



PREMISES / PERSONAL LICENCES SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DATE:	Monday, 16 March 2026
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Casey
Councillor A Cossens

Councillor Davidson

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DATE OF PUBLICATION: Friday, 6 March 2026

AGENDA

1 Election of a Chairman for the Meeting

The Sub-Committee will elect a Chairman for the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

The Committee is asked to note any apologies for absence and substitutions received from Members.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Friday, 23 January 2026.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests of Non-Registerable Interests, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

5 Report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) - A.1 - Variation of a Premises Licence - The Local, 137 High Street, Harwich, CO12 3AX (Pages 11 - 48)

The application is made under the Licensing Act 2003 for the variation of a Premises Licence to request an increase of the opening hours and the sale of alcohol throughout the week.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Premises / Personal Licences Sub-Committee is to be held in the Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 26 March 2026.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PREMISES / PERSONAL LICENCES SUB-COMMITTEE,
HELD ON FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2026 AT 10.00 AM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,
CO15 1SE**

Present:	Councillors J Henderson (Chairman), Casey, Smith (standby Member) and Wiggins
Also Present:	Councillor A Cossens
In Attendance:	Sarah Opene (Litigation Lawyer), Michael Cook (Licensing Manager), Emma King (Licensing Officer), Katie Koppenaal (Democratic Services Officer) and Bethany Jones (Democratic Services Officer)
Also In Attendance:	Kim Black (Licensing Technical Officer)

26. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Wiggins, seconded by Councillor Casey and:-

RESOLVED that Councillor J Henderson be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence submitted nor substitutions made on this occasion.

28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Wiggins and:-

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on Friday, 23 January 2026, be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wiggins declared for the public record that she held a personal licence, but that it had no bearing on her capacity to be a member of the Sub-Committee.

**30. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CORPORATE POLICY & SUPPORT) -
A.1 - GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE, KIRBY EXPRESS, 1-5 SHOP PARADE,
HALSTEAD ROAD, KIRBY CROSS, CO13 0LN**

The Sub-Committee heard from the Licensing Manager that an application had been received for the grant of a premises licence, under the Licensing Act 2003, from Mrs Selvabhavani Sujananth for the sale of alcohol off the premises at Kirby Express, 1-5 Shop Parade, Halstead Road, Kirby Cross and further that objections to that proposed licensable activity had been received from members of the public.

The applicant had described Kirby Express as a former pharmacy/general store which had been closed. The premises was to be renovated and refitted as a convenience store with all products and services.

The applicant had proposed to open to the public on the following days/hours:

Everyday 06:00 to 23:00

Proposed sale of alcohol off the premises hours:

Everyday 06:00 to 23:00

The full application had been attached to the main report (A.1) as Appendix A.

The Sub-Committee heard that eight representations/objections had been received from residents. Those letters of representations/objection had been attached to the main report (A.1) as Appendix B.

Members were reminded that each application must be considered in its own right and on its own merits only as to how it might impact on the four licensing objectives which were the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The Licensing Manager advised Members that matters such as parking did not fall within the licensing objectives or the scope of the Licensing Act 2003. It was further noted that the Planning Team had been consulted as a responsible authority and had raised no concerns.

Questions by Members:	Answers:
What are the current hours of the Tesco Express [on Halstead Road, Kirby Cross].	(Michael Cook) I'll look into this and update you accordingly. [Later on in the meeting as recorded below, Mr. Cook provided the requested information to Members.]

The agent representing the applicant, addressed the Sub-Committee in support of the application. The agent outlined a range of measures that would be implemented to promote and uphold the licensing objectives. Those included steps to enhance customer safety within the premises, the installation of CCTV to support the prevention of crime and disorder, the adoption of comprehensive safety procedures, and ensuring that all staff received appropriate training in the Challenge 25 policy. Additional measures included the provision of external waste bins for customer use and the display of signage outside the premises requesting that customers leave quietly.

Questions by Members:	Answers:
Will additional staff be scheduled to operate the shop during night shifts alongside the applicant?	(Agent) Three full-time staff members will be scheduled on rotating evening shifts alongside the applicant, and all personnel will receive appropriate

	training.
The 'Public Safety' section of the application (Appendix A) does not indicate that incidents will be recorded. Can you confirm that such incidents will indeed be documented?	(Councillor J Henderson) Under the 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder' section on page 23 of the agenda, it is noted that an incident log will be maintained and made readily available.
Will waste bins be provided for customers' use?	(Agent) Yes.
Can you confirm that the CCTV will cover the external area?	(Agent) Yes, it will.

An objector, Ray Frith, spoke in opposition to the application, expressing his concerns regarding the proposed opening hours (6 am to 11 pm) and the potential for increased noise during early morning and late evening periods. He also highlighted issues relating to delivery operations and the possible parking problems these may generate.

Another objector, Lorraine Crowder, addressed the Sub-Committee and spoke in opposition to the application. She highlighted a perceived issue regarding the potential promotion of drinking and gambling to young children through external advertisements, noting the close proximity of a primary school. Mrs Crowder also expressed concern that parking issues could give rise to a public nuisance and observed that the previous occupier, a chemist, had operated only between 9am and 5:30pm on weekdays. Additional concerns were raised regarding the display of a false notice outside the premises.

The Licensing Manager clarified that the blue notice had remained displayed for an extended period because the Licensing Authority had not initially received the application. Once the Licensing Team had become aware, the agent had been contacted and had been fully compliant. An amended notice had been subsequently displayed and advertised in accordance with the legislative requirements, and the application had been correctly served. Ward Councillors had also been notified.

The Licensing Manager further advised that Tesco Express on Halstead Road, Kirby, held a licence permitting operation from 6am to 12am, although, to his knowledge, the premises closed at 10pm.

Questions by Members:	Answers:
Are there any other premises in the area that open at 6am?	(Michael Cook) Tesco Express are open from 6am.
Are you aware of any issues with pests, particularly as the store is currently closed? Do you have pest control in place?	(Agent) The store will implement a formal pest-control programme once operations commence. Whilst work has been taking place, no pest activity has been observed. The applicant is committed to ensuring that appropriate pest-control measures are fully in place prior to the store becoming operational.
Could you please clarify the comments in your statement concerning the kebab shop's licensing status, as my understanding is that it does not	(Agent) Ordinarily, hot-food businesses wishing to operate beyond 11pm are required to obtain a premises licence. At present, however, they may trade up to

currently hold a licence.	that time without the need to submit a licence application.
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The Chairman (Councillor J Henderson) then adjourned the meeting at this time whilst the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate. The Litigation Lawyer (Sarah Opene) and the Democratic Services Officer (Katie Koppenaal) retired with the Sub-Committee for observatory reasons only.

Upon resuming the meeting, the Chairman (Councillor J Henderson) read out a statement detailing the Sub-Committee's decision, which was as follows:

"The Sub Committee has given careful consideration to this application. The premises being Kirby Express, 1-5 Shop Parade, Halstead Road, Kirby Cross, Essex, CO13 0LN.

In reaching its decision, we have taken into account the views expressed by the Applicant Mrs Sujananth, the objectors present being Mrs Crowder and Mr Frith alongside written objections received.

The applicant's agent on the applicant's behalf submitted that she is local and her children attend school locally. She has been here for 5 years and has retail experience. He submitted that to prevent crime and disorder they have measures in place such as CCTV which the police will have access to, if necessary, signs encouraging customers to leave the area quietly, they operate challenge 25 policy, make available a refusal book, adequate bins will be made available for customers, staff will be trained etc.

He further stated that there are approximately 20 – 30 residents minimum in the area and that there were 8 objections which he insinuated showed the majority being in support. He addressed the concerns raised such as parking and said that these were planning issues.

As regards the noise he stated that the premises is located on a main road and there is already noise and as per loitering he said they had not seen anyone loitering.

Cllr Casey asked whether the applicant will be working alone for the purpose of nighttime working and in response it was said that there will be 3 staff working full time alongside the applicant.

Objector Mr Frith states that he lives 2 doors away from the current shop. He has no objection to anyone making an honest living but is concerned about the hours. He is worried about noise and parking. he says there is a Tesco about 200 yards away and the hours are nothing like the applicant is seeking. It was asked whether the defibrillator at the premises will be retained but the agent could not provide a response to the question. We are aware the Tesco licence in place for 6am – 12 midnight even though they close at 10pm.

Ms Crowder submitted that there will be a public nuisance and that there was previously chemist which only opened on weekdays and not the weekends and they would shut at lunch time and that they would shut at 5:30pm. She stated the other shop being a kebab shop shuts 9pm and its peaceful and quiet. She was very concerned about parking in the area and the safety of children walking to school.

She also mentioned a blue notice was put up without the application being made with the wrong reference which was only corrected following an objection to the Council.

The sub-committee has also considered the licensing objectives namely, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The application has been determined on its own merit. The hours being sought for opening and for the sale of alcohol are Mondays – Sundays 06:00am to 23:00pm. The decision of the Sub-Committee is to grant the licence as requested.

The grant is subject to the actioning of the undertakings/conditions given by the Applicant and other mandatory conditions. The Committee is conscious of the various objectors' concerns, however it is mindful of its licensing objectives and its limitation but would encourage that should issues arise such as pest control issues there are departments within the Council dedicated to addressing such issues such as the environmental health team team-and where necessary licenses can be reviewed. As par parking there is parking services and highways England as it seems there may be ongoing concerns even though they do not relate to this premises as it is yet to be opened.

There has been no advise from the Legal Advisor in arriving at our decision.

Anyone aggrieved by this decision can appeal to the Magistrates court within the relevant statutory period.

You will get notification of this decision in 5 days."

The meeting was declared closed at 11.46 am

Chairman

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TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Procedure for hearings – Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee

Licensing Act 2003 and Hearing Regulations 2005

The Licensing Committee officers and their roles

- The Committee Clerk (Democratic Services Officer) records the proceedings;
- The Legal Advisor provides independent advice to the Committee Members on legal matters; and
- The Licensing Officer introduces the matter, outlines the application or review as set out in the Report, and answers any questions Members may have.

Committee Members (Councillors):

Members have a responsibility to declare interests, those who declare **Discloseable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** as defined by The Relevant Authorities (DPI) Regulations 2012 must not take part in the hearing of the application.

If a Member declares a **Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests**, as defined by Tendring District Council's Members' Code of Conduct (paragraphs 5 and 6), they must consider the impact of that interest on participation and the public perception;

- Matters for Members to consider would cover, but not exclusively:
 - o they know the applicant or any of the objectors; or
 - o they wish either to support or oppose the granting or continuation of a licence either personally or on behalf of their constituents.
 - o whether they have expressed a view on the application site especially, if situated either in their ward or an adjacent ward;

Other Persons or Interested Parties:

This is the term given to an individual, body or business or a representative acting on their behalf-that raises an objection or make a representation to an application for a premises/personal licence. It should be noted that only the Police can make a representation against a Personal Licence application however. These other persons or interested parties are separate to Responsible Authorities, who may also be a party to the hearing.

PROCEDURE

THESE SUB-COMMITTEES MEETINGS & THE HEARING ARE HELD IN PUBLIC, UNLESS THERE IS A LEGAL REASON NOT TO DO SO, HOWEVER THESE ARE IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

Note: if the Sub-committee does not have an elected Chairman already, the election of one Member as Chairman will be the first item of business.

HEARING

Step	By whom	
1	Chairman	The Chairman will welcome everyone to the meeting then: a. introduce themselves and the other 2 members and explain that the 4th member (substitute) will not take any part in the hearing or decision making process unless there is a valid objection to one of the other members sitting, if any interest declared debars a member or a member falls ill; b. announce the item to be considered; c. confirm that this procedure will be followed at the hearing, including any maximum periods of time for each side to put their case or objections (*); d. ask all parties, including any "Responsible Authority", to introduce themselves indicating whether or not they are represented, if they are calling any witnesses and if so to identify the witnesses they will be calling. Where there are a number of objectors they will be asked to confirm who their spokesperson is if it is relevant or appropriate for them to do so. e. if a party or Responsible Authority who has made relevant representations is not present, the Sub-Committee will decide whether they consider it in the public interest to (a) continue with the hearing or (b) defer it to enable the party or authority to attend. In reaching a decision on this point, the Sub-Committee will consider any information received from the party either directly or via the Licensing Officer or any other interested person/party where relevant or appropriate; f. remind all present that the Sub-Committee can only make its decision based on the four licensing objectives, namely: (1) prevention of crime and disorder, (2) public safety, (3) prevention of public nuisance and (4) protection of children from harm.

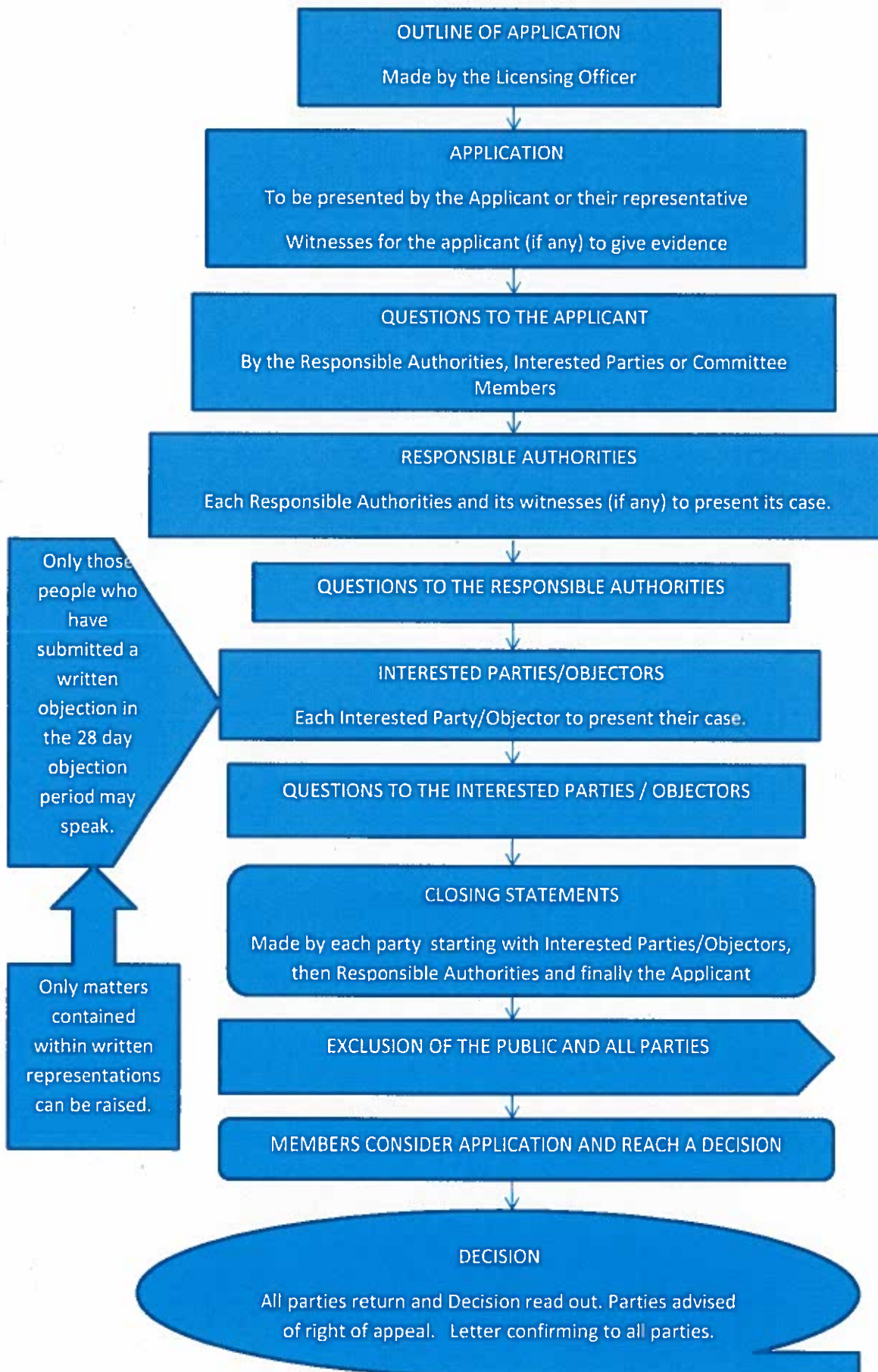
2	Licensing Officer	Will introduce the application or review, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
3	Committee members	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer.
The Applicant's case (If a person or party requests a review of an existing licence, they would in effect be the Applicant for the review. In those circumstances they would present their case following the summary given by the Licensing Officer)		
4	Applicant or their representative	Will present their case and call witnesses.
5	Responsible authorities or Interested Parties	Each, in turn, may ask questions of the Applicant by way of clarification.
6	Committee members	In turn, each may ask questions of the Applicant.
7	Applicant	May ask any further questions of any witnesses to clear up any points raised in the earlier questioning.
The Responsible Authorities and/or Interested Parties		
8	Responsible Authorities	Will make their representations to the Sub-Committee.
9	Applicant or their representative	May ask questions of the Responsible Authorities by way of clarification.
10	Other persons	May ask questions of the Responsible Authorities or Licensing Officer by way of clarification. Note: this is not the time for other persons to put their objections.
11	Committee Members	May ask questions of the Responsible Authorities by way of clarification. Committee can also ask questions of the objectors by way of clarification.
12	Interested Parties	At this point those who have objected to the application will be asked to present their objections and make observations on the application if appropriate.

13	Applicant or their representative	May ask questions of the Interested Parties /objectors by way of clarification.
14	Committee members	May ask questions of the Interested Parties /objectors.
Closing statements or summary		
15	Chairman	Will ask: a. both the Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties /objectors to comment, briefly, on the application or review and summarise their position. No new issues can be raised at this point. b. the applicant or their representative to summarise the application or review and briefly comment on the representations or objections made. c. if everyone is satisfied that they have said what they wanted to say, but making clear that no new issues can be raised at this point.
DECISION MAKING		
16	Sub-Committee	Will retire to consider the application or review and may request the Legal Advisor and/or Committee Clerk to retire with them.
RESUMING THE MEETING AND CONCLUSION		
17	Legal Advisor	If legal advice has been given to the Members whilst in retirement, this advice will be summarised and repeated in the presence of all parties.
18	Chairman	Will: a. announce the decision made by the sub-committee and the reasons for that decision; b. advise that the decision, and reasons, will be confirmed in writing to all the parties who made representations; and c. advise all parties of their rights of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

(*) after receiving copies of this procedure, all parties are requested to give the Council's Licensing Department an indication of the time estimated to present their case. This will be taken into consideration when deciding whether maximum periods of time will be necessary.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS PROCEDURE



PREMISES/PERSONAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

16 MARCH 2026

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CORPORATE POLICY AND SUPPORT

A.1. VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE THE LOCAL, 137 HIGH STREET, HARWICH, ESSEX CO12 3AX REF: 26/00045/PREMVA

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The application is made under the Licensing Act 2003 for the variation of a Premises Licence to request an increase of the opening hours and the sale of alcohol throughout the week.

BACKGROUND

General Description of Premises

The premises was previously described as an off licence and convenience store.

Current Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday 09:00 - 23:00

Current Licensable Activities

Sale of Alcohol off the premises

Monday to Sunday 09:00 - 23:00

Proposed Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 02:00

Proposed Licensable Activities To Be Varied

Sale of Alcohol off the premises

Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 02:00

Following discussions between the applicant and Essex Police as a Responsible Authority the applicant has agreed to reduce the opening hours and the sale of alcohol off the premises activity to the following days/hours:

Revised Opening Hours

Sunday to Thursday 06:00 - 00:00
Friday to Saturday 06:00 - 01:00

Revised Sale of Alcohol Off the Premises Hours

Sunday to Thursday 06:00 - 00:00
Friday to Saturday 06:00 - 01:00

The variation application and confirmation to reduce the hours can be found attached at Appendix A.

The current premises licence can be found attached at Appendix B

RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

Interested Parties/Other Persons

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRSR Act 2011) removed from the Licensing Act 2003 the specific reference for representations to be made by 'interested parties' and also removed the requirement that representations could only be accepted from persons living in the 'vicinity' of the premises concerned, or who had for example, a business in the 'vicinity' of the premises.

There was no guidance or definition of 'vicinity' within the Licensing Act 2003 which effectively had a limiting effect on those that could make relevant representations.

The PRSR Act 2011 replaced the references to 'interested parties' and 'vicinity' and substituted that representations can be made and accepted by the Licensing Authority from 'other persons' which means that those persons do not necessarily have to live or run a business for example in the proximity of the premises to be able to submit a valid and relevant representation.

The relevant extracts from the Section 182 Guidance that accompanies the Licensing Act 2003 advises the following in relation to 'other persons'. They are shown in italics for ease of reference.

8.12 As well as responsible authorities, any other person can play a role in a number of licensing processes under the 2003 Act. 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.

Representations can be made either against or in support of an application. The relevant extracts from the Section 182 Guidance that accompanies the Licensing Act 2003 advises the following in relation to this point.

9.3 Relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.

One representation/objection has been received from residents in relation to this application.

The objection letter can be found attached at Appendix D

Responsible Authorities

One email from Essex Police as a Responsible Authority confirming the applicant has agreed to reduce the opening hours and the sale of alcohol off the premises activity.

This agreement can be found attached at Appendix C

No further representations have been received from the Responsible Authorities.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

A decision made by the Committee is subject to appeal at the Magistrates Court by the premises user or a relevant person.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Licensing Act 2003 established a single integrated scheme for licensing premises that are used for the supply of alcohol, regulated entertainment, or provision of late-night refreshment. This system of licensing incorporates the sale of alcohol both on and off licensed premises; public entertainment such as music, dancing, indoor sporting events, boxing or wrestling, theatres, cinemas; and late-night refreshment houses and take-aways.

When determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community the Licensing Authority in the form of the Licensing Sub-Committee must have regard and give appropriate weight to the following:

- Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates where representations have been received.
- Tendring District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy - <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/licensing-act-policy>
- The Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>
- The steps appropriate to positively promote the four 'Licensing Objectives'.
- Representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties.

Human Rights Implications

A Licence is to be regarded as the property of the applicant; however their right to the use of the property must be balanced against all other public interests or representations in this matter that the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee may wish to consider as appropriate, reasonable and proportionate in relation to the application that has been submitted and also the representation/s that has/have been received against it.

In making their decision as to whether to grant this application, Members of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee should also take into consideration Article 1 of the First Protocol of the Human Rights Act 1998, that individuals are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their property, and also Article 8 that everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life and his correspondence.

Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on local authorities when exercising any of their functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it possibly can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

Members are requested to consider the information shown below where the Licensing Authority has received a representation about an application which is relevant to one or more of the four licensing objectives, and which suggests that the application may have a negative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives.

The purpose of the licensing system is to positively promote the four 'licensing objectives'.

These are:

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

The Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy expects applicants to demonstrate in their operating schedule that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified and will be implemented and maintained to prevent public nuisance relevant to the individual style and characteristics of their premises.

The relevant extracts from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of Planning considerations (shown in italics) and also the 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' licensing objective are as follows:

1.24 When the Licensing Authority is considering any application, it will avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes, so far as possible, and does not intend to use the licensing regime to achieve outcomes that can be achieved by other legislation. In particular, its licensing functions will be discharged separately from the Authority's functions as the local planning authority. However, applications for premises licences for permanent commercial premises should normally be from businesses with planning consent for the property concerned. Other permissions may be applicable to licensed premises and applicants are expected to ensure that such permissions are obtained where necessary.

Relevant Section 182 Guidance –

The following sections are taken from the Home Office Section 182 Guidance that accompanies the Licensing Act 2003 and the link is included for the assistance of the Licensing Sub Committee, the applicant, responsible authorities, residents and any other interested parties to this hearing. They do not however form the totality of the guidance in relation to this licensing objective which should also be considered in its entirety.

- Crime and Disorder Section 2.1 to 2.7
- Public Safety Section 2.8 to 2.20
- Public Nuisance Section 2.21 to 2.27
- Protection of Children from Harm Section 2.28 to 2.38

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Each application must be considered in its own right and on its own merits only as to how it might impact on the four licensing objectives which are the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The Licensing Sub Committee is therefore asked to determine this application taking into consideration the application in its own right and on its own merits and also all of the relevant information that has been submitted as part of this report and at the hearing itself.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A - Application and Plans
- Appendix B - Current Licence
- Appendix C - Responsible Authority Agreement
- Appendix D - Letters of Objection from member of the public

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* required information

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Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

Umar Ali

* Family name

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* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

☒ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
☐ Applying as an individual

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

15623076

Business name

Kangaroo Local Uk Ltd

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

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464594653

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

Legal status

Private Limited Company

*Continued from previous page...*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 **Section 2 of 18****APPLICATION DETAILS**

This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number

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

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description
Postal Address Of PremisesBuilding number or name Street District City or town County or administrative area Postcode Country **Premises Contact Details**Telephone number

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value of premises (£)

7,700

Section 3 of 18**VARIATION**Do you want the proposed
variation to have effect as
soon as possible?☒

Yes

☐

No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the
introduction of the late night levy?☐

Yes

☐

No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only
purpose of the variation for which you are
applying is to avoid becoming liable to the
late night levy.If your proposed variation
would mean that 5,000 or
more people are expected to
attend the premises at any
one time, state the number
expected to attend**Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation**Describe 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.

I would like to extend my business hours and i would also like to provide the updated shop layout

Section 4 of 18**PROVISION OF PLAYS**[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful?☐

Yes

☒

No

Section 5 of 18**PROVISION OF FILMS**[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to
vary is successful?☐

Yes

☒

No

Section 6 of 18**PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS**

<i>Continued from previous page...</i> Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	See guidance on regulated entertainment
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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS	
See guidance on regulated entertainment Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC	
See guidance on regulated entertainment Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC	
See guidance on regulated entertainment Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE	
See guidance on regulated entertainment Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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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 the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
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PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT	

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Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide 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

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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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.

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

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

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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.

Provide 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.

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide 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

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WEDNESDAY

Start	06:00	End	24:00
Start	12:01	End	14:00

THURSDAY

Start	06:00	End	24:00
Start	12:01	End	14:00

FRIDAY

Start	06:00	End	24:00
Start	12:01	End	14:00

SATURDAY

Start	06:00	End	24:00
Start	12:01	End	14:00

SUNDAY

Start	06:00	End	24:00
Start	12:01	End	14:00

State any seasonal variations.

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

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

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

Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

☒ I have enclosed the premises licence

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☐ I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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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)

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

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

c) Public safety

d) The prevention of public nuisance

e) The protection of children from harm

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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. Fees are calculated on the rateable value of the premises based on the following scale:- £0-£4300 Band A £100 £4300-£33000 Band B £190 £33001-£87000 Band C £315 £87001-£125000 Band D £450 £125001 and over Band E £635

* Fee amount (£)

DECLARATION

* I hereby confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct and complies in all respects with the Licensing Act 2003.

☒ 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

* Date / /
dd mm yyyy

[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/tendring/change-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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

From: Umer Ali

Sent: 26 January 2026 10:25

To: Licensing Section <licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk>

Cc: Licensing Section <licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Variation of a Premises Licence Application - The Local, Harwich

Hi Kim hope you are keeping well.

I wanted to call today to confirm the mistake i have made during filling the form.
You are correct we want to extend hours to 2:00am and 06:00am to open for both
opening and selling of alcohol.

Kind Regards

On 26 Jan 2026, at 10:03 am, Licensing Section
<licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk<mailto:licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk>>
wrote:

Good Morning

Further to the Variation of a Premises Licence application submitted in respect of The
Local, Harwich, please can you confirm the opening hours and sale of alcohol hours as
you have stated 6am – Midnight but then also stated 12.01pm – 2pm in the afternoon?

Are you meaning 6am – 2am?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Kim Black

Licensing Technical Officer

Democratic Services and Elections, Governance I Tendring District Council

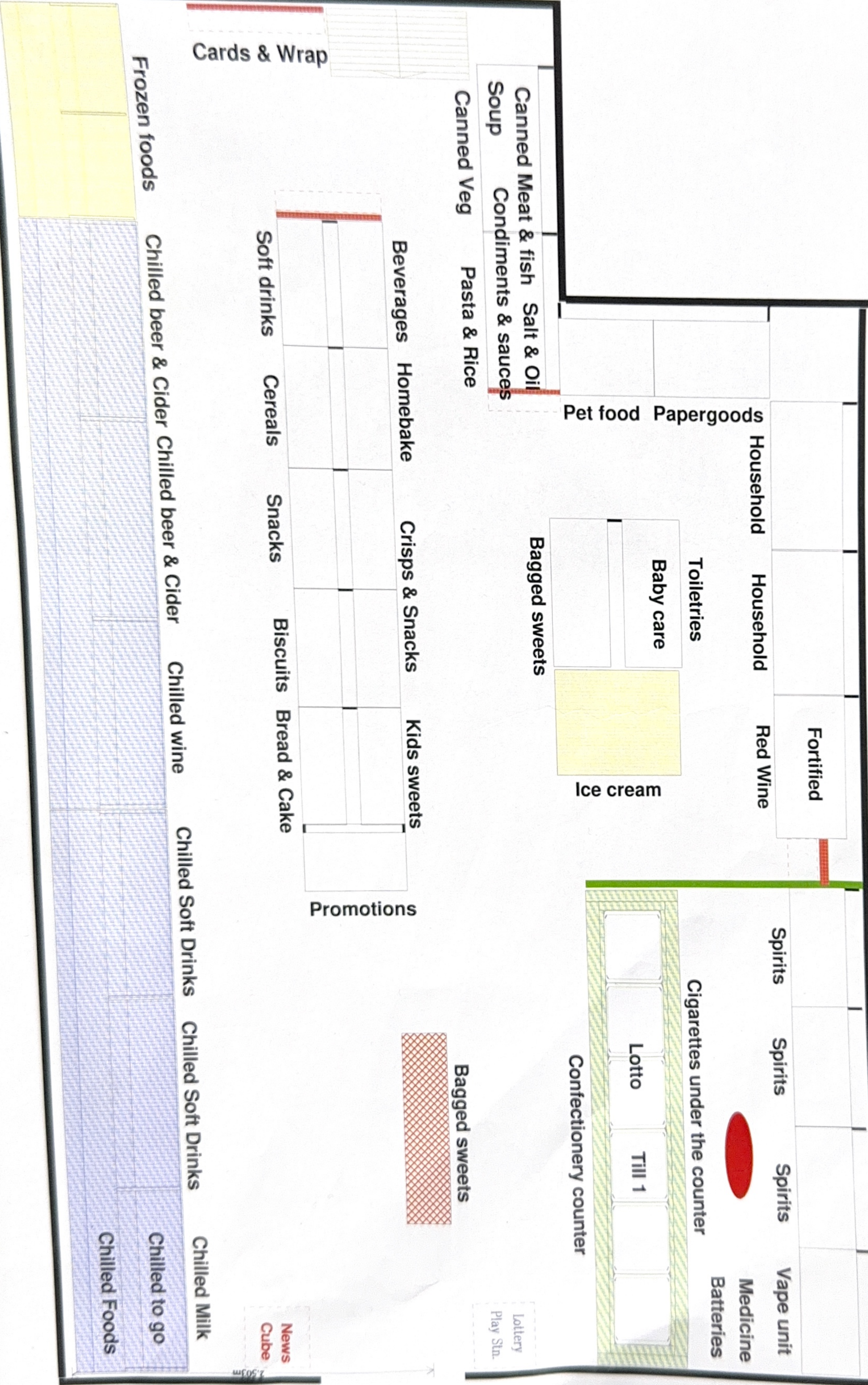
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- Licensing Section, Tendring District Council, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 1SE

If you wish to speak to a member of the Licensing Team in person, please contact us on any of the above methods to
make an appointment to ensure that someone is available. If you do not make an appointment, we cannot guarantee
a member of the team will be available to assist you with your query.

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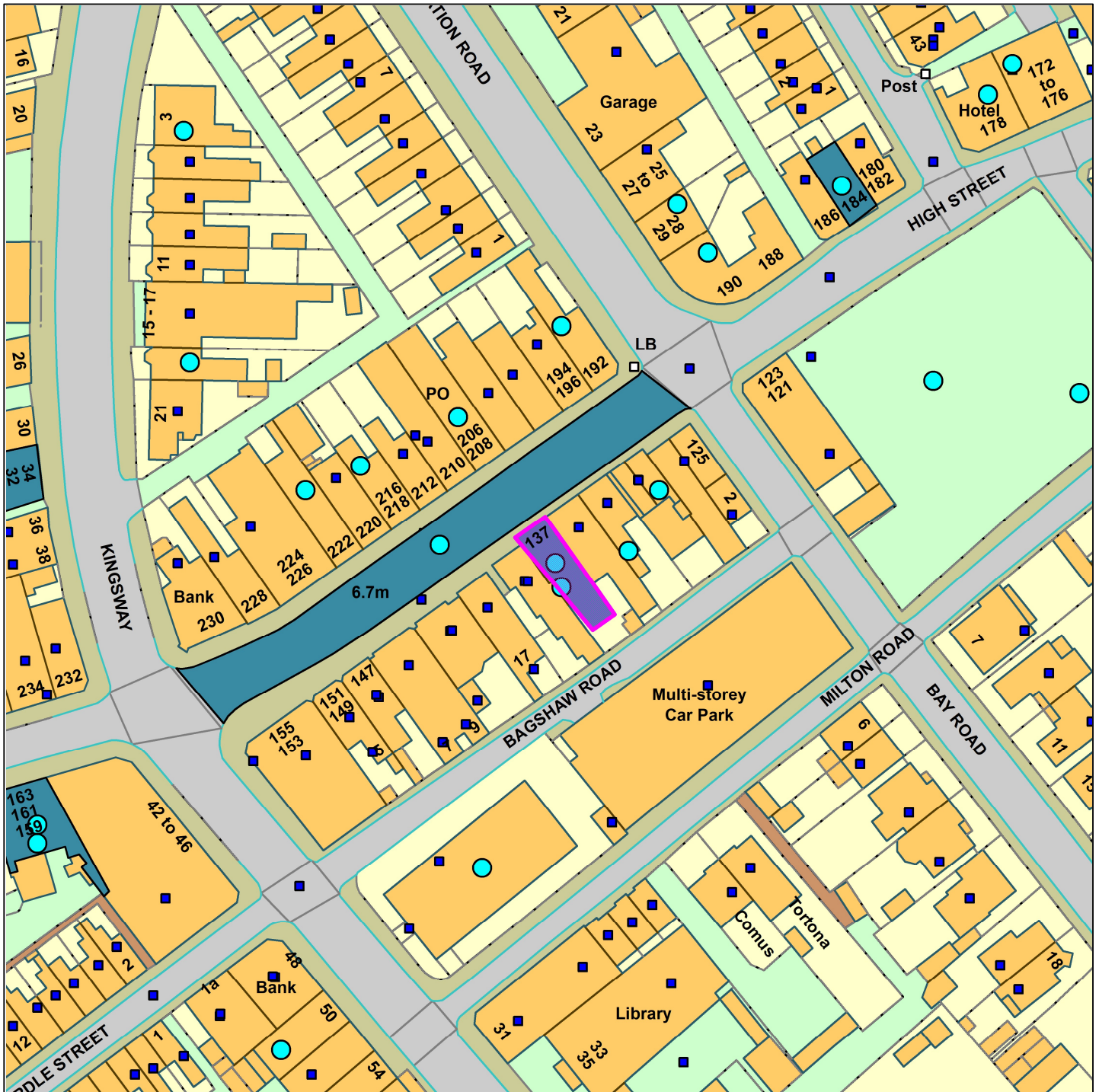
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Premises Variation

The Local



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Organisation	Tendring District Council
Department	Licensing Department
Comments	137 High Street, Harwich
Date	04 March 2026
SLA Number	100018684

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Schedule 12

Part A

Regulation 33,34

Tendring District Council Premises Licence

Premises Licence Number

25/00341/PREMTR

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

The Local
137 High Street
Harwich
Essex
CO12 3AX

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Sale of Alcohol off the premises

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale of Alcohol off the premises

Monday to Sunday

09:00 - 23:00

The opening hours of the premises

Monday - Sunday

09:00 - 23:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies

Sale of Alcohol off the premises

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Kangaroo Local UK Ltd
25 Brandon Close
Grays
Essex
RM16 6QX

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

Not Applicable

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Mr Umar Ali Tanveer

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

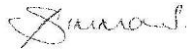
Personal Licence Number

2196

Licensing Authority

Thurrock District Council

for and on behalf of the Licensing Authority



Keith Simmons

Head of Democratic Services and Elections (Governance)

Dated: 7 July 2025

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

- 1 No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence:-
 - (a) At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence, or
 - (b) At a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
- 2 Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
- 3
 - (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (2) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.
- 4
 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
 2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 -
 - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
 - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -

$$P = D + (D.V)$$

where -

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
 - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

- 1 CCTV shall be of a type to be approved by the Licensing Authority to monitor events at the premises and shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority. The CCTV system shall be professionally installed and be capable of consistently producing pictures clearly showing the identity of persons frequenting the premises and in the vicinity of the premises. The CCTV shall operate continuously during the permitted hours.
- 2 Notices shall be clearly displayed inside the premises indicating that a CCTV system is in operation.
- 3 The Licenceholder shall retain all video tapes/DVD discs for a period of 28 days and shall make them available to the Police or an authorised Officer of the Council on demand.
- 4 No one to be permitted to enter the premises if they appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 5 All staff must undergo training concerning knowledge of the Licensing Laws together with the social impact of the sale of alcohol.
- 6 The premises will operate a "Challenge 25" scheme, or equivalent, requiring those appearing to be 25 years or under to be asked for accredited identification as to their age.
- 7 Any conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule not specified above.

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

None

Annex 4 – Plans

Plans are attached to this Licence

From: Umer Ali
Sent: 17 February 2026 12:40
To: Licensing Section <licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk>
Cc: Steven BENNETT; Licensing Section

Subject: Re: 137 HIGH STREET.

Hi team hope you're keeping well.

I can confirm the below agreed hours:
Opening hours, Sunday – Thursday 0600 – 0000 & Friday – Saturday 0600 – 0100.

Please update the records and do needful.
Kind Regards

On 17 Feb 2026, at 8:23 am, Licensing Section

Good morning

To confirm, please email the amended hours with the agreement you wish to change and these will be amended.

Many thanks
Michael

From: Umer Ali
Sent: 16 February 2026 17:08
To: Licensing Section
Cc: Steven.BENNETT@essex.police.uk

Subject: Re: 137 HIGH STREET.

Hi Steven

Thanks for prompt reply. Lastly do i have to download the application and send it again on the portal or uou want me to send it writing through email about the agreed hours.
Thanks in advance.

Kind Regards

On 16 Feb 2026, at 5:04 pm, Licensing Section

No fees are required at the time of amending your application during the consultation period.

Hope this clarifies.

Michael

From: Umer Ali

Sent: 16 February 2026 17:02

To: Licensing Section

Cc: Steven BENNETT

Subject: Re: 137 HIGH STREET.

Hi Steven

Do i have to pay all the fees again?

Kind Regards

On 16 Feb 2026, at 4:20 pm, Licensing Section

Good afternoon Mr Ali,

Further to Mr Bennetts email below, if you could reply to all including the licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk with the agreed amended hours by no later than 22 February 2026, then the Licensing Authority will be able to amend the timings for you on the application.

Timings suggested by Essex Police are

Sale of alcohol and opening hours, Sunday – Thursday 0600 – 0000 & Friday – Saturday 0600 – 0100.

It is important that you reply to avoid Essex Police making representation against this application.

Failure to do so by 22 February may result in your application being referred to the Licensing Authority for a hearing and further consideration.

Michael Cook

Licensing Manager

Licensing Team | Democratic Services and Elections, Governance | Tendring District Council

- 01255 686565 • licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk
- Public Register for Licensing - Online Access<<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/public-register-for-licensing-online-access>>
- Licensing Section, Tendring District Council, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 1SE

From: Steven BENNETT 42081907

Sent: 16 February 2026 16:04

To: Umer Ali

Cc: Michael Cook

Subject: 137 HIGH STREET.

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr ALI.

I hope all is well with you.

Following our conversation last week regarding your application to vary the opening times of the premises, I would like to confirm what we agreed in this email, so that you can re contact the council with your amended schedule.

As we discussed, it is a very highly populated area with residences, above and both in front and behind the venue.

Therefore together with Alfie SMITH from TDC, we agreed that the times would be as below.

Opening hours, Sunday – Thursday 0600 – 0000 & Friday – Saturday 0600 – 0100.

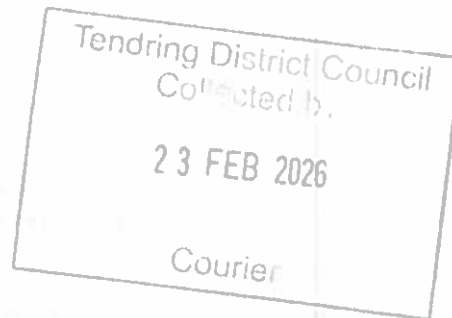
Please can you re-submit your application as soon as possible as the closing date for any representations is 22nd February.

I hope that all makes sense, thank you.

Steve.
Steve Bennett
Licensing Officer
Police Station
Beatrice Road
Clacton on Sea.
CO151ET
Ext - 440176

RECORDED DELIVERY

Licensing Section
Tendring District Council
Station Road
Clacton On Sea
CO15 1SE



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Application to Extend Opening Hours – Off Licence, 137 High Street, Harwich, CO12 3AX

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by the above premises seeking to extend its opening hours from 06:00 to 02:00.

My objection is based on repeated and serious breaches of licensing conditions and failure to uphold the licensing objectives.

1. Breach of Off-Licence Conditions (On-Premises Consumption)

I have personally witnessed customers being allowed to consume alcohol inside the shop premises. As this is an off-licence, permitting alcohol consumption on-site is a clear breach of licence conditions.

I have attached photographic evidence showing a customer drinking alcohol inside the shop. In addition, I can provide relevant CCTV footage upon request should the Council be willing to properly investigate this matter.

2. Illegal Smoking Inside the Premises

The individual working on the till has been observed smoking inside the shop. I have attached photographic evidence of staff smoking inside the premises.

Smoking inside the shop is not only a breach of smoke-free legislation, but it also poses serious health risks to the public. Customers are exposed to second-hand smoke, and smoking behind the counter while stocking spirits and other alcohol products is particularly dangerous due to the fire risk associated with flammable goods.

CCTV footage can also be provided to support this allegation if required.

3. Sale of Age-Restricted Products to Underage Individuals

On multiple occasions, I have observed staff selling age-restricted products, including alcohol, to individuals who appear to be underage. This is a serious concern and directly undermines the licensing objective of protecting children from harm.

4. Repeated Complaints Without Effective Action

I have reported these issues to the Council more than five times. I was informed that inspections had taken place and that everything was found to be in order. However, the continued breaches raise serious concerns. I am unsure whether CCTV evidence has been properly reviewed or whether sufficient enforcement action has been taken.

5. Concerns Regarding Extended Opening Hours

The licence holder is currently failing to comply with existing licensing conditions, yet is seeking to extend operating hours until 02:00. Granting additional hours to a premises that is already breaching conditions would undermine the licensing objectives.

Extended hours are likely to result in:

- Increased anti-social behaviour
- Higher risk of alcohol-related crime and disorder
- Increased late-night noise and disturbance to residents
- Greater risk of underage sales occurring during late-night hours
- Reduced community safety while most residents are asleep

Extending the hours would give the premises more opportunity to continue non-compliant practices without adequate oversight.

In light of the above concerns, I respectfully request that:

1. The application to extend the licensing hours be refused.
2. The current premises licence be formally reviewed.
3. The attached photographic evidence and available CCTV footage be properly examined as part of a full investigation.

The licensing objectives exist to protect the public, prevent crime and disorder, and safeguard children from harm. Based on the evidence and ongoing concerns, approving this extension would not support those objectives.

I trust the Council will give serious consideration to this objection.

Yours faithfully,



20/02/2026