



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday 8 January 2026

Application for a variation to a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

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Wards Affected: Newport North

Key Decision: Not Key Decision

Forward Plan: Not Applicable

Report considered by: Licensing Sub-Committee - 08 January 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

The Committee is asked to:-

- 1.1 Consider the application for a variation to a premises licence.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to outline the law and evidence to be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee in relation to an application for a premises licence variation.

3.0 Background

3.1 The current premises licence is attached at **Appendix A**.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 An application was received from the applicant, Dragon Soul Projects Limited on 7 November 2025 for a variation to the premises licence in respect of Dragon Soul, Nix Service Station, Forton Road, Newport, TF10 7JR. The copy of the application is attached at **Appendix B**.

4.2 The premises location is Newport North Ward and a location plan is attached at **Appendix C**.

4.3 A plan of the inside of the premises is located at **Appendix D**.

4.4 The application has been properly served on all Responsible Authorities. The Applicant and the Council has complied with the legislative process and displayed the appropriate notice at the premises, in the local press and on the website as required.

4.5 Any Responsible Authority and/or Other Person may make representations about the application

4.6 Relevant Representations, as defined by the 2003 Act, have been received from local residents. These representations can be found at **Appendix E**.

4.7 The Police sent a response on 4 December 2025 making a representation and proposing conditions to be added to the premises licence. **Appendix F**.

4.8 Planning sent a response on 7 November 2025 detailing the current planning permission for the premises, but have not submitted a formal representation. **Appendix G**.

4.9 Night-time Economy on behalf of Environmental Health sent a response on 3 December 2025 confirming they did not wish to make a representation. **Appendix H**.

4.10 The applicant made a submission to the licensing sub-committee in support of their application on 3 December 2025. **Appendix I**.

4.11 The applicant and those who have made representations have all been invited to attend the hearing.

4.12 **Proposed licensable activities as stated in the application:**

The applicant wishes to apply for the following:

- Live music (indoors only), recorded music (both indoors and outdoors) and anything of a similar description (Indoors only) Monday to Sunday 0900 - 2200
- Sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 0900 - 2200.
- Hours the premises are open to the public Monday to Sunday 0900 - 2200.
- To remove the current condition '*During live music and late opening events, only children over the age of 8 years will be allowed to remain on the premises under adult supervision*'
- To propose additional conditions to be added to the premises licence.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 All options are referenced within the Report.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 There is always the risk of challenge and right to appeal. However, such appeal and challenge is mitigated through robust process and compliance with necessary legislation.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 This report supports the following council priorities:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy
- A community-focussed innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Compliance with statutory duties as part of the licensing function is delivered within existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 allows the holder of a premises licence to apply for variation of that licence.

9.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee when determining an application for variation, pursuant to Section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003, has power to take any of the following steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the "licensing objectives."

- Modify the conditions of the licence
- Reject the whole or part of the application

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And the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered, omitted or any new condition is added.

9.3 The Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives as defined by the Licensing Act 2003, which are:

- The prevention of crime & disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

9.4 Any action taken by the Licensing Sub Committee will be an appropriate and proportionate response. In addition, regards shall be had to guidance issued by Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and The Statement of Licensing Policy for Borough of Telford and Wrekin.

9.5 The Committee is also asked to note that any conditions added to the licence should be fair, transparent, consistent, enforceable, proportionate and targeted, in accordance with the 2003 Act and the Local Better Regulation Office principles of better regulation.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has an impact on both residents and the business making the application. The purpose of a licence is to moderate behaviour to ensure that residents have quiet enjoyment of the homes and to allow the business to operate with legal parameters.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Licensing of certain premises and activities is important to ensure that businesses comply with licence conditions, guidance and standards set out in legislation or by government bodies.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no human rights or equalities implications associated with the content of this report.

12.2 The contents of this report is not considered to have a direct impact on the Armed Forces Duty, specific socio-economic groups or town and parish councils.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no climate change or environmental implications associated with the content of this report.

14.0 Background Papers

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- 1 Licensing Act 2003
- 2 Guidance issued by Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- 3 The Statement of Licensing Policy for Borough of Telford & Wrekin

15.0 Appendices

- A Current Licence
- B Variation application
- C Location Plan
- D Internal Plan
- E Relevant representations from other persons
- F Police representation
- G Planning comments
- H Night-Time Economy Comments
- I Applicant comments

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	11/12/2025	17/12/2025	SH
Finance	12/12/2025	12/12/2025	AEM