearing.

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer presented the report, noting the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine an application submitted by Khalifa Super Store Ltd for a New Premises Licence in respect of Khalifa Super Store, 122 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1JE

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer summarised the report, stating that applicant applied for the following:

- Late Night Refreshment: Sunday to Saturday: 23:00 hours to 03:00 hour

The Sub-Committee understood that a copy of the application could be found in appendix one, with details of both the application and the steps that the applicant intended to take to promote licensing objectives.

The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer explained that during the consultation period, Thames Valley Police (TVP) liaised with the Applicant due to concerns with the terminal hour and shortcomings within the Applicant's operating schedule. TVP and the Applicant agreed on additional conditions to be added to any licence granted and a reduction of hours for licensable activities. The hours were amended to:

- Late Night Refreshment: Sunday to Saturday: 23:00 hours to 01:00 hours

A copy of the correspondence between TVP and the applicant, which included confirmation and agreement of the amended hours and additional conditions, could be found at appendix two.

A valid representation had been received from a Responsible Authority, Trading Standards, due to concerns in relation to the licensing objectives; crime and disorder and protection of children from harm, as detailed in the table below. A copy of the representation could be found at appendix three.

A map detailing the applicant's premises, and the surrounding area was enclosed in appendix four.

The Sub-Committee were reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Human Rights Act to consider the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents, and to ensure that any decision taken is necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued. The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer emphasised that any decision taken must promote the licensing objectives and provided procedural advice regarding the Sub-Committee's considerations.

The Sub-Committee were also reminded that they must make one of the following decisions which they consider to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- To grant the variation in accordance with the application.
- To modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.
- To exclude or restrict a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- Reject the whole of the application

The Sub-Committee were reminded that they may grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

The Chair welcomed the Panel to ask questions; no questions were raised.

The Chair invited the Applicant to present to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Ali explained that the only objection to the application came from Trading Standards and related to a period before the new owners took place on 1 April. He clarified that he had no involvement with the products or the supermarket, and his role was limited to catering, and he was asked to apply for the license. He stated that the food section occupied 25% of the premises. Mr Ali noted that TVP had agreed to a 1am closing time instead of 3am, hence the amended application.

The Chair invited questions from the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Ottino asked about the ownership. Mr Ali stated the current owner was Mr Hussain Aziz, who was in Iraq and unable to attend due to a lack of flights. He did not know the previous owner. Mr Ali confirmed he was retired and ran a food business. Councillor Ottino further asked if the business had changed to which Mr Ali responded the shop remained 75% supermarket and 25% food.

Councillor Rehman asked if the premises were still operating the same way under new ownership. Mr Ali confirmed they were and said Mr Aziz had taken over and continued operations. When asked about his role, Mr Ali clarified he was listed as the manager only for the application, acting as an agent, not for the shop itself.

There were concerns raised about ongoing court cases and whether the premises were still attracting problematic activity. Mr Ali said he knew Mr Aziz well and confirmed the food and shop sections were now physically separated. He considered them two separate businesses.

The Chair asked when the hot food section started and whether it had a license. Mr Ali said it began when Mr Aziz took over and admitted the food section operated past 11pm without a late-night license. He stated they intended to close at 11pm until they heard from licensing officers.

When asked about who managed the food section, Mr Ali said there was no designated manager and he wasn't involved in daily operations.

The Senior Licensing Officer asked how long Mr Aziz had been away; Mr Ali said four weeks. The Licensing Officer asked that on 15 May, Mr Aziz was informed of the 1am terminal hour condition Mr Ali confirmed he was aware of the changed terminal hour. The Senior Licensing Compliance Officer stated despite being warned via letters dated 24 March and 21 April, the premises operated without a required license, making the activity technically illegal. Mr Ali said he wasn't aware of any trading beyond 23:00 hours following these visits but could be possible.

When questioned about staff documentation and management responsibility, Mr Ali said if the license was granted, conditions would be provided in writing, and it would be up to those involved to comply.

The Chair asked if Mr Aziz owned any other businesses in Oxford and Mr Ali confirmed this was the only one.

The Chair invited the Trading Standards Responsible Authority to present.

Mr Sharland explained that Trading Standards objected to the application due to evidence linking the applicant to the sale of illegal vapes and smuggled tobacco. He emphasised that although ownership had changed, Khalifa Superstore Limited remained the same legal entity. The objection was based on continued activities aligned with criminal objectives. Mr Sharland stated a criminal investigation had resulted in guilty pleas from a former director, while the case against the company itself had been adjourned due to the owner's absence from the country. The business had evaded taxes through smuggled tobacco sales, which undercut legal prices and encouraged continued smoking. Vulnerable customers were particularly affected by the availability of cheaper, illegal products.

Mr Sharland stated that on 1 May of the previous year, illegal vapes were found in the store. Staff on site refused to cooperate and hidden products were discovered behind a magnetically sealed panel smuggled polish cigarettes, nicotine pouches lacking English safety instructions, and other unsafe products were found behind the counter. These items posed serious health risks and lacked age restrictions. The individuals involved were interviewed under caution and faced prosecution. Mr Sharland noted that shortly after the store was sold, a further investigation took place on 21 January this year and staff again refused to cooperate. Officers found 161 nicotine pouches and tobacco products displayed openly and another hidden compartment was discovered, containing large amounts of cash. On 21 February and 16 March, Trading Standards conducted test purchases and illegal vapes were sold both times by the same staff member and the money went directly into the stores till. Another hidden compartment was found behind an electromagnet.

Mr Sharland summarised by stating that Khalifa Superstore claimed the sale of the business took place on 20 March, but a seizure had already occurred on 16 March. Just three business days later, a sale involving a legal document had allegedly been finalised. When the previous owner was interviewed, he claimed no sale had yet been completed and that he had never met the new buyer Mr Hussain, despite records showing they exchanged a signed agreement. Mr Sharland stated that a license is a privilege, not a right and Khalifa Superstore Limited should not be granted one.

The Chair asked whether the current owner was the sole owner and the Mr Sharland confirmed this was the case. When asked how authorities would be notified of the owners return to the UK, it was confirmed that legal teams would communicate directly.

The Chair invited the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer, the Applicant and Trading Standards Responsible Authority to make any final comments

Mr Ali stated that he had advised the owners to keep proper documentation but noted that they preferred informal agreements. When asked about the ownership of the premises, he said the land had two different landlords. He admitted he had initially thought the application was straightforward, but it had escalated into a matter involving criminal activity.

Mr Sharland concluded by reiterating that holding a license is a privilege, and that Khalifa Superstore Limited should not be granted that privilege.

Mr Ali, Mr Sharland, the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer and the Licensing Compliance Officer left the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to reach a decision.

The Sub-Committee deliberated and considered:

- The likelihood of criminality at the premises as presented by Trading Standards and although the sub-committee had no powers to judge the criminality (this would be for the Courts) they had a duty to ensure the licensing objectives were promoted and upheld.
- That it is for the sub-committee to determine whether the alleged crimes affected the promotion of prevention of crime and disorder.
- That Mr Ali was somewhat removed from the running of the business and that the sub-committee were not persuaded that the licence objectives would be upheld by the new owners of the premises who had not attended.

Mr Ali, Mr Sharland, the Senior Licensing Compliance Officer and the Licensing Compliance Officer rejoined the meeting to hear the Sub-Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Refuse** the application. The Panel had no confidence that Khalifa Superstores would uphold the licensing objectives. Due to ongoing criminal proceedings, the Panel placed significant weight on the objection from the Trading Standards, and they were not persuaded by representations from Mr Ali that Khalifa Superstore would uphold the licensing objectives. The Panel reiterated that holding a license is a privilege, not a right.

The Chair notified the Applicant that they would have 21 days to appeal the decision made during the hearing via the Magistrates Court from the date of receiving the decision notice.

Mr Ali and Mr Sharland thanked the Sub-Committee and left the meeting.

67. Minutes

The Sub-Committee approved the minutes of the meetings held on 31 March 2025, 12 May 2025, 19 May 2025 and 4 June 2025 as true and accurate records.

68. Dates of Future Meetings

The Sub-Committee noted the dates of the future meetings.

The meeting started at 6.12pm and ended at 9.15pm.

Chair

Date: Thursday 3 July 2025

When decisions take effect:

Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired

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decision notice is issued*

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Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub- Committee on Thursday 3 July 2025

Committee members present:

Councillor Miles

Councillor Ottino

Councillor Rawle

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Uswah Khan, Committee and Member Services Officer

Alison Daly, Team Leader Lawyer

Katie Thorp, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Tanaka Merralls, Trainee Solicitor

Also present:

Alex Bloomfield, Licensing Officer (Thames Valley Police)

69. Election of Chair for the hearings

Councillor Ottino proposed Councillor Miles as Chair for the meeting; Councillor Rawle seconded.

Councillor Miles was elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

70. Apologies for absence

None.

71. Declarations of Interest

None.

72. Procedure for the hearing

The Sub-Committee noted the relevant procedure for the hearing.

The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that their presence would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

73. Review of Premises Licence - Park Stores / Turna's Local, 16 Florence Park Road, Oxford, OX4 3PH

The Licensing & Gambling Acts Sub-Committee resolved to **revoke** the application.

The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 7.43pm.

Chair

Date: Wednesday 6 August 2025

*When decisions take effect:
Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired
Planning Committees: after the call-in and review period has expired and the formal decision notice is issued
All other committees: immediately.
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Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub- Committee on Wednesday 6 August 2025

Committee members present:

Councillor Ottino

Councillor Jupp

Councillor Yeatman

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Uswah Khan, Committee and Member Services Officer

Alison Daly, Team Leader Lawyer

Katie Thorp, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Tanaka Merralls, Trainee Solicitor

John Ali, Licensing Compliance Officer

74. Election of Chair for the hearings

Councillor Ottino proposed Councillor Jupp as Chair for the meeting; Councillor Yeatman seconded.

Councillor Jupp was elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

75. Apologies for absence

None.

76. Declarations of Interest

None.

77. Procedure for the hearing

The Sub-Committee noted the relevant procedure for the hearing.

78. Application for a New Premises Licence – NOVOCO UK Ltd, Cutteslowe Park and Sunnymead Park, Oxford, OX2 8NP

Mr Crew and Mr McNeill joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all attendees. The Sub-Committee and officers introduced themselves.

The Chair outlined the procedure for the hearing.

The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer presented the report, noting the requirement for members to determine an application submitted by NOVOCO UK Ltd for a New Premises Licence in respect of Cutteslowe Park and Sunnymead Park, Oxford, OX2 8NP. The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer summarised the report, stating that applicant applied for a one, three-day event called Campfire Country, Beatmasters and We Love It Festival, every year with the proposed dates for 2025 of 22 to 24 August 2025, with the following licensable activities:

- Sale of Alcohol (on sales only), Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Entertainment Similar to Music or Dance: Friday to Sunday 12:00 hours to 22:00 hours each day.

The Sub-Committee understood that a copy of the application could be found in appendix one, with details of both the application and the steps that the applicant intended to take to promote licensing objectives.

The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer explained that there were no representations received from Responsible Authorities, and the applicant had agreed conditions with Thames Valley Police (TVP). A copy of the agreed conditions with TVP were found in appendix two of the report. The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer further added that they had received 4 representations from Interested Parties which can be found in appendix three. A map detailing the applicant's premises and the surrounding area was enclosed in appendix four.

The Sub-Committee were reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and the Human Rights Act 1998 (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.

Members were also reminded that whenever they make a decision under the Licensing Act 2003, they have a duty to act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, and only issues relation to the four licensing objectives should be considered and appropriate weight given to the importance and relevance of each representation.

The Chair welcomed the Panel to ask questions.

Councillor Jupp asked if there's a specific timeframe for agreement on the dates of the future events, to which the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer clarified that it should be no later than three months before the event as an agreed condition with TVP.

The Chair invited the applicant to present to the Sub-Committee.

Mr McNeill presented a new premises license application on behalf of Novoco UK Ltd, stating that they had successfully hosted four previous events (Edinburgh, Swansea, Hull and Norwich) without any issues. Friday is a Country event with tribute acts and originals acts, Saturday is a dance led event which is 18+ event, and Sunday is a family tribute festival. Mr Crew addressed concerns about noise, explaining that the stage would be situated away from residential properties, with a residential letter and hotline provided to mitigate issues. Additionally, cones would be placed to prevent obstructing access to nearby residents driveways, and the event would promote park-and-ride to ease traffic congestion.

The Chair invited questions from the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Ottino raised a question about the timing of alcohol sales, asking if there was enough time between the last performance and alcohol service. Mr Crew confirmed that alcohol sales would stop 30 minutes before the end of the show, with music finishing by 10pm. The bars would be closed slightly before 10pm.

The Trainee Solicitor asked if someone wanted to buy at 9.55pm, what time are you going to stop selling alcohol. Mr Crew said that they close the bars before the end of the show, usually at around 9:30pm, although there are still people at the event, they are not selling alcohol up until the event finishes.

Councillor Ottino asked about additional documentation since the application. Mr Crew confirmed they have submitted all necessary documents, and depending on the meetings outcome, a pre-briefing meeting had been arranged.

Councillor Jupp pointed out two inconsistencies in policies regarding event closures and asked how the event times were decided, specifically LH 7 which states you are not allowed to let anyone in one hour before the end of the licensable activities, and LH 5 which states you should cease all licensable activities no later than 30 minutes before the closure of the event. Mr Crew explained that their nationwide events typically ran until 10pm to allow the public to enjoy the event and to minimise disruption to local residents, with public transport available.

Councillor Ottino asked about the traffic management plan, particularly concerning the resident concerns about blocked roads. Mr Crew assured that no parking would be allowed near residencies, with pre-event warnings, signage and security staff guiding attendees.

Councillor Jupp asked if they had been invited back for any future events in the previous locations to which Mr Crew responded that the events team at the site had invited them, with provisional dates set for next year.

Councillor Ottino asked about staff training policies. Mr Crew responded that the security company provide in-house staff training, and the medical team also collaborates. They also conduct risk briefing sessions before each event.

Councillor Jupp inquired about policies for removing people from the event. Mr Crew explained that individuals who needed to be removed would be safely escorted home by taxi or a friend, emphasising the duty of care provided.

Councillor Ottino asked where staff parking and camping would be, and Mr Crew said the staff area would be behind the stage, with a small number of staff camping in the back-of-house area.

Councillor Jupp asked about ticket sales. Mr McNeill responded that for Friday, 2500 tickets had been sold, with 700 for Saturday and 650 for Sunday.

Councillor Yeatman asked about the concerns from residents relating to the park and car park. Mr Crew explained that vehicles would only access the site via Harbour Road, with security monitoring the traffic, there would be clear signage, and event vehicles would only be allowed to park on tarmac. They also planned to use hazard lights on vehicles and keep speed to 5mph.

Regarding lighting, Councillor Yeatman raised concerns about darkness. Mr Crew clarified that additional tower lights would be installed along walking routes, but these would be switched off by 11pm.

Councillor Ottino asked about managing the bridge exit, especially near the pond. Mr Crew confirmed that security staff would be stationed to guide people and discourage them from using alternate routes. Extra security would be on-site near the pond.

Councillor Jupp sought clarification around dancing activities. Mr Crew explained that Friday would feature line dancing and Saturday would include performances like fire dancers.

The Legal Advisor inquired about whether they would be putting on their own transport service, asking if buses would be used. The applicant stated that they don't plan to, as there is plenty of public transport that service the area. She also suggested considering more security staff due to the multiple exits, to which Mr Crew assured there would be one security staff member for every 100 attendees, with security staff positioned in the car parking, walking routes and near the pond. Since the event is expecting around 2500 people, a total of 25 security staff will be on site.

Councillor Jupp raised the issue of crowd noise and Mr Crew stated by the end of the event on Saturday, around 25% of attendees would remain, which would help stagger departures and reduce noise impact.

Councillor Ottino asked if the applicant had contacted bus services about the increased foot traffic. The applicant confirmed this would be followed up after the meeting.

The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer asked how quickly the site would be cleared after the event. Mr Crew confirmed the site would be cleared within 15 minutes.

Councillor Yeatman asked when the food service would stop. Mr Crew estimated that the main cleanup would be completed by Monday at 4pm, with continuous maintenance during the event and infrastructure removed by then.

Councillor Jupp asked about the staff involved in the cleanup process. Mr Crew confirmed that litter pickers and cleaning staff would take about 20 minutes to clear the area.

Councillor Ottino inquired why the applicant had applied for this license. Mr Crew responded that they had hoped to make the event a success and eventually invest in the area, with a focus on creating a positive, long-term relationship with the community.

Councillor Jupp asked about entry times and when tickets would be scanned. Mr Crew responded that they expected to finish entry for Friday by 7pm, Saturday by 5pm and Sunday by 3pm.

The Legal Advisor asked who the final decision-maker was. Mr Crew responded that decisions regarding security, medical services and health and safety were made by various staff, including the security and medical teams. The Legal Advisor further inquired about a commitment to repairing any damage to the site, to which the applicant

confirmed that the park team would handle any repairs, and they would address issues as needed.

The Chair invited the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer and the Applicant to make any final comments.

The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer said the Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- Grant the licence in accordance with the application.
- Modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.
- Exclude or restrict from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
- Reject the whole of the application.
- The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

Mr Crew, Mr McNeill, the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer and the Licensing Compliance Officer left the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to reach a decision.

The Sub-Committee debated and considered:

- Acknowledging concerns from the residents.
- That licensable activities must stop at 10pm, which conflicted with the current policy LH 5.
- A dynamic risk assessment was needed for ticket sales, stewarding the exit and staff numbers.
- More stewards would be required on the exit and residential road due to residents' concerns.
- Extra staff would be on the road for Friday and Saturday during the final hour.
- Giving significant weight to the agreed conditions with TVP.

Mr Crew, Mr McNeill, the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer and the Licensing Compliance Officer rejoined the meeting to hear the Sub-Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the licensable activities subject to conditions such as those set out in Licensing Policy LH5 – The Authority considers that licensable activities should normally cease not later than 30 minutes before final closure of the premises.
- Where alcohol sales must cease by 9:30pm, with other licensable activities continuing till 10pm as applied for.

- Only one stage, facing away from the residential area would be permitted.
- Conditions from TVP were agreed upon.
- A security staff ratio of 1:100 would be maintained at all times.
- A continuous risk assessment would be conducted to reallocate staff to areas where disturbances were likely to occur.

The Chair notified the applicant that they have 21 days to appeal the decision made during the hearing, via the Magistrates Court, from the date of receiving the decision notice.

Mr Crew and Mr McNeil thanked the Sub-Committee and left the meeting.

79. Application for a variation to a Premises Licence – Heat Afro Lounge, 282 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UR

Mr Mohammed Halilu, Samuel A Akinyemi, Mr Ken Adhere Rawlings and Mr Ebrima Jabbi joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all attendees. The Sub-Committee and officers introduced themselves. The Chair outlined the procedure for the hearing.

The Licensing Compliance Officer presented the report, noting the requirement for members to determine an application submitted by Heat Afro Lounge for a variation of a Premises License application in respect of 282 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UR.

The Licensing Compliance Officer summarised the report, stating that the applicant applied for the following:

Sale of Alcohol (On Sales Only)

- Current Hours: Sunday to Saturday 12:00 to 00:00 hours
- Proposed Hours: Monday to Wednesday 12:30 to 00:30 hours and Thursday to Sunday 12:30 to 01:30 hours

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors Only)

- Current Hours: Sunday to Saturday 23:00 to 00:00 hours
- Proposed Hours: Monday to Wednesday 23:00 to 00:30 hours Thursday to Sunday 23:00 to 01:30 hours

Recorded Music (Indoors Only)

- Current Hours: Sunday to Saturday 09:00 to 00:00 hours
- Proposed Hours: Monday to Wednesday 23:00 to 00:30 hours Thursday to Sunday 23:00 to 01:30 hours

Live Music (Indoors Only)

- New Activity Proposed: Monday to Wednesday 23:00 to 00:30 hours and Thursday to Sunday 23:00 to 01:30 hours

Opening Hours

- New proposed hours (not previously specified): Monday to Wednesday 12:30 to 01:00 hours Thursday to Sunday 12:30 to 02:00 hours

The Sub-Committee understood that a copy of the application could be found in appendix one, with details of both the application and the steps that the applicant intended to take to promote licensing objectives. The Licensing Compliance Officer stated that these measures would become enforceable conditions attached to the licence should the variation be granted.

The existing premises licence was attached to the report at appendix two.

The Licensing Compliance Officer explained that there were no representations received by Responsible Authorities and 1 representation from an Interested Party which can be found in appendix three.

A map detailing the applicant's premises and the surrounding area was enclosed in appendix four.

The Sub-Committee were reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and the Human Rights Act 1998 (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.

Members were also reminded that whenever they make a decision under the Licensing Act 2003, they have a duty to act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, and only issues relation to the four licensing objectives should be considered and appropriate weight given to the importance and relevance of each representation.

The Sub-Committee were also reminded that they must make one of the following decisions which they consider to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- To grant the variation in accordance with the application.
- To modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.
- To exclude or restrict a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- Reject the whole of the application

The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.

The Chair invited the applicant to present to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Akinyemi presented a variation application on behalf of Heat Afro Lounge for a variation to the existing premises license. He explained that he lived near the premises and never experienced any noise which disturbed his sleep. He stated that when the doors were closed, no sound could be heard from outside. Mr Halilu added that regarding the objection, he had offered to meet with the objector and considered additional soundproofing measures, but the objector declined and not agree to meet.

The Chair invited questions from the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Ottino asked whether the noise was monitored. Mr Halilu responded that they used an app to monitor noise and were willing to add this as a license condition.

Councillor Jupp inquired about the reason for the proposed extension of hours. Mr Halilu explained that the premises was the only African restaurant in the area, catering mainly to African clientele, who typically dined later due to cultural norms.

Councillor Jupp referred to the objector's description of loud bass music at night to which Mr Halilu denied.

Councillor Jupp raised further concern with previous noise complaints, but Mr Halilu responded that there had been none from the public.

Councillor Jupp asked about door closure, and Mr Halilu confirmed that doors were closed in the evening with a cut off time of 9pm. When asked how much noise could be heard outside when doors were shut, Mr Halilu said very little.

Councillor Jupp asked what type of music was played, and Mr Halilu responded it was Afrobeat.

Councillor Jupp asked the Licensing team whether any complaints had been received or whether there was any reason to believe the existing license was not being upheld. The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer confirmed that no complaints had been received by the Licensing department since Heat Afro Lounge took over the premises.

Councillor Ottino raised concern around nearby houses and the impact of extended hours on Thursdays and Sundays. Mr Halilu explained that on Thursdays, the African Caribbean University Society held events, expecting around 100 attendees.

Councillor Jupp questioned how public nuisance would be mitigated, and Mr Halilu stated they hired additional security. When asked how often security dealt with problem customers, the head doorman Mr Jabbi, explained that most of the clientele were working adults arriving after 10pm. He added that in the event of the DJ playing music too loud, he would ask them to turn it down. The Trainee Solicitor asked whether they received alerts from the noise monitoring app and Mr Halilu responded that they did.

The Trainee Solicitor further asked whether doors would remain closed at 9pm if the license was extended and they reaffirmed this.

Councillor Jupp asked whether IDs were checked at University events, and Mr Halilu confirmed that they were, with under 18s being asked to leave after 9pm.

Councillor Jupp further asked whether people tended to be noisy when leaving late at night. Mr Halilu responded that they had a crowd dispersal policy. He explained that the policy involved notifying customers 30 minutes before closing, staff training and his own participation with security to manage safe and quiet exits.

Councillor Ottino asked whether customers typically left before or after midnight and Mr Halilu responded that the premises was usually empty by 12:30am.

The Legal Advisor asked whether the applicant could assure the Sub-Committee that the venue was food-based. Mr Halilu affirmed that food was a significant part of the culture and the venue.

Councillor Yeatman asked whether further installations had been considered to address noise concerns, and Mr Halilu stated that they had soundproof doors.

Councillor Jupp asked whether there was audio in the garden and Mr Halilu responded there was a small speaker and that the garden had a roof that lifted.

Councillor Ottino asked about smoking arrangements. Mr Halilu explained that smoking was not allowed inside, but at the back when the roof was open it was accommodated.

The Supervising Senior Licensing Officer clarified that the garden area would still be classified as outdoor due to the openable roof.

The Chair invited the Licensing Compliance Officer, the Applicant and the Interested Party to make any final comments.

The Licensing Compliance Officer said in making its decision, members are reminded to have regard to the Home Office statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

Mr Akinyemi and Mr Halilu had no further comments.

Mr Halilu, Mr Akinyemi, Mr Rawlings, Mr Ebrima Jabbi, the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer, and the Licensing Compliance Officer left the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to reach a decision.

The Sub-Committee debated and considered:

- That the garden was classified as an outdoor space.
- That the proposed operating hours were acceptable.
- That a specific maximum decibel level must be agreed with Environmental Health, subject to adjustment should noise complaints be received.
- That all the external facing doors should remain closed during operational hours to minimise noise disturbance.

Mr Halilu, Mr Akinyemi, Mr Rawlings, Mr Ebrima Jabbi, the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer, and the Licensing Compliance Officer rejoined the meeting to hear the Sub-Committee's decision.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the application, subject to conditions such as the previous application of existing licensing conditions.
- the presence of a minimum of two licensed door supervisors on site from 10pm every evening.
- the requirement that all external-facing doors remain closed from 9pm onwards. Given the complaints and objections received
- the Sub-Committee emphasised the legal obligation that alcohol must only be served to people who are consuming food on the premises.
- Furthermore, no music shall be permitted in the back garden, as it is considered an outdoor area.
- To further mitigate noise and potential disturbance, the Sub-Committee recommended the installation of a self-closing mechanism on all external doors.

The Chair notified the applicant that they have 21 days to appeal the decision made during the hearing, via the Magistrates Court, from the date of receiving the decision notice.

Mr Halilu, Mr Akinyemi, Mr Rawlings, Mr Ebrima Jabbi, the Supervising Senior Licensing Officer, and the Licensing Compliance Officer thanked the Sub-Committee and left the meeting.

The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 9:40pm.

Chair

Date: Monday 15 September 2025

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Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired

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To: Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee
Date: 13th October 2025
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive for Citizen and City Services
Title of Report: Pihu Enterprises Ltd – Application for a New Premises Licence – 67 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BS

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	To inform the determination of Pihu Enterprises Ltd's application for a New Premises Licence
Key decision:	No
Corporate Priority:	Strong, fair economy & thriving communities.
Policy Framework:	Statement of Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003

Recommendation(s): The Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub-Committee resolves to:

1. Determine Pihu Enterprises Ltd's application taking into account the details in this report and any representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	Application for a new Premises Licence 25/03216/PREM	No
Appendix 2	Agreed Conditions with Thames Valley Police	No
Appendix 3	Representation from Interested Parties (Other Persons)	No
Appendix 4	Representations in Support of Application	No
Appendix 5	Statement from Applicant	No
Appendix 6	Location Plan	No

Introduction and background

1. This report is made to the Licensing & Gambling Acts Casework Sub-Committee so it may determine, in accordance with its powers and the Licensing Act 2003, whether **to grant** a Premises Licence to Pihu Enterprises Ltd.

Application Summary

2. An application for a new Premises Licence (25/03216/PREM) has been submitted by Pihu Enterprises Ltd for 67 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BS. The licensable activities applied for, and the timings proposed for these activities are:

Supply of Alcohol (Off Sales Only):

Monday to Sunday 05:00 hours to 23:00 hours

3. The Applicant's description of the premises as detailed in the application form is:
"Ground Floor retail shop (selling general groceries, alcohol, tobacco, vapes for off-site consumption) with customer entrance on Botley Road. No space will be provided for on-site alcohol consumption".
4. Both the original application and the steps that the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives (as set out in the operating schedule) can be found at **Appendix One**.
5. During the consultation period, Thames Valley Police liaised with the Applicant and agreed on a number of robust conditions to ensure that the licensing objectives are upheld. These conditions, if approved by the Sub-Committee, will be added to any premises licence granted.
6. A copy of the correspondence between Thames Valley Police and the Applicant, which includes confirmation and agreement of the additional conditions, can be found at **Appendix Two**.

Relevant Representations

7. Representations have been received from Responsible Authorities as detailed in the table below.

Responsible Authority	Response	Licensing Objective(s)
Licensing Authority	No representation	
Thames Valley Police	Agreed Conditions	
Fire and Rescue Service	No adverse comments	
Health and Safety	No representation	
Environmental Health	No representation	
Planning	No representation	

Child Safeguarding	No representation	
Public Health	No representation	
Trading Standards	No representation	
Home Office	No representation	

8. Valid representations have been received from interested parties (other persons) as detailed in the table below. Copies of the representations can be found at **Appendix Three**.

Name	Address	Licensing Objective(s)
A C	Alexandra Road	Public Nuisance, Public Safety
E Alexander	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
K Allred	Alexandra Road	Public Nuisance
L Ashe	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm
M Bailey	Henry Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M von Bechtolsheim	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Behboudi	Harley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
L Bellec	Henry Road	Public Nuisance, Public Safety
E Blackburn	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Bridgen	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Brown	Riverside Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Buekett	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Carroll	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety

L Casey	Bridge Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M Chait	Ferry Hinksey Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
J Chappell	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Chappell	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M Chataway	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Churchill	Alexandra Road	Public Nuisance
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Coussin	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
R Cross	Botley Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
R Dryden	Riverside Road	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
G Elizalde-Mills	Oatlands Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
D Elliott	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
J Farnsworth	Botley Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
P Feenan	Tilbury Lane	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Safety

R Finar	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Fincham	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
N Gardiner	South Street	Public Nuisance
I Germade	Bridge Street	Protection of Children from Harm
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
L Gordon	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
K Hack	Harley Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M Haigh	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
N Harff	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
E Harriss	Bridge Street	Protection of Children from Harm
D Hawkins	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Henig	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Hindmarch	Henry Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
A Holland	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety

G Horsfield	Edwin Court	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
B Hu	Hill View Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
R Huxley	Harley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
D Jeffrey	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Jeffrey	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
F Jimenez	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Jones	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Kanayan	Botley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Z Katsirma	West Street	Protection of Children from Harm
A Lees	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Little	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
T Marns	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
A Marshall	Binsey Lane	Public Nuisance
A Mathias	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
J Meakin	North Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
T Melham	Binsey Lane	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Miller	Harley Road	Public Nuisance
B Morley	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Morris	Bridge Street	Public Nuisance

L Muddiman	Harley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Z Mulcare	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance
B Munir	Hill View Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
P Murphy	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
U Natarajan	Bridge Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Nicholson	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Pendred	Alexandra Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Pendry	South Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
T Powell	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Pressel	Rawlinson Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
F Romei	Riverside Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
F Russell-Cobb	Alexandra Road	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
L Savell	Oatlands Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
M Shearan	Clover Close	Public Nuisance
J Shearan	Clover Close	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety

H Simms	Oatlands Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
Anonymous	Anonymous	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Smith	Alexandra Road	Public Nuisance
K Starr	Botley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
C Stewart	Tilbury Lane	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
D Stibbe	Harley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Stott	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
V Strang	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Tavener	Alexandra Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
C Terry	Botley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
J Terry	Botley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
E Theobald	Botley Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
S Turner	Hill View Road	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
A Unsworth	Oatlands Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
J Van der Voort	South Street	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M Walker	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance
M Wildsmith	Botley Road	Public Nuisance
J Wogan-Browne	East Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety

H Woodman	Helen Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
R Wormald	West Street	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
G Yona	Henry Road	Crime & Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm, Public Nuisance, Public Safety
F Zaman	West Street	Protection of Children from Harm, Public Safety

9. Comments in support of the application have been received from interested parties (other persons) as detailed in the table below. Copies of the comments can be found at **Appendix Four**.

Name	Address
H Bregeaud	Alexandra Road
C Gee	Binsey Lane
T Howard	West Street
M Rawson	West Street
A Sloley	Binsey Lane

10. As per the requirement of the Licensing Act 2003, copies of all the representations were sent to the Applicant. In response to these representations, and to attempt to allay the concerns raised, the Applicant has submitted a statement to provide additional information on the type of establishment they intend on operating and to indicate how they will uphold the licensing objectives. This statement can be found at **Appendix Five**.

Location

11. A map can be found at **Appendix Six** which shows the general location of the applicant's premises.

Statement of Licensing Policy

12. The Sub-Committee is referred to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. In particular, the following paragraphs have a bearing upon the application:

Relevant Policy Matters	Section	Policy
Licensing Hours	5.1.1	LH1 to LH3
Display of Operating Hours	5.2.1 to 5.2.2	LH5
Dispersal Procedures	5.3.1 to 5.3.3	LH6
Hours for 'Off-Sales' of Alcohol	5.5.1 to 5.5.2	LH8
Prevention of Alcohol Consumption by Minors	6.2.1 to 6.2.2	CH5
General Prevention of Public Nuisance	7.3.1 to 7.3.6	LA3
Addressing Local Concerns	7.3.10	LA4
Supply of Alcohol for Consumption Off the Premises	7.5.20 to 7.5.21	PP11
CCTV	8.3.1	OS7

13. A copy of the Statement of Licensing Policy may be obtained from the Council Offices or found online at:

<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/download/307/download-the-statement-oflicensing-policy>.

Home Office Statutory Guidance

14. Members are also referred to the statutory guidance issued by the Home Office. Below are relevant sections applicable to this application:

Relevant Sections	Relevant Paragraph
Crime and Disorder	2.1 to 2.7
Public Nuisance	2.21 to 2.27
Protection of Children from Harm	2.28 to 2.37
Offences Relating to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol to Children	2.38
Hours of Trading	10.13 to 10.15
Age Verification	10.46 to 10.50

15. A copy of the Home Office Statutory Guidance may be found online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>.

Other Relevant Considerations

16. The Sub-Committee is reminded of its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in Oxford) and under the Human Rights Act 1998 (which guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights, and also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life) when considering the fair balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights of local residents. Any decision taken by the Sub-Committee must be both necessary and proportionate to the objectives being pursued.
17. Members are reminded that whenever they make a decision under the Licensing Act 2003, they have a duty to act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.
18. When considering any representations, only those issues relating to the four licensing objectives should be considered and appropriate weight given to the importance and relevance of each representation.
19. In making its decision, Members must also have regard to both the Home Office statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
20. The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives
 - a. **Grant the licence in accordance with the application.**
 - b. **Modify the conditions of the operating schedule by altering or omitting or adding to them.**
 - c. **Exclude or restrict from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.**
 - d. **Reject the whole of the application.**

The Sub-Committee may also grant the licence subject to different conditions for different parts of the premises or the different licensable activities.
21. Members are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject whole or part of the application merely because they consider it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate to do so in order to promote the licensing objectives. Any such step must relate to a relevant representation made.

22. If Members grant the application, the details of the operating schedule will be incorporated into the licence as conditions. The licence will also be subject to certain mandatory conditions.

Legal issues

23. Members should note that the applicant or persons making representations have the right of appeal against the decision made by the Sub-Committee.

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Background Papers:	
1	Oxford City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy: Download the Statement of Licensing Policy Oxford City Council
2	Home Office Revised Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003: Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

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A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- ☐ An individual or individuals
- ☒ A limited company / limited liability partnership
- ☐ A partnership (other than limited liability)
- ☐ An unincorporated association
- ☐ Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- ☐ A recognised club
- ☐ A charity
- ☐ The proprietor of an educational establishment
- ☐ A health service body
- ☐ A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- ☐ A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- ☐ The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- ☒ I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.

Non Individual Applicant's Name

Name

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

Continued from previous page...

Limited Company

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

* Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

* Nationality [Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)

Add another applicant

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start? / /
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end / /
dd mm yyyy

Provide a general description of the premises

For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Ground Floor retail shop (selling general groceries, alcohol, tobacco, vapes for off-site consumption) with customer entrance on Botley Road. No space will be provided for on-site alcohol consumption.

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If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

☐ On the premises ☒ Off the premises ☐ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

N/A

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

N/A

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name

First name

Family name

Date of birth

/ /
dd mm yyyy

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Enter the contact's address

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>
Personal Licence number (if known)	<input type="text" value="22/02297/PER"/>
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	<input type="text" value="OXFORD CITY COUNCIL"/>

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- ☐ Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- ☒ As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

N/A

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

N/A

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

N/A

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

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List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

INSTALLING A ROBUST CCTV SYSTEM WITH 31 DAYS RECORDING AS PER THAMES VALLEY POLICE REQUIREMENTS
MAINTAINING AN INCIDENT LOG BOOK (PREMISES DAILY REGISTER) TO NOTE ANY COMPLAINTS, INCIDENTS AND/ OR
CALLS TO OR VISITS BY THAMES VALLEY POLICE
IMPLEMENT WRITTEN POLICIES AND OPERATING PROCEDURE THAT WILL FORM THE BASIS OF WRITTEN STAFF TRAINING
PROVIDING STAFF WITH UP TO DATE TRAINING STAFF ABOUT THE LICENCING OBJECTIVES
ENFORCING A STRICT NO DRUG POLICY
BEING VIGILANT AND INFORMING ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS TO THE POLICE
VIGOROUSLY CHECKING AGE ID FOR ANYONE WHO APPEARS TO BE UNDER 25 BEFORE SELLING AGE RESTRICTED
PRODUCTS
NOT SELLING ALCOHOL, VAPES, TOBACCO AND OTHER AGE RESTRICTED PRODUCTS TO UNDER AGE CUSTOMERS
INSTALLING AND PROMINENTLY DISPLAYING AGE RESTRICTION SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE SHOP AS PER TVP AND
TRADING STANDARDS RECOMMENDATIONS
SPIRITS WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND THE POINT OF SALE COUNTER AND WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

STRICT NO DRUG POLICY
BY BEING VIGILANT TO ANY SUSPECTED CRIME
CONTACTING THE POLICE IF I SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS

c) Public safety

CONDUCT FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT
MAINTAINING AND CHECKING FIRE DOORS ARE UNOBSTRUCTED
FIRE EXIT AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING TO BE CHECKED ROUTINELY AND ANY ISSUES REMEDIED IMMEDIATELY
ENSURING STEPS AND EDGES ARE APPROPRIATELY HIGHLIGHTED USING HIGH-VIS PAINT AND/OR DECALS
RECORDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS ARE KEPT AND MAINTAINED

d) The prevention of public nuisance

BE CAREFUL OF NOISE AND ODOUR POLLUTION
CAREFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY DISCARD SHOP WASTE
REPORT ANY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO THE POLICE ALONG WITH PROVIDING CCTV FOOTAGE WHEN REQUESTED

e) The protection of children from harm

TRAIN THE STAFF WITH CHILDREN SAFETY PROCEDURES
NOT SELLING ALCOHOL, VAPES, TOBACCO AND OTHER AGE RESTRICTED PRODUCTS TO UNDER AGE CUSTOMERS

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non-domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £8700 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then you are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39000 £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

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[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)

☒ Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

* Capacity

DIRECTOR, PIHU ENTERPRISES LTD.

* Date

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Add another signatory

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/oxford/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

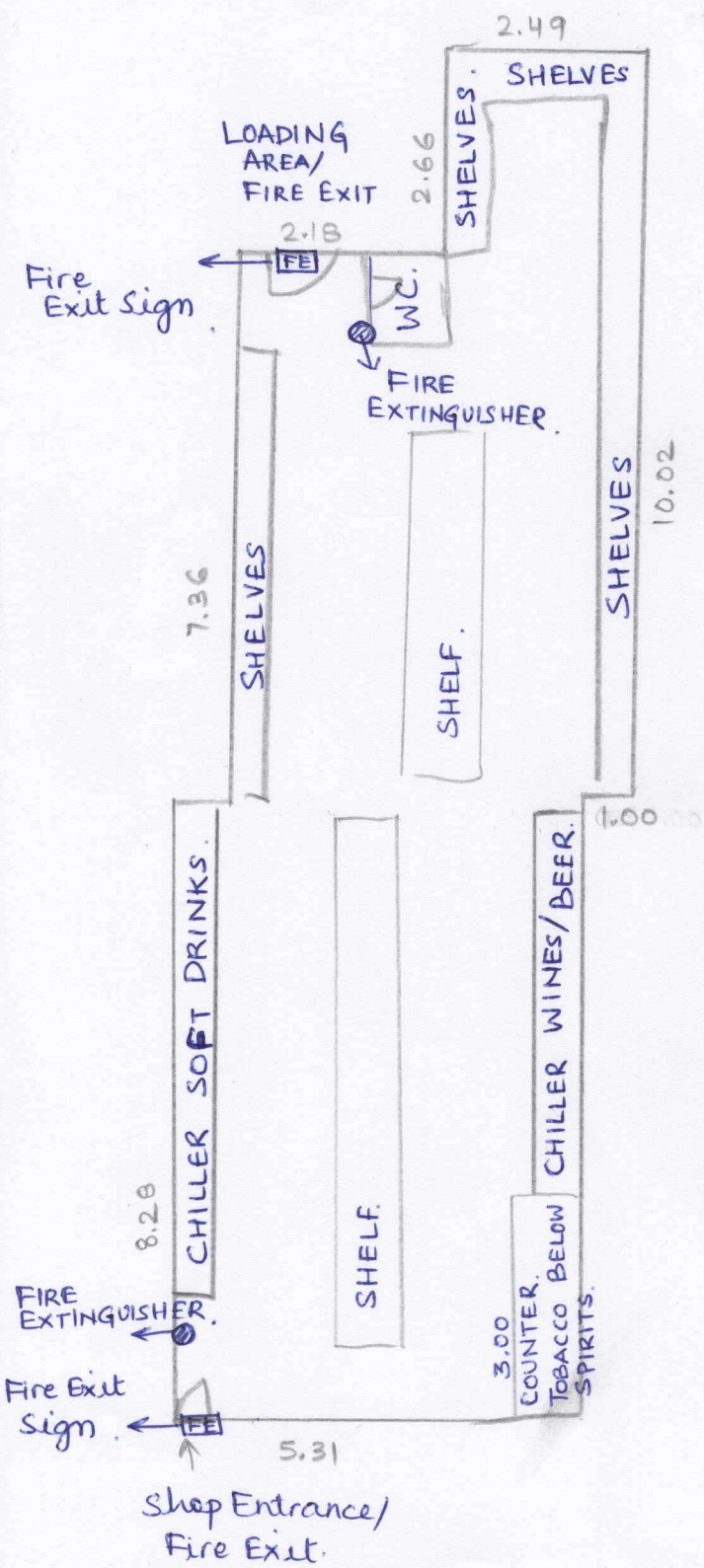
Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

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Fee paid	<input type="text"/>
Payment provider reference	<input type="text"/>
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Is Digitally signed	<input type="checkbox"/>



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
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Date: 08 September 2025 13:24:04
Attachments: [REDACTED]

To The Licensing Authority-Oxford City Council

Regarding the recent application for a premises licence for Pihu Enterprises Ltd, 67 Botley Road, (your reference 25/03216/PREM), TVP have been able to agree a set of conditions that promote the licensing objectives and the issues the licence holder will face.

The process of agreement can be found below.

The conditions agreed are:

1.	<p>The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff employed at the premises whose duties include the sale or supply of alcohol shall undertake and complete a relevant programme of training prior to them being authorised to sell or supply alcohol. Such training shall consist of providing staff with an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The need to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol · The need to refuse the sale and supply of alcohol to persons who are intoxicated or underage · The need to seek credible age verification from persons seeking to be sold or supplied alcohol who may appear under the age of 30 years old <p>Where subsequent issues related to the training is brought to the premises licence holder's attention by either the Licensing Authority and/or responsible authorities named in the Licensing Act, the premises licence holder will make amendments as directed by that authority</p> <p>Records of the training programme shall be maintained and made available to Thames Valley Police or the Licensing Authority upon request.</p> <p>The Premises Licence holder shall provide a "refresher" training session to all relevant staff members as and when deemed necessary on a case by case evaluation, but as a minimum requirement the refresher training session shall be provided to all staff on at least one occasion every six months.</p>
2.	<p>A Premises Daily Register shall be held at the premises. This Register shall be maintained for a rolling minimum period of 12 months, and shall record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the person responsible for the premises on each given day. • The name of the person authorising the sale of alcohol each day. • All calls made to the premises where there is a complaint made by a resident or neighbour of noise, nuisance or anti-social behaviour by persons attending or leaving the premises. This shall record the details of the caller, the time and date of the call and the time and date of the incident about which the call is made and any actions taken to deal with the call. • Any refusals on grounds of age and/or intoxication (to include date, time, member of staff involved, reason for refusal as well as a brief physical description of the person refused) • Any incident of crime, disorder, or antisocial behaviour in or within the immediate vicinity of the premises (whether it required the police or not) (to include date, time, details of any member of staff involved, the situation, the outcome as well as a brief physical description of the members of public involved) • Any safeguarding/vulnerability occurrence in or within the immediate vicinity of the premises (to include date, time, details of any member of staff involved, the situation, the outcome as well as a brief physical description of the members of public involved) •

	<p>In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service, the premises will keep a log of the following details for each order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of the individual items delivered; 2. The delivery address; 3. The method of payment; 4. The name of the person ordering and receiving the alcohol; 5. The date and time of delivery; 6. If proof of age was asked for, confirmation of the type of proof of age document presented and accepted; 7. The name or designated ID number of the person that made the delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, SIA number, start and finish time of anyone employed in a security role for that day • Any use of force by SIA registered staff in the effective management of the premises or in ejecting persons from the premises (to include date, time, member of staff involved, reason for force as well as a brief physical description of the person refused) • Weekly checks of the CCTV, to ensure it is fully operational and any faults are dealt with including the time of the check and the person that carried it out. • Any calls to or visits by Thames Valley Police in relation to any crime and disorder or like related matter. <p>The Designated Premises Supervisor, or in their absence duly appointed member of staff, shall check the Premises Daily Register on a weekly basis ensuring that it is completed and up-to-date, sign the Premises Daily Register each time that it is checked, and make the Premises Daily Register available for inspection by any Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority or Thames Valley Police throughout the trading hours of the premises.</p>
3.	<p>Alcohol shall only be purchased from suppliers registered with HMRC's Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme. The management of the premises shall have available on the premises originals or legible copies of invoices, receipts or other records of transactions for all alcohol products purchased in the preceding three months, which shall be made available upon request to an authorised officer of the council, Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police.</p>
4.	<p>Alcohol, tobacco and vaping products shall not be purchased from sellers calling at the premises.</p>
5.	<p>The premises shall implement written policies. Such documents shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV • Conditions of Entry • Safeguarding & Vulnerable Person • Noise • Management of the Immediate External Vicinity & Dispersal • Responsible Service of Alcohol • Remote Ordering and delivery of alcohol • Security Measures • Crime Reduction (I.E Theft, etc) • Underage Sales & False Identification • Zero Tolerance Drugs (including not selling drugs paraphernalia, such as grinders, bongs, pipes, NoS refills) <p>From these written policies and operating procedures, the premises licence holder shall implement written staff training ensuring that all staff employed at the premises receive full training on those policies that are relevant to their specific role. Staff shall sign and date training records to confirm they have had, fully understand the training, and that they shall carry out their duties in accordance with them. These training records shall be retained and made available to the Licensing Authority and/or responsible authority named under the licensing act upon request.</p> <p>Where subsequent issues or concerns related to one or more of the policy(s) are brought to the premises licence holder's attention by the licensing authority and/or one of the responsible authorities named under the licensing act, the premises licence holder shall make amendments as directed by that authority(s).</p> <p>Hard copies of the most up to date policy/procedures will be kept on the premises. They shall be readily accessible to staff for their own reference whilst working, and shall be made available to any of the authorities upon request to check for compliance.</p>

6.	<p>A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained. The CCTV system shall incorporate the following basic requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Be switched on and fully operational when the licensable activities are being carried out. · Record for a minimum rolling period of 31 days · Have a camera covering any entrance which will provide a facial shot of identification quality. · Have cameras covering any pertinent public areas (internally and externally) and alterations shall be made to address any subsequent concerns made by the police regarding coverage. · Have a means of copying any footage to another medium as evidence if requested by the Police · Have a member of staff working at all times whilst the licence is in operation that is able to operate the system and in particular be able to provide copies of any footage requested by The Police. <p>A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system shall comply with other essential legislation, and all signs as required be clearly displayed</p>
7.	All members of staff at the premises shall seek "credible photographic proof of age evidence" from any person who appears to be under the age of 30 years and who is seeking to purchase alcohol on the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will include a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo.
8.	Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exit points to advise customers to respect the needs of the local community and of acceptable behaviour in public spaces.
	The premises shall operate at all times whilst the premises licence is in operation a ID verification and scanning system. This will be utilised for all customers wishing to purchase alcohol and appear to be under 30 years of age. Records shall be kept for a rolling minimum period of 31 days and shall be made available to any authorised Officer of Thames Valley Police or the Licensing Authority upon request, together with facilities for viewing with immediate access by a person qualified to operate the system. Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to Thames Valley Police immediately and repaired as soon as practicable.
9.	Prominent signage shall be on display at the entrance to the shop and at the point of sale highlighting to customers that the shop operates a challenge 30 policy and they may be required to provide proof of age. Failure to do so will result in alcohol not be sold.
10.	Prominent signage shall be on display in areas where alcohol is merchandised informing customers it is criminal offence to buy alcohol for someone that is under 18 and where staff believe the customer is buying alcohol for children the sale shall be refused.
11.	Alcohol shall only be merchandised in areas that are within clear line of sight of till staff/ directly and comprehensively covered by CCTV
12.	Spirits shall only be merchandised behind the point of sale counter and these items shall only be accessible to the public via request to a member of staff
13.	Multipacks of alcohol shall not be broken down into single units for individual sale.
14.	<p>As part of the written 'security measures' policy condition, the premises licence holder shall carry out and implement a written risk assessment regarding the need (if at all) for SIA licenced store security. The risk assessment shall be made readily available to the police upon request and where subsequent issues or concerns related to the security risk assessment are brought to the premises licence holder's attention by the police, the premises licence holder shall make amendments as directed.</p> <p>Where the premises employs SIA store security there shall be no fewer than 2 on duty to avoid issues and risks associated with lone working.</p> <p>All SIA security employed at the premises shall wear at all times whilst on duty high visibility florescent yellow coats/tabards to clearly identify them as working that role.</p>
15.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service customers placing a remote order including alcohol shall be required to confirm that they are over the age of 18 at the time of making payment.
16.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service whenever alcohol is delivered to the purchaser, it shall only be delivered to a residential address or business address and not a public place, for example a Park.
17.	<p>In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a remote ordering and home delivery service, the requirement to deliver only to a residential or business property and that a challenge 30 policy is in place requiring customers to produce photographic ID proving their age if challenged will be made clear to customers before they order.</p> <p>Customers will be advised that if they fail to produce ID when challenged or they appear intoxicated will be refused service and refunded the cost of the alcohol.</p>

18.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service all persons delivering alcohol must be aged 18 or over.
19.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service all home deliveries will only be made by way of credit or debit card transaction (including that by way of third party proxy such as 'Paypal' etc)- no cash upon delivery.
20.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service orders of, or orders including alcohol will be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol
21.	In the event the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service orders, delivery staff shall be readily identifiable as being a persons delivering on behalf of the premises (ie high visibility premises branded vest etc) and to remove any helmet or other head gear that might obscure their face when at the front door.
22.	<p>Where the premises under its 'off sales' function provides a home delivery ordering service orders, any person whether directly employed member of staff or third party delivery person shall be made aware of relevant licence conditions to this role and shall receive training on the premises' policies on those areas regarding delivery.</p> <p>The premise shall maintain written record of this training and those that receive this training shall sign and date to confirm they have received it and consent to adhere to it at all times whilst acting in that capacity.</p> <p>Records of this training shall be kept for a rolling period of 12 months and those involved in delivery of alcohol shall receive refresher training every 12 months.</p> <p>Copies of these records shall be provided to the licensing authority, or police upon request.</p>

On the basis that these are included within the grant TVP have no objection to the licence.

Yours Sincerely

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Sent: 07 September 2025 22:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Pihu Enterprises Ltd., 67 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BS

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Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes, it seems that we are in agreement on all the points below.

Look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

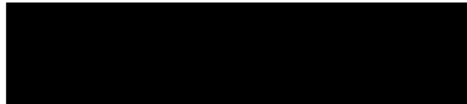
On Sun, 7 Sept 2025 at 19:13, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response, for ease please see my comments below in **GREEN**
However in reading my comments regarding SIA store security we can agree that one point (having dropped the super strength condition) I think we may well be there

All the best

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From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 01 September 2025 06:57:06

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/09/2025 6:56 AM from A C.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	A C
Email:	
Address:	Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Public Nuisance
Comments:	01/09/2025 6:56 AM No need for another off license store in the area. The proposed extended opening hours aren't in line with local businesses and will have a negative impact on the local residents. No parking available for quick turnover of customers and public safety concerns due to nature of the business

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 14:48:32

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 2:48 PM from [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Alexander.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Alexander
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 2:48 PM Protection of children from harm:
These premises are very close to West Oxford Community Primary School, so children are likely to pass this shop very frequently. Vape advertisements are likely to attract children and lead to an increase in vaping in young people. Recent research suggests that children who vape are more likely to progress to smoking tobacco than those who do not, with long-term implications for health and wellbeing.

Public nuisance:
Opening hours proposed for these premises are very long and will lead to noise and disruption for residents, including the elderly in Tumbling Bay which is close by,

Crime and disorder:
A shop selling alcohol and vapes is likely to attract young people who will attempt to buy them or even steal them. Also, see below.

Public safety:
A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings who, it seems, disturb and intimidate local residents and passers-by. I am concerned that a shop selling similar products will bring similar problems to this predominately residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 28 August 2025 08:48:45

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 28/08/2025 8:48 AM from [REDACTED] allred.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] allred
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Public Nuisance
Comments:	28/08/2025 8:48 AM This is a residential area, and outlets selling alcohol will encourage more public nuisance with drinking in the park (Oatlands recreational field). Waitrose already provide a large outlet for the sale of alcohol in the area. There has been a history of drug taking in both parks each side of the Botley road. It would be much better for the local community and the University which now has a number of research labs and new plans for student accommodation for this to be a cafe or sandwich/grocery shop for gatherings and local provisions, not the sale of alcohol. Are there not restrictive covenants too as the land may have been historically Morrells Brewery land?

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 10:19:18

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 10:18 AM from [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Ashe.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Ashe

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm

Comments: 09/09/2025 10:18 AM Shops of this kind attract underage children attempting to purchase vapes, cigarettes and alcohol; they encourage rowdy groups to gather after hours and change the atmosphere of an area to make it hostile and threatening to those walking home.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 19:17:05

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 7:16 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Bailey.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Bailey
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Henry Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	05/09/2025 7:16 PM As a resident nearby I am concerned about a shop selling alcohol and cigarettes/vapes near the primary school and with extremely long opening hours (5am-11pm) with the corresponding risk of disturbing residents. If the authorities will seriously monitor underage sales of drink and tobacco (which I doubt), and if the hours were, say, 8am-8pm, I would be less opposed. Thanks

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 15:35:42

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 3:35 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] von Bechtolsheim.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] von Bechtolsheim

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Helen Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments:

09/09/2025 3:35 PM Protection of Children from Harm: The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape. Children also use the playgrounds at Oatlands Rec and Botley Park very nearby; there is a risk that alcohol and vapes purchased at this shop would be used in these parks, putting children at risk of anti-social behaviour.

Public Nuisance: The opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

Crime and Disorder: Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

Public Safety: A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 15:52:03

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 3:51 PM from [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Behboudi.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Behboudi

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Harley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments:

08/09/2025 3:51 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm.
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance
The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety
A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 14 September 2025 18:43:26

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 6:42 PM [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Bellec.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Bellec
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Henry Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	14/09/2025 6:42 PM I am a resident on Henry Road, and I am concerned that a shop open during these hours and selling these products will disturb locals due to noise and attracting a certain kind of customer in the evenings and late at night. I do not want to feel uncomfortable walking to my house if the shop attracts large groups of young people like the one opposite the station already does.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 17:13:29

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 5:13 PM from [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Blackburn.

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Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Blackburn
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill view rd Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 05/09/2025 5:13 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance
The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety
A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Best wishes E [REDACTED] Blackburn

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2025 14:04
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 2:04 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Bridgen.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Bridgen
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] HELEN ROAD Helen Road OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 15/09/2025 2:04 PM I am highly concerned with the licensing of a premises of this nature (selling 'alcohol, tobacco, and vapes') for three reasons:

My primary concern is public safety/crime and disorder, related to off-site alcohol consumption on the Botley Road and in nearby parks.

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area and its fields.

Given recent issues on the Botley Road (women being harassed/squirted with vinegar), I hope the council will be careful about licensing shops which could attract such groups. The Botley Road is a main artery into town from the West,

and so ensuring it remains a friendly, non-threatening and accessible route is essential.

Further to the above, the shop is very close to West Oxford Primary School, and most children would walk past the shop at least twice a day. Matthew Arnold school children also pass by on their way to and from school, most often unaccompanied as they live locally or will be taking a bus. Besides being at risk of encountering unsociable alcohol usage in the nearby parks (see above point), young children would be more often exposed to addictive substances.

The final concern is nuisance. This is a residential area, and opening hours being set to 5am to 11pm every day will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening (other shops in the area operate from 7am-9pm at most).

Conclusion

There is little need for alcohol to be sold in this location (Waitrose is three minutes' walk). The sense is that road-side alcohol selling would only create risks/negatives for children, residents and pedestrians and offer little of the regenerative improvement much needed in view of the road closure's detrimental impact on businesses.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 06 September 2025 15:35:36

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 06/09/2025 3:35 PM from [REDACTED] Brown.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] Brown
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Riverside Road, OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amenities or Facilities required- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>06/09/2025 3:35 PM This kind of store has been open in Frideswide Square and there has been multiple issues for neighbours and passers by.</p> <p>The sales of vapes to children is illegal but they will try hard to get them from such an outlet in a busy neighbourhood</p> <p>This is essentially a residential area, we already have access to alcohol via several large stores (Waitrose, Aldi) and certainly do not need more</p> <p>This kind of use of this property could easily encourage underage drinking and vaping and rowdy behaviour. We are already stressed with the closure of Botley Bridge and do not need more potential stress in the area.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 19:33:27

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 7:33 PM from [REDACTED] Buekett.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Buekett

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] South Street, Oxford, Oxfordshire [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 7:33 PM We are local residents in Osney and object to the licensing of this premises for sale of alcohol and tobacco.

A similar premises in nearby Frideswide Square has caused endless problems with illegal sales to underage persons, as well as public nuisance in the form of noise and bad behaviour from customers.

The premises at 67 Botley Road is in a largely residential area. The extremely long opening hours (5 am to 11 pm) are likely to cause noise and trouble for local residents in the early hours of the morning and late at night.

There is also a public road safety issue around the lay-by outside the shop. The road is narrow at this point and already dangerous for cyclists. Increased numbers of motor cycles and cars pulling into the lay-by to use the shop will increase risk to cyclists. I witnessed a man being knocked off his bike at this point on the Botley Road earlier this year.

The shop is not very far from West Oxford Primary School and on the route taken by many local students to Malcolm Arnold School. Vaping is already a huge issue among young people and this outlet seems likely to further contribute to it.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 18:05:53

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 6:05 PM from s [REDACTED] Carroll.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] Carroll
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] EAST STREET, OXFORD Oxfordshire Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	08/09/2025 6:05 PM The proposed hours are unacceptable in a closely settled residential area. It will disturb especially Tumbling Bay residents. My son + 2 young children live round the corner, two houses away from this premisses. They will be sleep-deprived. Kids will buy illegal vapes and alcohol. There's a primary school very near. [Unacceptable on grounds of harm to children]. If this shop becomes like the one in Fridesweide Sq then the whole neighbourhood will be damaged.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 21:27:23

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 9:27 PM from [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Casey .

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Casey

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Bridge Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance

Comments:

08/09/2025 9:27 PM Schoolchildren pass this shop twice a day and might be enticed by the vapes.
This is a quiet residential area and opening at 5.00 am will be very disturbing as will closing at 11 pm.
Selling alcohol late at night could create noisy drunken behaviour on the street when people are asleep.
In short, totally unsuitable for the area

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 17:49:20

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 5:48 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Chait.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: M [REDACTED] Chait

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Ferry Hinksey Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 5:48 PM As an elderly person living near the proposed shop I will feel very unsafe having alcohol sold at all hours. I will feel very vulnerable and fearful of being accosted by drunk people and also the mess they make. It is also not wise to have such a shop in close proximity to a school

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 17 September 2025 12:27:03

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 12:26 PM from [REDACTED] Chappell.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Chappell

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 17/09/2025 12:26 PM Allow me to add my objection to this application.
The business that this application entails is simply not needed for the area. Although on a main road, the premises nestle within the heart of a number of private houses and any suggestion that we need, or want, a business that opens at 5am and closes at 11pm is completely without merit. It will bring with it nuisance, unwarranted noise pollution, litter and the possibility of public disorder. The residents in this area are diverse but there is a large number of families with children under the age of 18. This business is not in-keeping with any type of business either needed or desired by the local populace.
The premises, in attracting public order challenges and therefore offend the criterion of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 15:09:24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 3:08 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Chappell.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Chappell
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill view road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
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Comments:	07/09/2025 3:08 PM Dear Madam/Sir, I would like to inject to this application. The venue is based in a residential area with many children.
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1 The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance

The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Anybody in the area in need of alcohol or cigarettes has a Waitrose very close by.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 11:25:00

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 11:24 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 07/09/2025 11:24 AM Please do not publish my personal details. I live very nearby and strongly oppose the application. First, the location is very near to the Oatlands Road recreation ground. The West Oxford Primary School is close, and the playing field and playground are relied on by local families. There have already been occasional issues with people camping illegally on the ground and drinking and/or groups of people gathering to drink/take drugs. To have an off-licence so close by, particularly one with extended opening hours, is likely to exacerbate the issue. The ground is not central enough to be regularly monitored by the police. The same concerns apply in respect of Botley Park.

Secondly, this is a quiet residential area. To open the possibility of very early or late deliveries is likely to cause significant disruption to local residents.

Lastly, to have an off-licence there serves no useful purpose. There is already the Waitrose supermarket.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 11 September 2025 11:21:23

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2025 11:21 AM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Chataway.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	M [REDACTED] Chataway
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>11/09/2025 11:21 AM 1. protection of children: this is a residential area with family homes and a primary school nearby. Children pass by on their way to Matthew Arnold secondary school and other schools and sale of alcohol and vapes puts them at unnecessary exposure to unhealthy substances and habits. The local residents do not need another outlet for alcohol and vapes as these are already available from the supermarket across the road and other shops.</p> <p>It is important for physical and mental health of children and families to have safe access to Oatlands park recreation area and it is likely that a shop selling alcohol and vapes in this location will attract adults from outside the area to purchase alcohol and then consume it in the recreation area, thereby increasing the likelihood of antisocial and criminal behaviour and making the place unsafe and unattractive for children and families.</p> <p>2. Public safety and nuisance, crime and disorder: this proposed shop is likely to attract people from outside the area to access alcohol and vapes which is liable to increase public nuisance and antisocial behaviour and crime.</p> <p>This is a residential area where there is no capacity for retail activities to be taking place at antisocial hours.</p> <p>The proposed shop is unnecessary for the needs of local residents and does not fit with the character of the neighbourhood.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 28 August 2025 19:37:58

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 28/08/2025 7:37 PM from [REDACTED] M Churchill .

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M Churchill
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	28/08/2025 7:37 PM Very long opening hours selling alcohol likely to lead to public nuisance in a residential area

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 14:11:51

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 2:11 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 2:11 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 20:41:05

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 8:40 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Protection of Children from Harm
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 8:40 PM This area does not need another shop selling alcohol, tobacco or vapes.</p> <p>1. The Protection of Children from Harm. The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.</p> <p>3. Crime and Disorder Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.</p> <p>4. Public Safety A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 14:26:57

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 2:26 PM [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Coussin.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: M [REDACTED] Coussin

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: Hill view road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 2:26 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Best wishes

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 12:31:17

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 12:30 PM from [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Cross.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Cross

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Botley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments:

09/09/2025 12:30 PM I oppose this application,
- In the past, under the bridge between Ferry Hinksey Road traffic lights and St Frideswide church has been used as a drinking den with associated anti social behaviour which required advice from the local police. The church grounds, which is a burial site for ashes, has been affected in the same way.

- The location is very close to the primary school, the Ferry Hinksey bridge is a popular walkway for school children and families.

- Anti social opening hours.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 13 September 2025 00:19:31

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/09/2025 12:19 AM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/09/2025 12:19 AM I do not think an alcohol and vape shop is a healthy or positive addition to this section of the city. There are many concerns about drug and alcohol issues at nearby tumbling bay, along the river and drug transactions around WOCA. Many young teenagers get school bus nearby. Please do not make my name public thank you.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 04 September 2025 16:35:50

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/09/2025 4:35 PM from [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Dryden.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: R [REDACTED] Dryden

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: Riverside Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 04/09/2025 4:35 PM The proposed hours of opening seem excessive. I am concerned about The potential for anti-social behaviour arising from the sale of alcohol. There is a supermarket close by(Waitrose) where alcohol maybe purchased up to 9 pm. Opening at 5 am also could lead to anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance for people living nearby. Do we really need to have such long opening hours 7 days a week? People already have access to purchase alcohol and tobacco in the local area. We do not need more. I would have thought that the Council would not be encouraging activities which are proven to be harmful for health.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 09:33:51

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 9:33 AM from [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Elizalde-Mills.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Elizalde-Mills
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oatlands Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>08/09/2025 9:33 AM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm. The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.</p> <p>3. Crime and Disorder Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.</p> <p>4. Public Safety A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area."</p>

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 September 2025 10:34
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/09/2025 10:33 AM from [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] ELLIOTT.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] D [REDACTED] ELLIOTT
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] WEST ST OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	16/09/2025 10:33 AM I object to the granting of the license on the basis that the premises are in proximity to a primary school. Also based on the experience of what happens at the licensed premises in Frideswide Square, the projected opening hours are likely to attract disruptive behavior in a quiet neighbourhood.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 12:20:51

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 12:20 PM from [REDACTED] Farnsworth.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Farnsworth

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Botley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 07/09/2025 12:20 PM This is a quiet residential neighbourhood, the intrusion of a shop specialising in legal substances of abuse could change the nature of the area, and require a more regular police presence.
In addition I gather that vapes attract young people and presumably lead them into nicotine addiction. I don't wish to dwell on the consequences of hard alcohol and spirits, but they can be associated with an increase in anti-social behaviour. It is a relatively large shop, as small shops go, and since Eggs Etcetera was driven out of business by the nearby Waitrose I assume this shop would not be aiming to supply the usual necessities of daily life. Would this become a one stop shop for legal highs?

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 12 September 2025 18:28:24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/09/2025 6:28 PM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Feenan.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Feenan

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Tilbury lane Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Safety

Comments: 12/09/2025 6:28 PM As an ex resident of Alexandra road [REDACTED] I remember when that location was an 'all hours' general shop. There was a lot of litter, unsavoury characters and we understand it was being used for criminal activities. I understand it will sell vaoes, and I believe children or young adults will hang around outside. Alexandra road has some older residents who will be nervous of the people using the shop.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 16:46:34

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 4:46 PM from R ■■■ Finar.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: R ■■■ Finar

Email: ■■■■■■■■■■

Address: ■■■ Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Amenities or Facilities required
- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 09/09/2025 4:46 PM I strongly object to the opening hours being from 05:00 to 23:00 every day and the premises being licensed to sell alcohol, tobacco and vapes. I doubt there is sufficient local demand to warrant such a shop, which means in order to attract business it would need to be proactive to invite custom.

It would be likely to cause noise and nuisance to local residents from very early every morning to late evening, including the older residents in Tumbling Bay Court virtually opposite. It might well increase littering in Oatlands Road Recreation Ground.

Young pupils at West Oxford Primary School nearby and older West Oxford pupils who go to Matthew Arnold School and who would pass by would be likely to be attracted by the convenient availability of vapes, tobacco, and alcohol and this might well lead to an increase in the number of young people starting to vape and/or smoke and consume alcohol under age.

West Oxford residents do not need such a shop. Waitrose is only a couple of hundred metres away.

I understand that a similar shop in Frideswide Square nearby regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings who disturb local residents. Pedestrians passing by have been intimidated. I am very concerned that that a shop selling similar goods would bring similar problems to our peaceful residential neighbourhood.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [licensing](#)
Date: Premises licence for 67 Botley Road OX2 0BS
11 September 2025 11:54:05

I have tried to use the online form but it did not appear to work for me. So I am now sending this as an email.

I object strongly to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Crime and disorder. Possibility of sale of alcohol and vapes to underage children, as they may attempt to buy such items. Easy availability of alcohol will undoubtedly bring problems to a residential area with many children and older residents. It is likely that the police and council will be called upon more frequently to deal with problems (drunkenness, aggression, theft, burglary, drugs, general bad behaviour, litter, graffiti).
2. Fire Precautions. Danger of serious fires on Oatlands Park and King George's Fields, threat to nearby houses and life. Especially in the increasingly dry summer weather.
3. Protection of children. Close to West Oxford Primary School. But, more concerning is that it is on a main route for children for Matthew Arnold School and this age group has little or no parental supervision. Such a shop, with highly addictive products, would increase the number of children vaping, smoking and using alcohol. Bad for individual health, local NHS and related services, and for the atmosphere of the local community. It will affect the safety of children playing in Oatlands Park because it is likely to increase litter, broken glass, drug items, excrement.
3. Public nuisance. Excessive opening hours, inappropriate and anti-social in such a residential neighbourhood. Increase in noise, disruption, litter and unpleasant, possibly aggressive, behaviour. Both Oatlands Park and King George fields will suffer from litter, broken glass, drugs, other unmentionable things. It will create more work for the council and I suspect we shall need a police presence more often to manage behaviour and crime.
4. Public safety. This sort of shop would encourage and attract groups, sometimes quite large, of people, especially in the evenings. This would disturb many local residents and intimidate both residents and pedestrians. A similar shop in Frideswide Square shows the potential problems.

So such a shop in this highly residential and family orientated area is totally inappropriate, neither wanted nor needed by the majority of local people. As an older woman living alone, I strongly object.

A [REDACTED] Fincham
[REDACTED] Hill View Road
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: 67 Botley Road licence application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 13:22:52

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the above licence application. I do not wish my details to be made public on the website. I am a resident of [REDACTED] (from which access to the rear of 67 Botley Road is obtained).

I have four concerns about this application, which are linked to this being a largely residential neighbourhood in which a **business open between 05.00 - 23.00 to sell alcohol is not appropriate**.

1) Public nuisance: the extended opening hours will be very disruptive to those who live near the premises (including my household). Deliveries from 05.00hrs will cause noise disturbance to those of us who live directly adjacent to the premises and the lane to the rear of it. Deliveries and people using the shop late at night to 23.00hrs may cause similar noise and public disturbance, particularly when congregating near the shop.

2) Public safety: similar shops in the city centre are known to attract individuals and large groups of people who can be intimidating and disruptive to others in the vicinity; this could be threatening and is not appropriate in a residential area.

3) Crime and disorder: the applicants for the licence say they will not sell alcohol or tobacco/nicotine-based products to underage customers. This is almost never enforceable in reality. Children and young people both live locally and pass this premises daily to school and around this residential neighbourhood. It is a certainty that they will be attracted to the goods being sold and be more likely to mis-use alcohol and nicotine-based products as a result, which may result in more disruptive behaviour.

4) Other objection: these premises will increase litter in the street and lane behind the premises. This is problematic in its impact on the environment and for council staff who are not able to keep up with litter clearing now let alone with added outlets selling single use plastics and associated wrapping and containers. Placing bins outside the shop will not ameliorate this as people ignore or overfill the other local bins already. Litter from packaging is not always contained in the council bins and is similarly problematic as well as being aesthetically unpleasant and a health and safety hazard for local pets (of whom there are many in this specific vicinity) and wildlife.

I would urge the council not to support this application at all, but at least not in its current form.

[REDACTED]

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 17 September 2025 21:02:33

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 9:02 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 17/09/2025 9:02 PM - Please do not make my details public -

Protection of Children from Harm

There would likely be a rise in people drinking alcohol in the nearby Oatlands Recreational Ground. This is an area used by many children of local residents and the neighbouring West Oxford Primary School for recreation and play in the playground. People congregating to drink alcohol in this area and the surrounding streets would be intimidating for children and infringe on their right to play safely outdoors.

Public Safety

Based on similar shops nearby, there is a risk of a rise in alcohol-related antisocial behaviour, noise disturbing local residents, and intimidation of passers-by in the neighbourhood.

Public Nuisance

In addition to the risks of public nuisance mentioned above, the proposed opening hours would cause noise and disruption for local residents (many of whom have young children) early in the morning and late at night.

Crime and Disorder

It is likely that underage children from the nearby Matthew Arnold School would attempt to buy alcohol (and vapes).

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 17 September 2025 21:35:55

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 9:35 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 17/09/2025 9:35 PM Note - Please do not make my personal details public.

The streets in the immediate area around 67 Botley Road are home to many young families, with West Oxford Community School and the playground at Oatlands Recreation ground in the immediate vicinity, and West Oxford Community Centre/Botley Park very near by.

Given this, I am concerned about the street front sale of vapes and alcohol in an area highly populated by young families, and passing students from Matthew Arnold School, particularly if sales extend as late as 11pm.

Public nuisance and public safety:

One concern is that the late availability of alcohol in proximity to the recreation ground would become a public nuisance and potentially impact on public safety:

- 11pm closing hours would disrupt neighbouring residents
- late sale of alcohol may foster antisocial behaviour

Crime and disorder:

These streets and the recreation ground are already policed from time to time for drug dealing, demonstrating their vulnerability to crime and disorder. The late sale of alcohol and vapes street front on Botley Road will likely compound this problem.

Protection of children from harm:

From the above, it is likely children/teenagers will be at increased risk of

- exposure to intimidating or antisocial behaviour
- refuse (eg broken glass) from people drinking at the recreation ground
- the temptation to acquire alcohol/vapes underage

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 14 September 2025 18:31:41

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 6:31 PM from [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] Gardiner.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] N [REDACTED] Gardiner
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>14/09/2025 6:31 PM I think the proposal to operate a vape shop with associated off licence, which would be open from 5am to 11pm on what - despite being a major road - is still a residential street is completely anti-social to local residents, and will possible become a focus of anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, the local primary school is literally just round the corner, and given the current emergency around school-age pupils vaping* we really need to do everything we can not to encourage younger school children into the habit. Clearly, having a well-lit shop open all hours is unlikely to lessen the appeal and attraction of underage vaping.</p> <p>(As an aside, my university colleague works on the health issues of vaping and shining a light on the problems of heavy metal (e.g. arsenic, cadmium, nickel) inhalation inherent in vape technology - he is convinced a new health emergency will arise from their use)</p> <p>*https://www.england.nhs.uk/2024/10/almost-1-in-10-secondary-school-pupils-currently-vape-new-nhs-survey-shows/</p>

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 12 September 2025 16:49:45

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/09/2025 4:49 PM from [REDACTED] Germade.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Germade

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Bridge Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 12/09/2025 4:49 PM I like the idea of more commercial activity in the area but the plan of selling alcohol and cigarettes/vapes seems counterintuitive in an area of high traffic for minors.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 20:59:10

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 8:58 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 8:58 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

There are many other grounds, including public nuisance and waste (disused alcohol bottles, vape, plastic) in the local park, which school children visit daily. We already suffer from flooding, the Botley road works - why add to our burden?

Many thanks for considering my objections.

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 17:42:00

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 5:41 PM from [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Gordon.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Gordon

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] West Street Osney Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 5:41 PM An unsuitable and undesirable shop for this residential, very community-focused neighbourhood.

Protection of Children from Harm - likely to entice children to harmful substances, particularly given proximity to the primary school and community centre.

Public Nuisance - proposed opening hours are unsuited to a residential neighbourhood.

Public Safety - concerned that it may attract people behaving under the influence of alcohol and attract large gatherings of people onto congested pathways.

Crime and Disorder - tempts underage children to try to make purchases.

Given the extent of upheaval and disruption to our locality from the rail bridge works/Botley Road closure, it seems particularly important to take every opportunity to enhance the presence of community-spirited, wholesome enterprises.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 11 September 2025 09:18:55

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2025 9:18 AM from Mr K Hack.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr K Hack
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Harley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>11/09/2025 9:18 AM 1. Proximity to a public park (Oatlands Road Recreation Park) which experiences issues with late night noise and alcohol consumption, esp around benches and river. This would exacerbate that problem.</p> <p>2. Proximity to a main bus stop for secondary students going to Matthew Arnold, who would be likely to attempt to use the shop with or without false ids, and/or be influenced by advertising.</p> <p>3. Disturbance to residents on proximate flats and houses esp at unsocial hours.</p> <p>4. Proximity to West Oxford Primary and routes to it exposing younger children to advertising for alcohol and tobacco.</p> <p>5. Uneconomic proposition given closeness to Waitrose (opening to 9pm) and a wine merchant, both of which police age of purchasers rigidly, unless the premise is to sell either to underage or illicit substances.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 18:06:11

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 6:05 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Haigh.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Haigh

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] South street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments:

08/09/2025 6:05 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm.
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance
The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety
A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 16:49:18

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 4:48 PM from [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] Harff.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] N [REDACTED] Harff

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 05/09/2025 4:48 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Best wishes
N Harff

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 September 2025 10:08
To: licensing<licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2025 10:08 AM from [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Harriss.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Harriss
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Bridge Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Protection of Children from Harm
Comments:	18/09/2025 10:08 AM This is a highly unsuitable location for an establishment licensed to sell alcohol between 5am-11pm Monday-Sunday with West Oxford Community Primary School 4 minutes' walk away (0.2 miles), on a main road that school children going to Matthew Arnold School use. At the very least, the opening hours must be restricted to protect children from exposure and harm.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 15:14:12

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 3:13 PM from [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Hawkins.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Hawkins
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Helen Road OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 3:13 PM I object to this due to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protection of children from harm: West Oxford Community Primary School is very near by and could be negatively impacted by behaviour of customers or indeed be tempted by sweet smelling vapes. In addition children attending secondary school at Matthew Arnold often travel on their own to and from school passing by this location and could be equally vulnerable. They are also more likely to want to try to access eg alcohol and vapes underage or be targeted by anti social behaviour.2. Public nuisance: the shop is proposing 5am start and 11pm close in a quiet residential area. This is likely to cause significant disruption especially where there is alcohol involved. Note that a high number of elderly people live nearby in Tumbling Bay who could also be adversely affected.3. Crime and disorder: the types of products being sold including alcohol and the lateness the shop is being proposed to be open would make it a target for anti social behaviour, noise, disturbance, underage drinking etc.4. Public safety: the area is very popular with young families and elderly people. The shop is located right between two parks which each have playgrounds. The possibility is that these parks would then be overrun with people who have purchased alcohol from the shop and would no longer be safe and peaceful places for the local residents to use. Note also that half of Oatlands Park is designated for use by West Oxford Community Primary School for eg PE so if this area was compromised it would seriously impact the school and its children.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 08:51:29

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 8:51 AM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Henig.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Henig

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Alexandra Road New Osney Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 07/09/2025 8:51 AM I am worried that the premises will attract rowdy behaviour late at night, with more drinking taking in the streets and leaving litter, vapes, bottles, cans etc. which will be consumed in the street, field St Frideswide's churchyard and under the bridge. Alcohol will doubtless be consumed with drugs [obtained in the street] which may make matters worse.
The elderly, in Tumbling Bay Court for example, may feel unsafe at night. However much the tenants control behaviour inside the shop, it will have an effect on the security of pupils at school, Alcohol is already available at Waitrose where checks are made, but Waitrose closes c 9 PM. The new application clearly targets out of hours, from 9 PM to 11 PM and is aimed at late night drinkers.
I am fearful that it will seriously impact the security of local residential streets. I write because I live in the neighbourhood but I am ordained and have a connection with the Osney Benefice so have a pastoral concern,
[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Henig

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 12 September 2025 10:32:21

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/09/2025 10:31 AM from J. Hindmarch.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: J [REDACTED] Hindmarch

Email:

Address: [REDACTED] Henry Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime and Disorder - Protection of Children from Harm - Public Nuisance
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Comments: 12/09/2025 10:31 AM I am objecting to the proposed change of use to these premises for the sale of alcohol, tobacco and vapes - and to the proposed opening hours of 5.00 am to 11.00 pm.

This type of shop is completely unsuitable for a residential area with a primary school nearby. A similar shop near the station is known to generate a lot of noise and anti-social behaviour and is surplus to the needs of this area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 07:50:01

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 7:49 AM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Holland.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Holland

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Hill view road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Safety

Comments: 09/09/2025 7:49 AM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below. It is also worth noting that I have twice now been followed home by two young men in the last year which has led to me feeling less safe in the area. We also had the reports of the school pupils throwing liquids over young women. This premises will only attract and encourage an unsafe environment for young women.

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Fribswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Best wishes

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2025 11:09
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 11:09 AM from [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Horsfield.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Horsfield
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Edwin Court Binsey Lane Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>15/09/2025 11:09 AM I'm not convinced that a small shop would be capable of preventing their products of vapes, tobacco and alcohol from getting into the hands of children.</p> <p>There is the risk of young adults hanging around like outside Uni Food and Wine and becoming a nuisance and abusive especially under the influence of cheap alcohol.</p> <p>Why being open so early and late, again causing noise disruption to the people living nearby.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 13:27:42

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 1:27 PM from [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] Hu.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] B [REDACTED] Hu
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	05/09/2025 1:27 PM I live close to the venue. It is not appropriate to have an alcohol and vape shop in a neighborhood with many families and young children. It causes serious health and safety risks for everyone in the area, particularly for the young and the old. The business hour is extremely damaging for residents around.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 13:53:52

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 1:53 PM from [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Huxley.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Huxley

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Harley Road [REDACTED] Harley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Other objection
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 1:53 PM
I object to the application on the 4 grounds detailed below.

1. The Protection of Children from Harm.

As Chair of Governors at West Oxford Community Primary School with Safeguarding responsibilities, I object to application as the premises are very close to the school. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance

The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 10 September 2025 21:21:58

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10/09/2025 9:21 PM from [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Jeffrey.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Jeffrey
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>10/09/2025 9:21 PM I would like to object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The premises are close to two public park, one of which is also a pedestrian and cycle route from western to central Oxford, while both have a children's play park. I am concerned that having an off-sales open from 05:00 to 23:00, seven days a week may lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour in the public park.2. The premise is close to a primary school. Having sweet-smelling vapes on sale near a school may encourage young people to take up vaping. The shop is also on a route taken by many older children travelling to school (eg to Matthew Arnold), who may be tempted into vaping and drinking alcohol.3. The side streets off Botley Road are home to many families who lives may be disrupted by the noise and disruption of a shop of this nature with extended opening hours.4. The convenience shop in Frideswide square is a focal point for underage drinking. I am worried the same will happen here, in a residential area, if this shop is given the go-ahead.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 18:38:07

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 6:37 PM from S [REDACTED] Jeffrey.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: S [REDACTED] Jeffrey

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 6:37 PM 1. Protection of children from harm. The premises are very close to West Oxford primary school whose pupils will be influenced by and attracted to vapes aimed a young market with sweet flavours and bright packaging. The premises are near bus stops and walking/ cycling route used by Matthew Arnold pupils who already have a considerable problem with underage vaping and drinking. This will exacerbate that problem.
2. Public nuisance. 5am - 11pm in this residential area is inappropriate and unreasonable. Nearby residents included the elderly in nearby Tumbling Bay and families in the surrounding streets with young children and babies.
3. Crime and disorder. Underage children will attempt to buy alcohol and vapes. This happens with the shop of a similar profile in Friedswide Square. There is also an increased likelihood of disorderly behaviour in Oatlands park and Botley park if alcohol is from sale for 18 hours a day at premise so close to both with such long opening hours.
4. Public safety. The shop in Friedswide Square with a similar profile already attracts large groups of young people in the evening who disturb the neighbours, intimidate passers by and asking people to buy them vapes and alcohol. This is likely to occur at this premises too, as well as in the nearby Oatlands park.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 17:54:32

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 5:54 PM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Jimenez.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Jimenez

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: East Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 5:54 PM I strongly object to the granting of this license for the sale of vape products and alcohol in this location. The introduction of such a business so close to residential areas raises serious concerns around public health, safety, and community wellbeing.

Firstly, vaping products and alcohol are both associated with significant health risks, particularly for young people. Locating a business that sells these products in close proximity to homes, schools, or community spaces increases accessibility and the likelihood of underage use. This undermines ongoing efforts to protect youth from harmful substances and normalize healthier lifestyle choices.

Secondly, alcohol sales in particular are linked with increased anti-social behaviour, noise, and late-night disturbances. Residents in the area have a right to feel safe and comfortable in their community without the added burden of increased public drinking or disorder.

Additionally, the presence of such a shop could negatively impact the character of the neighbourhood. Instead of fostering a safe, family-friendly environment, this business would prioritize profit from addictive substances at the expense of community wellbeing.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that this license application be refused in order to safeguard the health, safety, and character of our community.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 17 September 2025 19:53:22

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 7:53 PM from M [REDACTED] Jones.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Jones
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West Street Osney Island Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>17/09/2025 7:53 PM 1) A similar shop is on Frideswide Square where I have seen young people from local schools and elsewhere congregating which implies an interest in the commodities sold in that shop. There have been complaints of anti-social behaviour and threatening language which to many people is intimidating. Why might similar behaviours not develop in front of a similar shop? Not good for the local neighbourhood.</p> <p>2) Very young children pass that location going to the West Oxford Primary School on Ferry Hinksey Rd. Equally a worry to parents and local people .</p> <p>3) 5a.m. till 11 p.m. are by any standard totally UNACCEPTABLE opening hours in a densely populated residential area. Rowdy noise, bad behaviour and possible vandalism are entirely possible. TOTALLY WRONG. WE citizens of Oxford pay our council tax to live in a reasonably civilised area which will be disrupted by probable activities. These are the same principles regarding licensing hours of pubs.</p> <p>4) Any intoxicated individuals are a menace at ANY hour or in ANY place. Totally a public nuisance.</p> <p>5) Is this not another example of premises requesting permission to launder ill-gotten gains? Why is there no checking of credentials and finances? Please REJECT this application and any variant.</p> <p>This is not the area for such activities.</p> <p>M Jones Osney</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 30 August 2025 19:03:28

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/08/2025 7:03 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Kanayan.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Kanayan

Email:

Address: [REDACTED] Botley Road [REDACTED] Botley Road OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenities or Facilities required - Crime and Disorder - Protection of Children from Harm - Public Nuisance - Public Safety - Time to complete works
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Comments:

30/08/2025 7:03 PM I would like to object to this application for the following reasons.

1. The applicant is based in Headington and may not understand the demographics of Botley Road.
2. This type of premises would be totally out of character in this neighbourhood close to Warlands Cycle, Tuscan Pots and a hairdressing salon. If the application was for opening a restaurant or any premises where alcohol would be served, this would be a totally different approach.
3. I am very concerned for the public safety of our community if the opening hours are from 5am. The opening hours of the Oxford Wine Company on 165-167 Botley Rd, Oxford OX2 0PB are between 10am and 7pm which is satisfactory and does not generate any known anti-social behaviour nor cause any public nuisance.
4. Although Botley Road is busy with traffic, this is a fairly quiet and semi-residential part of West Oxford between 9pm i.e. Waitrose closing time until 7am when commuting traffic starts for the day. Hence, I believe the opening hours would be totally inappropriate.
5. Such premises may attract individuals who may cause public disorder either very early or very late.
6. These premises are on the key route to the primary school on Ferry Hinksey Road whilst many families with young children and teenagers live in the immediate vicinity of this retail unit. Hence I believe that this would expose younger population to the consumption of alcohol and tobacco.

If this application is to be granted permission, I believe that the opening hours should be no earlier than 8am and no later than 10pm.

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 00:07:57

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 12:07 AM from [REDACTED] Z [REDACTED] Katsirma.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Z [REDACTED] Katsirma

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Protection of Children from Harm

Comments: 07/09/2025 12:07 AM Vapes are commonly preferred by youth and they are extremely harmful, both due to explosions/spontaneous combustion and due to the chemical vapor inhalation that causes detrimental health effects (fully science backed). While not illegal, this shop is near a school, which will expose children to vaping in their daily walks to school. Such a shop is also likely to attract questionable clientele during and around school hours, creating a potential danger for the children.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 16:40:19

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 4:39 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Lees.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Lees
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 4:39 PM I would like to object to this application on the following grounds.</p> <p>1 Protection of children from harm The premises are close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.</p> <p>2 Public nuisance Opening hours of 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents from early morning to late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.</p> <p>3 Crime and disorder Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.</p> <p>4 Public safety A similar shop in nearby Frideswides Square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate passers by. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods will bring similar problems to this residential area.</p> <p>5. Redundancy Vapes, alcohol and a huge range of other products are available at Waitrose, approximately 300 metres from the proposed site, from 8am-9pm. We don't need another outlet.</p>

Many thanks for considering my objections.

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 15:37:06

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 3:36 PM from [REDACTED] Little.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Little

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 05/09/2025 3:36 PM Schoolchildren, especially those going to and from the nearby Primary school, may be attracted by the colours and smells of the goods on sale.

Shops of this nature frequently encourage litter around them.

When Botley Road is reopened there will be an increase in traffic. Drivers, scooter riders and cyclists will cross their designated lanes to pull up at the shop often dangerously to pedestrians and one another.

The projected long opening hours will cause unacceptable noise and disturbance in a predominantly residential area

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 01 September 2025 20:41:00

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/09/2025 8:40 PM from [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Marns.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Marns
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	01/09/2025 8:40 PM An off licence with late night opening hours and plans to sell vapes encourages unhealthy lifestyles and is likely to encourage antisocial behaviour in the area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 14 September 2025 13:26:32

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 1:25 PM from [redacted] a [redacted] marshall.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[redacted] a [redacted] marshall
Email:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted] Binsey Lane Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Public Nuisance
Comments:	14/09/2025 1:25 PM This area doesn't need another place to buy alcohol. There are already 3 supermarkets, a pub and an off licence within walking distance. The extended opening hours will attract nuisance.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 14 September 2025 20:00:46

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 8:00 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Mathias.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Mathias
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>14/09/2025 8:00 PM The opening hours of 5 am to 11 pm, particularly for the sale of vapes, cigarettes and alcohol, are anti-social. They are likely to result in nuisance and disturbance to neighbours and the public, to increased traffic turning around at the end of my street Alexandra Road and causing disturbance in the early morning and late at night, and to increased disturbance from pedestrian customers walking to the recreation ground to drink and smoke. It is likely that people seeking to use alcohol and vapes/cigarettes will congregate in evenings, as happens at other similar premises e.g. in Frideswide Square, causing disturbance and intimidating behaviour in this quiet residential area, and increasing the probability of crime. Oatlands Recreation ground at the end of Alexandra Road is already used on occasions for crime and anti social behaviour (the council has previously removed benches from there for similar reasons); granting this licence is likely to increase noise from customers walking there in anti social hours, and to impact on public safety in the area.</p> <p>The premises are at the end of my street of family homes, and young children living here and in adjoining streets will be exposed to vapes, which is likely to lead them to try them and to lead to an increase in vaping, and harm to children; the premises are also near to West Oxford primary school and pupils will be exposed to vapes and to cigarettes on their way to and from school.</p> <p>The premises plan shows the Shop Entrance/Fire Exit to the East (left) side of the frontage but at present the Shop Entrance is on the West (right) side.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 21:17:12

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 9:16 PM from [REDACTED] Meakin.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Meakin

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] North Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments:

08/09/2025 9:16 PM

1. The Protection of Children from Harm.
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance
The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety
A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 10 September 2025 12:47:33

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10/09/2025 12:47 PM from [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Melham.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Melham

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Binsey Lane Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 10/09/2025 12:47 PM Shops of this nature, focussing on unhealthy goods such as vapes and alcohol, are magnets for groups of disorderly young people - who will disturb the nearby residents and create an unpleasant and intimidating atmosphere. The extended opening hours will lead to noise and disruption for residents, including the elderly at Tumbling Bay Court and others. Shops such as these attract underage children, who will try to buy vapes and alcohol.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 13:37:51

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 1:37 PM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Miller.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Miller
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Harley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	09/09/2025 1:37 PM I object to the following application for a license to sell vapes and alcohol, on the grounds that there is a school nearby so lots of primary age school children maybe attracted by the selling of vapes. Deliveries from an early hour very near lots of residences, therefore a noise nuisance. An attraction by the selling of vapes and alcohol so groups may congregate outside the shop (which happens in St Frideswide square) so near to lots of residences causing a public nuisance.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 20:31:27

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 8:31 PM from [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] Morley .

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] B [REDACTED] Morley
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] helen road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 8:31 PM A vape shop near 2 parks and a primary school is an extremely bad idea.</p> <p>I am a teacher at the local primary school and we use the field for PE . This shop would increase anti social behaviour in the area and make it unsafe and a concern as we want to protect our young community. The shop could attract local children as they pass. I strongly object.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 11:48:09

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 11:47 AM from [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Morris.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Morris
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Bridge Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 11:47 AM I can see this attracting groups of males on the street which poses a threatening atmosphere to anyone walking down the Botley Road in the evenings. Sorry to single out men. I have a daughter who may be walking back from a friend's house or even myself and it makes me feel very uncomfortable at the thought of this. The Botley Road often has a deserted feel after certain hours and even as a female in my 50's, I often feel very wary and apprehensive at having to walk home from the station in the dark winter months. Too often people don't realise how females feel every time they go out and the anxiety that these sort of atmospheres create. I just can't see how this works or why it is needed and who benefits from it.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 04 September 2025 21:25:16

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/09/2025 9:25 PM from [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Muddiman.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Muddiman

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Harley Road Osney & St Thomas, [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Ward Councillor

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 04/09/2025 9:25 PM I object to this application as I believe it contravenes Oxford City Council's 4 Licensing Objectives in the following ways:

1. The Protection of Children from Harm.
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Children passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

2. Public Nuisance
The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm everyday. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety
Uni Food and Wine in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring simil

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 06 September 2025 22:19:02

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 06/09/2025 10:18 PM from [REDACTED] Mulcare.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] Mulcare
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	East street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	06/09/2025 10:18 PM This shop is in close proximity to two parks where people will end up going to drink/vape/hang out. The opening hours are much too long and if people are coming from town to use this shop it will cause even more antisocial behaviour around the station area and through the pedestrian tunnel, where already it feels unsafe at night.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 19:19:00

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 7:18 PM from [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Munir.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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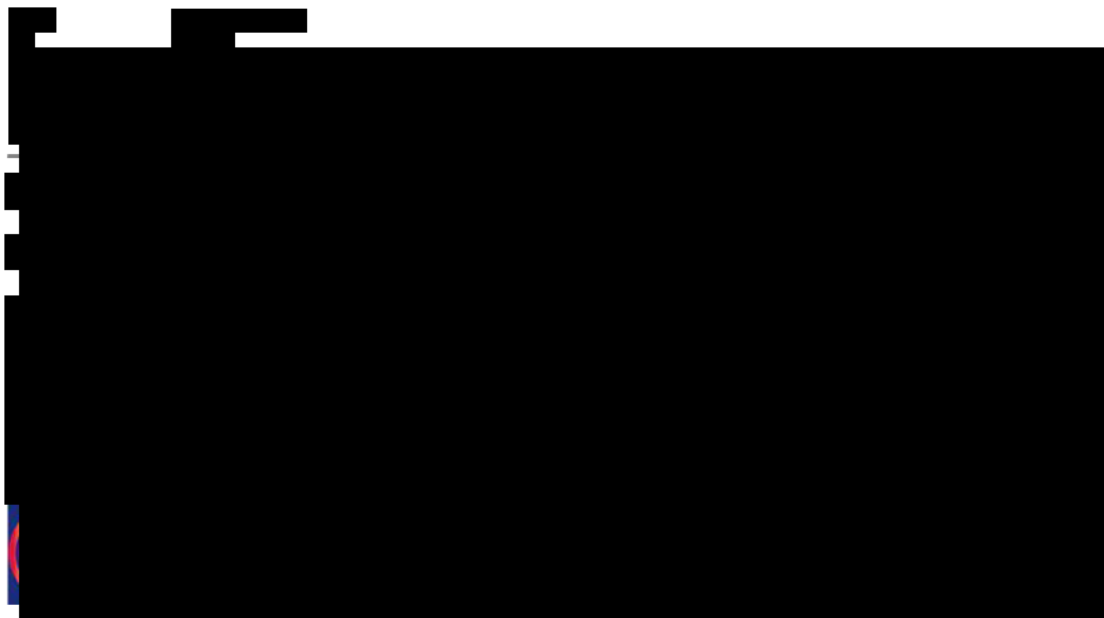
Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Munir
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>05/09/2025 7:18 PM I would like to object to this application on the 4 grounds detailed below:</p> <p>1- Protection of children from harm The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape.</p> <p>2- Public nuisance The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.</p> <p>3- Crime and disorder Underage children are likely to attempts to buy vapes and alcohol.</p> <p>4- Public safety A similar shop in nearby Fribeswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.</p> <p>Many thanks for considering my objections.</p> <p>Best wishes</p>

Kind regards



From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 September 2025 10:37
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 10:37 AM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Murphy.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Murphy
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety

Comments:	17/09/2025 10:37 AM I object: 1 - protection of children from harm. This premises is beside West Oxford school and is the route for thousands of secondary school pupils for Matthew Arnold, Cherwell, Bartolomews, Swan. It will encourage vaping and underage drinking, crowds and public disorder. 2. Public nuisance - the long opening hours will cause disruption, noise and public disorder. As this is a
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residential area, it's inappropriate. . It is near a church, other businesses and older residents at Tumbling Bay. The pavement is narrow here . 3. Crime and Disorder - young people will attempt to buy vapes and alcohol at all hours of the day. The current trade and safety standards laws are too lax to encourage enforcement. 4. Public Safety, the shop will attract street drinkers and crowds of young people. A similar shop in st Frideswide has been prosecuted numerous times for vape sales to underage children and reported for selling to children as young as 12 years old. Nearby housing is for vulnerable adults and the presence of this shop will be threatening and dangerous for them. Crowds will congregate and spill onto the dangerous Botley road. The nearby parks will be plagued by underage and other drinking, making them unsafe for pedestrians, dog walkers and children.

There is no real demand for such a shop. Alcohol, vapes and cigarettes are available at Waitrose, Home Bargains, Aldi etc. this business is out of character in a regular neighbourhood beside a landscape shop and beauty parlours. It has nothing to recommend it and would contribute to serious harm, making the area risky and dangerous. There are no amendments or controls that would make it acceptable as it's inherently unsuitable and harmful particularly to the young. It would be incredibly irresponsible to award this license under any circumstances.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 08:46:26

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 8:46 AM from [REDACTED] U [REDACTED] Natarajan.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] U [REDACTED] Natarajan
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Bridge Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	09/09/2025 8:46 AM The property is on the main route taken by children in West Oxford attending West Oxford school; it is also frequently traversed by older children attending Matthew Arnold School. The location of the proposed shop will directly expose vulnerable children to forbidden temptation. The potential for crime (under-age purchase of vapes) and long-term individual and societal damage is high. In a predominantly residential area, an off-license and vape shop open from early in the morning to late at night will attract undesirable elements to the area, who will threaten and intimidate residents, especially the very young and the elderly: this already happens at the off-license located in Frideswide's Square. In all these respects, such a proposal will be directly detrimental to the wellbeing of local residents.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 18 September 2025 23:11:27

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2025 11:11 PM from [REDACTED] nicholson.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] nicholson

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

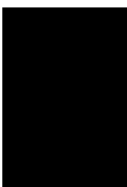
Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 18/09/2025 11:11 PM I live close to 67 Botley Road and object to the application do do with the very early start and lose times projected. In particular the sale of alcohol and vapes which would lead to gatherings of people to drink alcohol or smoke vapes on the street. The area is a quiet residential street close to West Oxford primary school. There are residential dwellings immediately adjacent to 67 Botley Road who would be unnecessarily impacted by noise and any difficult behaviour on the street. There are several elderly people living immediately adjacent who might be worried about any gatherings on the street late at night.

Kind regards



From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 September 2025 23:44
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2025 11:44 PM from [REDACTED] nicholson.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] nicholson
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>18/09/2025 11:44 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm because of the following:</p> <p>The proximity of West Oxford primary school and young children living close by in residential housing</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance</p> <p>3. Crime and Disorder</p> <p>Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes or alcohol.</p>

4. Public Safety

Frideswide's Square which has a similar outlet nearby is known to attract large groups of young people late in the evenings unnerving local residents and pedestrians. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this quiet residential area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 14 September 2025 15:14:38

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 3:13 PM from [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Pendred.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Pendred

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 14/09/2025 3:13 PM This is a family centred part of Oxford City with a Primary School very central to the demographic of the area. A premises that has such long and anti-social hours that is also planning to sell products that are both addictive and harmful is really not an appropriate business to be given a license. I am extremely concerned, as a resident, with a child, living just around the corner from the proposed business about what changes this may bring about in terms of social traffic. There is already a large shop selling both tobacco and alcohol nearby. We simply don't need another one, especially with such long hours - 5am deliveries and closing at 11pm - it will be extremely disruptive to young families. I see absolutely no need for such facilities selling alcohol, vapes and tobacco. I object wholeheartedly to a license of this kind being granted and I would ask that the council reject the application.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 11:45:53

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 11:45 AM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Pendry.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Pendry
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 11:45 AM The location of the premises is just around the corner from West Oxford Primary School and on the direct route to Matthew Arnold Secondary School, taken by many teenagers. The premises could attract underage vaping by these vulnerable groups.</p> <p>The hours of trading (5am to 11 pm) could be very disruptive to local residents. The nature of the trade (vapes and associated supplies, the sake of alcohol) could encourage underage vaping and drinking.</p> <p>Public safety could be endangered if this shop, like a very similar one in nearby Frideswide's Square, attracts large groups in the evening. This could also constitute a public nuisance.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 17:25:28

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 5:25 PM from [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Powell.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Powell
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Helen Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 5:25 PM The premises are close to the local primary school and two children's playgrounds (Botley Park and Oatlands Park). A shop marketing and making available alcohol, vaping and tobacco products is harmful to local children.</p> <p>The opening hours are also very early and late, which will disrupt local residents.</p> <p>There have been instances of disruptive antisocial behaviour from drunk teenagers and adults in the playgrounds and adjacent residential streets late at night/early in the morning. There are also similar issues caused by a similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square. Having another similar retailer with these opening hours will likely encourage and exacerbate this behaviour.</p>

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2025 22:23
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 10:22 PM from S [REDACTED] Pressel.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	S [REDACTED] Pressel
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Rawlinson Road, Oxford, [REDACTED], UK Rawlinson Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Ward Councillor
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety

Comments: 15/09/2025 10:22 PM I strongly object to this application.

It would be likely to lead to crime and disorder, because underage children will be tempted to acquire vapes, cigarettes and alcohol, either by using someone else's ID (very common) or by getting someone else to buy the products for them (even more common).

Many young people from Matthew Arnold School and from Bartholomew's School pass by this address twice a day every day. This is an attractive place for them to

gather. If we want to protect children from harm we must not grant this licence, putting temptation in their way.

If they gather here, getting high on vapes and drinking alcohol, it would undoubtedly cause public nuisance -- and the hours applied for are absolutely ridiculous! Even 9am to 5pm would be too long, but less ridiculous. Uni Stores in Frideswide Square which sells similar unhealthy products attracts a lot of young and underage people. They gather there after school every day and their noisy and illegal behaviour causes considerable annoyance to local people.

This is a threat to public safety, because of the harm the alcohol, tobacco and vapes would do to the health and safety of our young people, and because they would be likely to engage in various kinds of anti-social behaviour.

I also oppose this application because there are other outlets for alcohol and tobacco products very nearby, so this new place is not needed.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 September 2025 15:11
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2025 3:10 PM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Romei .

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Romei
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Riverside Road Riverside Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	17/09/2025 3:10 PM To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the application for a new off-licence shop on Botley Road that would sell alcohol from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

I make this submission as both a Professor of Economics and a local resident, as well as a mother of two young children. The proposed shop is located very close to a much-loved community park, which is widely used by families. The park

facilities are already quite worn, and I worry that extended late-night alcohol sales could increase the likelihood of drinking in the park, placing further pressure on this valued space.

I would welcome a new shop that serves the community. However, I have serious reservations about the length of time alcohol would be available under this application. There is already a Waitrose nearby that sells alcohol, so provision in the area is sufficient. Extending sales by five extra hours on weekdays and eleven extra hours on Sundays feels unnecessary. In particular, sales beyond 9 p.m. are more likely to encourage alcohol consumption outdoors late at night, leading to noise, litter, antisocial behaviour, and a less safe environment for children and families.

Research evidence also points to risks. For example, the peer-reviewed study "Close Only Counts in Alcohol and Violence" found that establishments trading until 5 a.m. significantly increased violent crime. More broadly, studies show that extended alcohol hours are linked to higher levels of disorder and harm.

In economic terms, this creates negative externalities - wider social costs such as noise, antisocial behaviour, and reduced community safety that fall on local residents rather than on those who profit from the sales. For these reasons, while I would support a new shop, I respectfully urge the licensing authority to restrict alcohol sales to earlier than 23 and later than 5 hours and to decline the application in its current form.

Thank you.

Best.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 13:58:17

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 1:57 PM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Russell-Cobb.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Russell-Cobb
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road, Oxford, [REDACTED], United Kingdom OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	08/09/2025 1:57 PM There is no information as to what kind of store it will be and the kind of alcohol on sale. General big brand alcohol is unnecessary and pointless. Vape products are harmful to health and anti-social. Ultimately, it is likely that this wouldn't be a 'local' but cater to a crowd moving west and shopping late. This will be on a major thoroughfare. It will also likely be included in Deliveroo/Uber offers and that is a very, very poor recommendation. I oppose the license on the following grounds: there is no evidence of any expertise in provision of alcoholic beverages; vaping is anti-social and harmful to health; will encourage asb and further attract criminals - there are enough drug dealers as it is in WO (Binsey lane) who will doubtless use this 'stop' to rv their clients; will likely lead to more litter; the area will become less safe.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 11:56:53

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 11:56 AM from [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Savell.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Savell
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oatlands Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>08/09/2025 11:56 AM</p> <p>1. The Protection of Children from Harm. The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.</p> <p>3. Crime and Disorder Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.</p> <p>4. Public Safety A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 17:31:37

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 5:31 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 5:31 PM West Oxford is a quiet family neighbourhood with no need for after hours liquor and vape. This is a place where the elderly and families with young children live. West Oxford Primary and two parks with playgrounds are just around the corner. Late Night and early morning hours selling of alcohol and nicotine is not in line with keeping children safe and our neighbourhood and parks free of anti social behaviour that goes along with late night drinking. Waitrose is located in the immediate vicinity for any supply of alcohol and nicotine needed for the neighbourhood. An additional wine shop is located further down the road. There is no more need for any more alcohol on the Botley Road. Pushing alcohol and nicotine into the public eye, especially where school children pass by daily on their way to Primary and Secondary should be actively avoided, not encouraged.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 06:22:06

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 6:21 AM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Shearan.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Shearan
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Clover Close Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 6:21 AM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm. The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 17:51:08

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 5:50 PM from [REDACTED] J [REDACTED] Shearan .

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	J [REDACTED] Shearan
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Clover Close Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Parish Objection
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>08/09/2025 5:50 PM As a churchwarden of the local church, St Frideswide's, I am concerned about the detrimental effect this will have on local people. I agree with the points made by Councilor Lois Muddiman:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Protection of Children from Harm.The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.2. Public NuisanceThe Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.3. Crime and DisorderUnderage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.4. Public Safety <p>A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 12:47:26

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 12:47 PM from [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Simms.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Simms
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oatlands Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	05/09/2025 12:47 PM I am registering my objection to the licence application on the grounds that the sale of tobacco, vapes, alcohol and sugar sweetened beverages so close to a school does not appear appropriate and in keeping with a duty to protect children from harm. Although the sale of age restricted items would require proof of age, it increases the awareness and normalisation of these products. The opening hours risk disruption and noise to surrounding properties given that this is a predominantly residential area

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 21:24:17

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 9:23 PM from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 9:23 PM I WISH MY CONTACT DETAILS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC

1) The area has a significant number of families with young/early teens children, and older people. Selling vapes and alcohol and the posters, marketing etc that go with that in close proximity to them and near a primary school and community centre is exposing children to harm. The area is well-served by a supermarket with long enough opening hours and does not need premises with extended opening hours as proposed for this licensing application. Older residents in the area may appreciate a closer local shop but not of the proposed nature and not with the proposed opening hours. There is no evidence of a gap in the market for this type of premises.

2) There are well-documented links between late opening hours, alcohol sales and anti-social behaviour and the proposal is highly likely to act as a magnet for anti-social behaviour and increased criminality in the area. Please note the existing presence of drug supply at the confluence of Ferry Hinksey Rd, Hill View Road and Oatlands Recreation ground and the increase in night-time disturbances associated with anti-social behaviour/fights there over recent months. Increasing the risk of anti-social behaviour and criminality in the area by permitting an off-licence will increase the demands on police time from this area.

3) The area is a residential one, without a (legal) night-time economy and for that there is ample provision on Frideswide Square (Uni Food & Wine). This application would change the nature of the area without discernible benefit for residents. The area has been blighted by the Botley Road works but we hope that is a temporary situation - the Council needs to ensure that blight isn't deepened or extended by permitting this application.

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 13:27:43

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 1:27 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Smith.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Smith
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	08/09/2025 1:27 PM Not appropriate business for a residential area owing to early and late opening hours, selling alcohol and tobacco, attracting young people, rowdy behaviour and impact on the local environment (from noise, litter and public nuisance).

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 September 2025 19:06
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2025 7:05 PM from K Starr.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	K Starr
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Botley Rd Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>18/09/2025 7:05 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and</p>

disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

3. Crime and Disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

4. Public Safety

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 12:04:42

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 12:04 PM from [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] Stewart.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] C [REDACTED] Stewart
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Tilbury Lane Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>05/09/2025 12:04 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm. A shop like this will change the nature of West Oxford and will attract schoolchildren viewing the vapes. The vapes themselves cannot be recycled efficiently or burnt</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.</p> <p>3. Crime and Disorder Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.</p> <p>4. Public Safety A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.</p>

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 11 September 2025 21:17:16

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2025 9:16 PM from [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Stibbe.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Stibbe
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Harley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	11/09/2025 9:16 PM A similar shop just up the road in Frideswide Square has become a magnet for children and youths, able to buy alcohol and vapes despite being underage. The area is already well served for alcohol by Waitrose and the only reason this shop could compete is through selling illegally to kids or late at night, causing disruption to the area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 12 September 2025 20:46:33

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/09/2025 8:46 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Stott.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Stott
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West St Osney Island Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	12/09/2025 8:46 PM Shops of this nature feed people's addictions and anti-social behaviour. Addictions, wether conscious or unconsciou perpetuate fear and anxiety, which contributes to people's lonliness, isolation and depression. There is so much mental illhealth, depression, anxiety and disconnection in our communities, we don't need to add to this by opening a shop of this nature on the Botley road.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 15:13:15

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 3:13 PM from [REDACTED] V [REDACTED] Strang.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] V [REDACTED] Strang

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] EAST STREET Osney Island Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Amenities or Facilities required
- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 09/09/2025 3:13 PM There is no need for a shop/amenity of this kind in a residential area and it is likely to tempt underage kids into vaping which is rapidly being revealed as a habit that (a) encourages them to transition to cigarettes, and (b) though perhaps less harmful than smoking is still bad for people's health. The proposed shop will create a public nuisance at unsocial hours in the middle of a residential area, and lead to higher levels of local crime, with obvious implications for public safety. I can see no justification at all for giving permission to a development that offers nothing but detriment to the local community.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 13:01:46

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 1:01 PM from [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Tavener.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Tavener

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Alexandra Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 1:01 PM The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

The opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 11 September 2025 16:54:04

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2025 4:53 PM from [REDACTED] O [REDACTED] Terry.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] O [REDACTED] Terry

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Botley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 11/09/2025 4:53 PM The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.

No shop needs to open from 5am to 11pm every day! There will be noise and disruption for everyone living nearby.

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.

A similar shop in Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings and they disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 11 September 2025 17:06:26

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2025 5:06 PM from [REDACTED] Terry.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] Terry
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Botley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Fire Precautions required- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>11/09/2025 5:06 PM Having this shop open from 5 am to 11 pm offering alcohol and a wide range of products, probably including vapes etc will attract children and young people especially, and that will lively cause a disturbance in what is a highly residential neighbourhood.</p> <p>Alcohol is available at nearby Waitrose and there are other shops, like Sainsbury's, within walking distance which is open 7 am to 11 pm, also selling alcohol, so there is no need for this additional provision.</p>

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 September 2025 19:25
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/09/2025 7:24 PM from [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Theobald.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] E [REDACTED] Theobald
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Botley Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Other objection- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>18/09/2025 7:24 PM 1. The Protection of Children from Harm.</p> <p>The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. School children passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape. Loiterers outside may also be intimidating.</p> <p>2. Public Nuisance</p>

The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected. Will encourage antisocial behaviour.

3. Crime and Disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes. May encourage antisocial behaviour and loiterers could be intimidating.

4. Public Safety

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area. May encourage antisocial behaviour and loiterers may be intimidating.

5. Other

Will encourage more litter. Lay-by outside the shop may become unusable for visitors to other shops either side. Locally already have Waitrose, Sainsburys, the Station and Botley shops nearby which all sell the contents of a potential off-license and all have different and decent opening hours.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 17:11:42

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 5:11 PM from [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Turner.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Turner
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill View Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety

Comments: 05/09/2025 5:11 PM 1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are located very close to West Oxford Primary School, but also on the route to local children walking or catching the bus to Matthew Arnold School. Children will pass this shop twice a day.

Importantly, recent government recommendations as part of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill emphasise the need to protect children by restricting the location of vape shops near schools. The government is actively working to reduce youth vaping by proposing to limit the availability of vaping products close to educational settings to prevent normalisation and accessibility among children. This shop's proximity to the school is therefore highly concerning.

Sheffield City Council, Shropshire Council, St Albans City & District Council, Suffolk County Council, Test Valley Borough Council, and Worcestershire County Council are among those advocating bans or restrictions on vape shops near schools and I believe Oxford should be joining them.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours of 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and disruption for residents, early morning and late evening.

4- Public safety

There have already been incidents of local children picking up used needles in Oatlands recreational ground. And it's recently become a meeting point for people sitting and drinking at all times of the day. This should be a park where

we can happily let our children play, knowing they can be safe. Having this type of shop so close to the park will just mean this is becoming less of a possibility, and bring an increase in anti-social behaviour.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 10:19:48

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 10:19 AM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Unsworth.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Unsworth
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oatlands Road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amenities or Facilities required- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance
Comments:	<p>08/09/2025 10:19 AM This is far from the type of outlet needed in this location; cheek by jowl to residential streets and close to a primary school. The opening hours proposed will be extremely disruptive to residents (public nuisance) as will the use of the products which are on sale. It is a hazard to health, encouraging young people to purchase these items on the way to and from school (Protection of Children from Harm). There is a similar shop on Frideswide Square and the nuisance and intimidation caused by groups of young people congregating outside at all hours is not acceptable in a residential area (Public Safety). We object in the strongest terms to this shop being given any licence to operate. We will be speaking with our local representatives to object to the council on our behalf; the proposal has no amenity value, no product value and brings only detriment to the area.</p>

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 07 September 2025 17:28:24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/09/2025 5:28 PM from [REDACTED] van der Voort.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] van der Voort

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] South Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment: - Protection of Children from Harm

Comments: 07/09/2025 5:28 PM Please do not provide this neighbourhood with a shop selling alcohol and vapes? There are schools nearby and plenty of families living in this neighbourhood. We do not want to encourage either smoking or drinking alcohol, and we want to avoid the antisocial behaviour that can be associated with both. Please look at the needs for the neighbourhood? We only have one supermarket and no independent food stores: these are needed, coffee shops, cafes. We need healthy life styles promotes to help our children live the healthiest lives possible, not encourage them to choose alcohol and vaping. Many thanks for your consideration as this is a public health issue.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Botley road shop
Date: 18 September 2025 09:05:05

I wish to register my objections to this shop getting a licence to sell alcohol and to sell vapes:

For representations to be valid, they must explain how any proposed application for licensable activities would fail to undermine one or more of the following four licensing objectives:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder. The availability of alcohol on Botley Road will undermine crime and disorder by encouraging the purchase and possible consumption of alcohol near the shop. Waitrose already provide alcohol in a strictly controlled environment so another shop not only does not add to local amenities, if strictly controlled (as in Waitrose) can encourage public disorder. We simply do not need another shop selling alcohol.
- The promotion of public safety. The sale of alcohol and vapes makes no contribution at all to promoting public safety or public wellbeing. Neither item contributes to good health or good nutrition.
- The prevention of public nuisance. See above. Potential for a public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm. This shop is close to the local primary school and on a route many young children and teenagers use. The easy availability of vapes undermines/harms their health and wellbeing. I understand that the proposed proprietors have past form in selling vapes to underage children.

kind regards

M [REDACTED] Walker

[REDACTED] East St [REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 02 September 2025 21:35:11

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 02/09/2025 9:34 PM from [REDACTED] m [REDACTED] wildsmith.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] m [REDACTED] wildsmith

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Botley Road [REDACTED] Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Other objection
- Public Nuisance

Comments: 02/09/2025 9:34 PM I support the application but consider 5am too early a start time. Once Botley Road reopens it will have constant traffic and an off license open so early is likely to attract customers and potential nuisance and noise which may disrupt the residential area.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 08 September 2025 19:56:14

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/09/2025 7:55 PM from [REDACTED] Wogan-Browne.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] Wogan-Browne

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] East Street OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Crime and Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 08/09/2025 7:55 PM I support the cogent objections made by Cllr Muddiman and cannot do better than repeat them here, together with thanks to her for doing what more councillors need to do: consider the interests of the beleaguered residents of West Oxford. They are as follows:

1. The Protection of Children from Harm.
The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such a shop, twice a day are likely to be attracted by the bright colours and sweet smells of vapes which may lead to an increase in the number of local young people starting to vape.
2. Public Nuisance
The Opening hours are 5am to 11pm every day. This will lead to noise and disruption for local residents early every morning and late every evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are likely to be affected.
3. Crime and Disorder
Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes.
4. Public Safety
A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's Square regularly attracts large groups of young people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that a shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this residential area.

Kind regards

From: [Planning](#)
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 13 September 2025 22:32:25

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/09/2025 10:32 PM from [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Woodman.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Woodman
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] helen road Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>13/09/2025 10:32 PM I strongly object to this proposal. It's ridiculous to open a shop like this at 5am. The convenience shop a couple of doors down was raided for drug handling a few years ago, so it would be a perfect cover for more illicit dealing.</p> <p>The Primary School is just around the corner and I don't want this sort of shop near there with my children go. There are two parks nearby where already drug paraphernalia is regularly found.</p> <p>5am in the morning and the very likelihood of anti social behaviour is not something I'm prepared to put up with.</p> <p>So please BAR this from going through.</p> <p>Alcohol, cigarettes, Vapes etc. are all ready on sale in Waitrose. Let's have a more useful shop (not yet another hairdressers!). What about a pet shop now Pets at Home will be forced to move?</p>

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
Sent: 15 September 2025 12:43
To: licensing
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 12:43 PM from [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Wormald.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Wormald
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

- Amenities or Facilities required
- Crime and Disorder
- Other objection
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Nuisance
- Public Safety

Comments: 15/09/2025 12:43 PM I would like to object to this application on the grounds detailed below:

1- Protection of children from harm

The premises are very close to West Oxford Primary School. Schoolchildren passing such shop twice a day, with its bright colours and sweet vape smell, is likely to lead to an increase in young people staring to vape. It will also encourage the purchase of unhealthy sweets and snacks.

2- Public nuisance

The opening hours being 5am to 11pm every day of the week will lead to noise and

disruption for residents, early morning and late evening. Older residents in nearby Tumbling Bay Court are also likely to be affected.

3- Crime and disorder

Underage children are likely to attempt to buy vapes and alcohol.

4- Public safety

A similar shop in nearby Frideswide's square regularly attracts large groups of people in the evenings, who disturb local residents and intimidate pedestrians passing by in the evenings. I am concerned that the shop selling similar goods, will bring similar problems to this highly residential area.

5. Amenities of Facilities required

The area is in need of other more healthy or useful shops (Bakery, fresh fruit and veg, general store, cafe) or a gym far more than another late night off licence.

6. Other objection

After the ongoing disruption due to the Botley Road and Osney bridge works and other closures such as the Jam Factory, the neighbourhood has really suffered and looks awful and run down. If there are going to be further works and openings they need to really serve the community in a positive way, not negatively.

Many thanks for considering my objections.

Best wishes

R [REDACTED]

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 05 September 2025 12:14:22

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/09/2025 12:14 PM from [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Yona.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] G [REDACTED] Yona
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Henry Road OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Crime and Disorder- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Nuisance- Public Safety
Comments:	05/09/2025 12:14 PM This kind of business activity does not fit the nature of the neighbourhood, which is mostly compromised of families with school-age children, who play safely in the nearby parks today. We do not want a business that would attract people to buy alcohol and consume it in the park near where children are playing, litter the park and streets with vapes, or cause unnecessary traffic and parking violations on Botley Road, as it would mostly serve people coming from outside of the neighbourhood.

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 08:50:16

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 8:49 AM from [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Zaman.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] F [REDACTED] Zaman
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Members of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amenities or Facilities required- Protection of Children from Harm- Public Safety
Comments:	<p>09/09/2025 8:49 AM There is a shortage of amenities on Botley Road - P&L was one of the only businesses that sold food in this entire neighbourhood other than the Waitrose. For a residential community this large to lack any cafes, grocery shops etc on its main thoroughfare is strange enough as it is, but to have P&L replaced by a business that will predominantly sell alcohol and vapes actively prevents another such business opening.</p> <p>The proposed shop will do nothing to add to the amenities for most locals and instead introduces a potential hazard to children and young people.</p> <p>The experience with a similar shop near the station - where banned products were being sold over a number of years, including to underage customers - shows that the council doesn't have the capacity to regulate these kinds of businesses closely, and this poses a threat to public safety.</p>

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2025 20:59
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 8:58 PM from [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Bregeaud.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Bregeaud
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alexandra Road OXFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	15/09/2025 8:58 PM I firmly believe that the opening of an Off-License store at 67 Botley Road, Oxford will be beneficial for the community and the local economy. To begin with, the shop will help neighbours obtain certain groceries easily due the long opening hours. Furthermore, it will attract customers and help rebuild a vibrant community which has been hindered by the continuous and recent works along Botley Road. It is highly unlikely to cause a nuisance, as the shopkeeper will not make any noise early in the morning or late at night. Moreover, youths are unlikely to cause a nuisance by hanging around the premises due to the lack of space to hang out in the shops radius.

Kind regards



[redacted] planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 September 2025 20:11
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 19/09/2025 8:10 PM from [redacted] C [redacted] Gee.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[redacted] C [redacted] Gee
Email:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted] Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Amenities or Facilities required
Comments:	19/09/2025 8:10 PM As a local, it is great to see a business opening that will offer amenities on this side of the botley road closure. It is so hard to get necessary items west of the botley road. I am in full support

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 21:11:33

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 9:11 PM from [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Howard.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] T [REDACTED] Howard
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	09/09/2025 9:11 PM I write in support of this application.

There are zero local convenience stores in this location, and indeed many shops have closed down, because of the ongoing Botley Rd closure, and this site is vacant because of this.

I therefore welcome an alternative to Waitrose (which closes at 9pm or 4pm on Sunday) or a long walk to the rail station area, just for a pint of milk.

The proposed location is in a parade of retailers and unadjacent to any domestic homes. I think the objections from Cllr Muddiman are very alarmist given that this type of local convenience store exists literally *everywhere* in the UK. So, a single store of this type, in the *entire* length of Botley Road, is hardly excessive.

Hard to imagine how it could affect residents of Tumbling Bay Court. Also hard to imagine a shop in this rather bleak location attracting crowds of 'young people' as Cllr Muddiman says she fears.

I think also we should support local businesses and good people who are just trying to make a living. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Cllr Muddiman is objecting on the basis that the applicant *might* not abide by or enforce UK laws relating to vape sales to minors. Upon what basis is she so worried that the applicant may not comply with the law?

Kind regards

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk
To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM
Date: 09 September 2025 09:09:18

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2025 9:08 AM from [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Rawson.

Application Summary

Address: 67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] Rawson

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] West Court West Street Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 09/09/2025 9:08 AM I have no objection to a local business opening. We are supposedly so desperate for trade that we are funding an £850k handout. This one is a bargain by comparison!

It will also be personally convenient and reduce the monopoly that supermarkets have on the local area.

Councillor Muddiman is apparently objecting, as circulated by mailing list. I disagree with her grounds:

1. Muddiman suggests that children may be more likely to take up vaping as a result of this shop. I think she underestimates the effects of advertising, Internet access, and other childrens' nicotine use - or their parents'. In any case, there is already a similar shop not far from the proposed site.
2. There will apparently be noise and disruption from the (very convenient) long opening hours of this shop. This one seems particularly disingenuous: how loud is such a shop? Is it louder than traffic on the Botley road? She is particularly worried about the elderly residents of Tumbling Bay Court, who are over 100m and three terraces away.
3. The councillor worries that underage children will attempt to buy tobacco products. I see no problem with this: as far as I know attempting to buy a product and being turned away due to age is neither criminal nor disorderly.
4. A nearby similar shop apparently attracts groups of young people (horror - youth, socialising outdoors?!). Unfortunately I've never actually observed this, but in the event that marauding gangs of children are summoned to the Botley road by the presence of a tobacconist and begin intimidating passing pedestrians, this is surely a matter for local police. [REDACTED].

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: planning@oxford.gov.uk <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 September 2025 20:10
To: licensing <licensing@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 25/03216/PREM

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 19/09/2025 8:10 PM from [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Soley.

Application Summary

Address:	67 Botley Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX2 0BS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Christian Idiahi

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Soley
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oxford

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbours
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Amenities or Facilities required
Comments:	19/09/2025 8:10 PM Heartened to see a new enterprise opening given the restrictions to businesses and residents as a result of the botley road closure. Would be great to have an alternative to the supermarket chains!

Kind regards

Applicant's statement in response to objections raised

Thank you for taking the time to raise and share your concerns regarding our alcohol license application. We genuinely respect and value the views of the local community, and we would like to provide clarity on our business model, our intentions for this store, and the measures we will take to ensure we remain a responsible operator.

Our Business Model

First and foremost, we would like to emphasise that this will not be an alcohol- or vape-only shop. We are currently in discussions with the Co-Operative Group to operate the proposed premises under a NISA Local (or similar) partnership model, meaning that the store's focus will be ~80% groceries, fresh coffee, bakery items, sandwiches, dairy, ready to eat meals, soft drinks, and day-to-day essentials. Alcohol sales will form only a small part of the overall offering, secondary to the wider community grocery and convenience provision.

Our broader vision is to serve this community by bringing in a store that will collaborate and co-operate with the people of Botley. We want to play a part in helping to revive this area from the setbacks it has faced in recent years. Our aim is not only to grow a successful store, but to grow with the community and support the wider regeneration of this part of Oxford.

Addressing key concerns raised during the consultation:

1. Proximity to schools, underage sales, and vapes

We take safeguarding extremely seriously. In our existing retail operations elsewhere in the city, we have a 100% record of compliance with licensing rules. All staff are thoroughly trained on Challenge 25 protocols, requiring photo ID for age-restricted products. Tobacco will remain completely out of customer sight, spirits will not be directly accessible (all behind a gated counter area), and all refusals of sale will be logged and monitored. Vaping products will not be displayed in ways that attract children.

We want to stress again that this will be a full-service grocery store with a focus on fresh produce, dairy, ready meals, frozen items, and other essentials. We will not display advertising in the shop front that might attract children or promote alcohol.

2. Opening hours and public nuisance

The store's earlier opening hours are designed specifically to support morning worker traffic, given the number of trade businesses on Osney Mead Industrial Estate, and commuters who use the station. Our objective is to serve these customers with hot drinks, bakery, and food-to-go, not specifically alcohol.

Deliveries will be during normal office hours only and will be carefully managed to minimise noise and disruption. In addition, we will provide a local contact number so residents can reach us directly should any issues arise.

We are also committed to regular litter sweeps outside the premises, proper waste disposal, and will post signs at the exit reminding customers to leave quietly.

3. Comparisons with other shops and fears of disorder

We understand there have been problems locally with other operators. However, we would respectfully highlight that we have many years of successful, law-abiding retail experience, including a similar store elsewhere in the city where we work in full cooperation with the police and local council. We have never had issues with illegal or irresponsible sales.

Furthermore, we have already agreed with Thames Valley Police a set of conditions specifically aimed at preventing crime and disorder. Importantly, TVP have not raised any objections or identified risks of additional disorder from this application.

4. Parks, public spaces, and anti-social behaviour

We acknowledge concerns about Oatlands Park and the Ferry Hinksey Bridge. However, restricting a responsible local operator does not solve these pre-existing challenges. On the contrary, our strict ID enforcement and refusal protocols reduce the likelihood of underage or vulnerable individuals obtaining alcohol, when compared with less-regulated alternatives.

5. Community impact and resident concerns

We hear the concerns from families and older residents and want to reassure them that the store is planned to be a 'local' community grocer, not a late-night drinking outlet. Store hours are focused on commuters and early hours workers. We will maintain high standards of public safety with appropriate waste disposal, fire safety procedures, well-lit emergency exits, and high-quality CCTV.

6. Competition, viability, and local context

While Waitrose serves the area, its range, pricing and hours are not accessible or practical for all residents. This store will provide a fast, convenient, affordable, and community-focused grocery option, which the Botley Road sorely lacks.

It is also worth noting that this premises has historically been retail, with a premises license in place for many years while trading as Eggs Etcetera. It is our understanding that this previous license was in place till 2016. The strip of properties between Alexandria Road and Oatlands Road has always been a mix of residential and retail use, so there is strong local precedent for such a license.

We would have thought that the local community will welcome and support their 'local' independent shop that is owned and operated by an Oxford-based business, as opposed to supporting a retail behemoth that is Waitrose!

Our Commitment

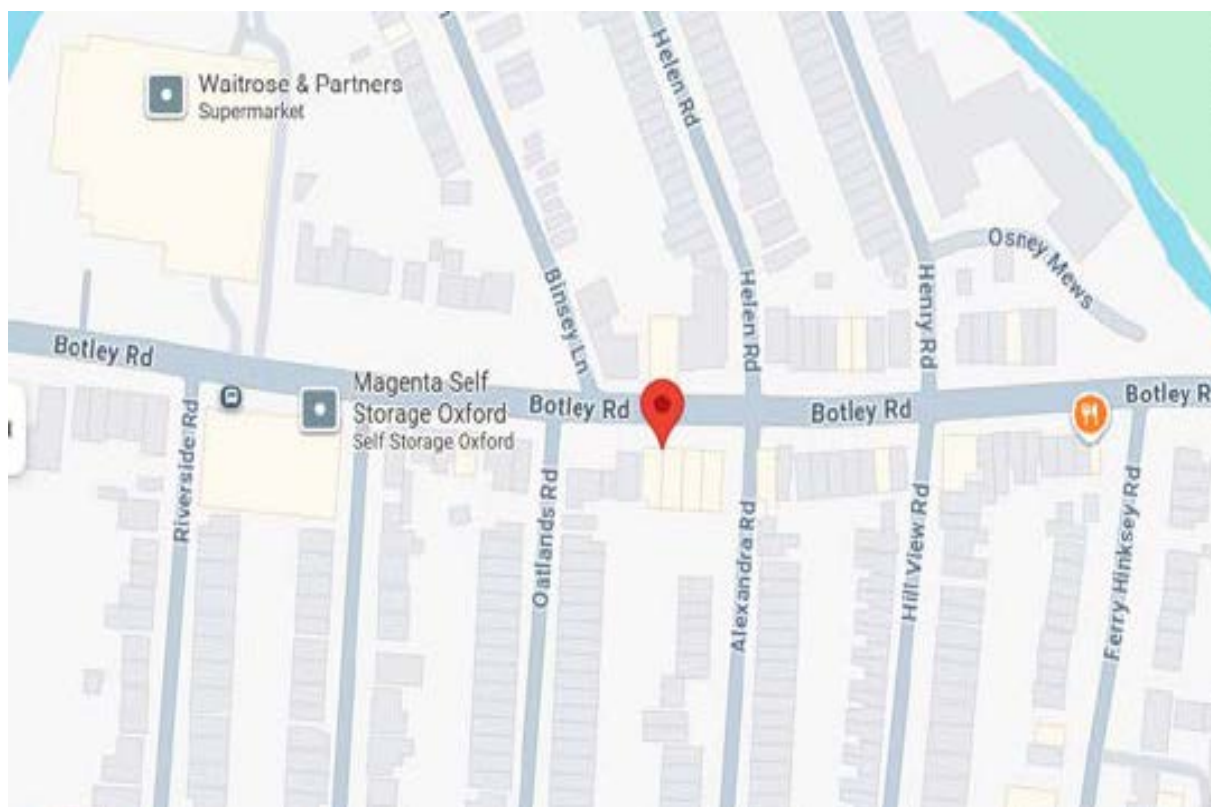
We completely understand and acknowledge the strength of feeling expressed by some residents. We want to reassure you that:

- We are experienced, responsible retailers with a proven record of compliance.
- We are committed to being good neighbours, listening to feedback, and working with both residents and authorities.
- Our business model is built around community grocery provision, not alcohol sales.
- We will take active steps to minimise any potential nuisance and remain directly contactable for any concerns.
- Most importantly, we want to grow with Botley and be part of its renewal, contributing positively to the local community.

We believe this store will benefit the local community with greater access to fresh groceries, hot drinks, bakery items, and healthy food-to-go options, especially for commuters, students, and workers. At the same time, we will maintain rigorous standards to prevent the risks you have highlighted.

Thank you again for raising these concerns. We remain open to further dialogue and will be glad to discuss additional measures to ensure the community feels reassured and supported.

Kind regards.



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