

# Licensing Sub-Committee

**Date: Thursday 26th March 2026**

**Time: 11.00am**

**Venue: Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath**

**Councillors:** Steve Hedges, Toby Simon and Ann Morgan

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers  
Press and Public

A briefing session for Members will be held at 10.30am.



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## Licensing Sub-Committee - Thursday 26th March 2026

at 11.00am in the Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath

### A G E N D A

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 5 on the previous page.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting.

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is a **disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest** (as defined in Part 4.4 Appendix B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests).

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

4. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 26TH FEBRUARY 2026 (Pages 5 - 14)

6. LICENSING PROCEDURE (Pages 15 - 18)

The Chair will, if required, explain the licensing procedure.

7. APPLICATION: NEW PREMISES LICENCE - BEER TRAVEL UK LIMITED, CONTAINER 21, 105-115 HIGH STREET, TWERTON, BATH. BA2 1DB (Pages 19 - 92)

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Mark Durnford who can be contacted on 01225 394458.

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**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

**MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday 26th February 2026

Present:- **Councillors** Steve Hedges, Toby Simon and Ann Morgan

Also in attendance: Carrie-Ann Evans (Service Manager, Legal Services) and Wayne Campbell (Public Protection Officer (Licensing))

**51 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the Emergency Evacuation Procedure.

**52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were none.

**53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**54 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

There was none.

**55 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 12TH FEBRUARY 2026**

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2026 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

**56 LICENSING PROCEDURE**

The Chair referenced the procedure that would be followed during the course of the meeting.

Those that were present confirmed that they had received and understood the licensing procedure.

**57 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The members of the Sub-Committee agreed that they were satisfied that the public interest would be better served by not disclosing relevant information, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business and the reporting of the meeting be prevented under Section 100A(5A), because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended.

## 58 CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS – 2026/FEB/06/TAXI

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) introduced the report to the Sub-Committee. He explained that the licensee had voluntarily ceased driving their licensed vehicle after reporting their heart attack to Licensing whilst further medical investigations were undertaken.

He explained that he had recently received confirmation from the licensee's consultant that the licensee had passed the required exercise and functional tests with regard to their LV ejection fraction. He added though that their GP was now seeking clarification on hospital records from January that showed the licensee has mitral regurgitation.

The licensee addressed the Sub-Committee and explained that they were now taking medication to control their condition.

Councillor Toby Simon asked the licensee if they suffered from breathlessness.

The licensee replied that they did not, had carried out a fitness test on a treadmill and walked around 5,000 steps a day on average.

After a short recess the Sub-Committee reconvened and asked to view the latest report from the licensee's consultant.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) circulated the report to the Sub-Committee via email.

Councillor Simon summarised the report to those present and explained that it said the licensee has no significant abnormalities and has a normal valve function.

The licensee then shared with the Sub-Committee a further letter from their consultant that stated that they have no significant valve abnormalities.

### Decision & Reasons

Members have had to consider whether or not the licensee is a fit and proper person to continue to hold their combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence in the light of a medical diagnosis. In doing so Members took account of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Human Rights Act 1998, case law and the Council Policy.

The Licensing Officer updated Members that confirmation was received yesterday from the licensee's consultant that they had passed the exercise and LV ejection fraction tests in respect of the heart attack, however a few days ago their GP reported that hospital records revealed mitral regurgitation. Members asked to see the correspondence from the consultant dated 24/02/26 and noted that it indicated "there were no significant valvular abnormalities".

Members heard from the licensee in oral representations who indicated that their consultant had given them the all clear.

Members noted that the licensee had reported their heart attack to licensing and had voluntarily ceased driving licensed vehicles whilst further medical investigations were undertaken, for which they commended him. They also noted that the consultant had given the all clear in respect of the 3 Group 2 DVLA Standards required to be met for someone who has suffered a heart attack, before they could resume driving as a licensed BANES driver, namely:

- i. After a minimum of six weeks from the start of diagnosis the licensee has passed the required exercise and functional tests; and
- ii. has an LV ejection fraction of at least 40%; and
- iii. has no other disqualifying condition.

Taking account of the medical diagnosis and recent correspondence from the licensee's consultant, members are satisfied that the Group 2 DVLA standards are met in respect of the licensee's heart attack and they are satisfied that there are no valvular abnormalities which require further scrutiny under the Group 2 standards for heart valve disease. Consequently, Members have determined that the licensee is fit and proper to hold a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence and delegate authority to Licensing to return their licence to them as soon as reasonably practicable.

## **59 CONSIDERATION OF FIT AND PROPER STATUS – 2026/FEB/05/TAXI**

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) introduced the report to the Sub-Committee. He explained that they were being asked to consider whether the licensee remains fit and proper to hold a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers licence issued by this authority.

The licensee addressed the Sub-Committee and stated that the reason for the late submission of their MOT certificate in September 2025 was due to being on holiday. They apologised and said that they were not very computer literate and that they would normally ask their company to forward documents to Licensing.

The licensee stated that they would do their best to submit their documents on time this coming year.

Councillor Toby Simon suggested that as an MOT could be carried out a month before expiry this could be done prior to going on holiday if the licensee had similar plans for later in the year.

The licensee explained that they had no previous issues when they had been able to submit documentation in person. They thanked the Sub-Committee for listening to them today.

### Decision & Reasons

Members have had to consider whether or not the licensee is a fit and proper person to continue to hold their combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence in the light of failures to comply with the conditions of their Private Hire Vehicle Licence relating to MOT certificates. In doing so Members took account of the Local

Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Human Rights Act 1998, case law and the Council Policy.

Members heard from the licensee in oral representations who indicated that they went away for the whole of September last year which is why they did not get their MOT certificate in in time. They indicated that they struggle with IT and did not used to have any issues when they could deliver certificates by hand. They said that they normally ask their operator to send paperwork in for them now. They will ensure that they get the paperwork in on time this year and they plan to retire after this. They indicated that they enjoy the job.

Members noted that compliance with the conditions relating to MOT certificates is vital so that the Council can be assured that the safety of the public when travelling in a BANES licensed vehicle is not compromised. Indeed, compliance with all licence conditions is of the utmost importance.

Members noted that the licensee had held their licence with BANES for nearly 26 years and during that time there had been no complaints from members of the public in relation to their conduct.

On balance, Members find that the licensee is a fit and proper person to continue to hold their combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, but they issue a warning to the licensee that:

1. They must comply with the conditions on their licences as they are an important safeguard to ensure the safety of the travelling public.
2. They must re-read and understand the conditions on their licences.
3. They must set up arrangements which will ensure that they comply with all the obligations of their licences.

If they come before the Licensing Sub-Committee again, against this background, there is a risk of revocation of their licence.

## **60 CONSIDERATION OF FIT AND PROPER STATUS - 2026/FEB/04/TAXI**

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) introduced the report to the Sub-Committee. He explained that they were being asked to consider whether the licensee remains fit and proper to hold a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers licence issued by this authority.

The Chair stated that he was willing to accept the two additional character references that had been presented by the licensee at the beginning of the meeting.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) informed the Sub-Committee that 12 character references had also been circulated to them since the agenda pack had been published.

Councillor Toby Simon asked if the age and relationship status of the two complainants who had provided statements under Section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 could be shared with the Sub-Committee.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) replied that they were aged 18 and 21 and were friends through their work.

Councillor Simon asked if Licensing could confirm that they had an address for them on the night in question.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) replied that they did and that this was in Whitley, near Melksham.

Councillor Simon asked how far and how long it would take to walk from Atworth, where the complainants had halted their journey, to their address in Whitley.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) replied that the distance was around 1.5 miles along country lanes and would take 32 minutes to walk. He added that the complainants had stated that as this was late in the evening they had to use their mobile phones to light the way and would therefore take longer in time.

The Chair explained to the licensee that the Sub-Committee were today going to concentrate on the three separate allegations of falling asleep while driving.

The licensee addressed the Sub-Committee and said that on the evening in question in November 2025 they had started their last job from Orange Grove taxi rank around 23:00 / 23:30 and this was to take a male and female passenger to Atworth.

The licensee stated that both passengers had had a lot to drink and argued for most of the journey. They added that if they were to have fallen asleep on this journey they would have surely crashed as there is little room on the narrow lanes.

The licensee explained their work pattern to the Sub-Committee. They said that they begin their first driving shift at 1:00pm until 4.30pm, then they come home for their dinner then they go to bed and sleep. At 8:30pm they wake up and start their 2nd shift at 9:00pm; during the weekdays they finish at 12-12.30am and at weekends the latest they work is 1.30am.

The licensee stated that they have always worked in the evenings, having previously worked in a number of restaurants.

The licensee said that they deny all the allegations of falling asleep while driving and considered themselves to be physically fit. They added that they were always helpful to their passengers and would not put them or themselves at risk as they have a young family to look after.

The licensee suggested that the allegations could be made through anger towards them.

Councillor Toby Simon asked the licensee if they had read the statements that had been provided by the two female complainants from November 2025.

The licensee replied that they had and reiterated that it was their recollection that on this journey it was a male and female passenger and that their destination was Atworth. They added that this journey was completed at around 23:30.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) asked the licensee if they could explain the photograph in the agenda pack of their mobile phone that shows that the time is 00:37. They informed the Sub-Committee that the photograph was submitted by the complainants having updated the apps on the licensee's phone at the licensee's request.

The licensee said that they completely deny that this journey had taken place and suggested that CCTV footage should be looked at as evidence.

Councillor Simon asked the licensee to give further comment on the incident that is alleged to have taken place in March 2024.

The licensee stated that on arrival at their destination the customer had refused to pay for their journey.

Councillor Simon asked if they had reported this allegation to anyone at the time.

The licensee replied that they had done so.

Councillor Simon explained that there was no evidence of this that the Sub-Committee could refer to. He asked the licensee if they had felt sleepy on this journey.

The licensee replied that they had not and reiterated their work pattern and that they have a young family at home. They added that they have never been in trouble with the Police.

Councillor Simon asked the licensee if they recalled the journey from March 2025 from the city centre to Fairfield Park.

The licensee said that if they had been sleepy on this journey they would have surely hit parked vehicles as they are parked on either side of the road. They added that their vehicle had been checked after this complaint and that their vehicle plate had been moved as requested.

The licensee informed the Sub-Committee that they have been the victim of racist abuse whilst working. They also stated that many customers welcome them to be their driver.

Councillor Ann Morgan asked the licensee if they were paid for the journey in question in November 2025.

The licensee replied that they had been. They explained again that if they had been asleep at any point then they would have crashed as the roads are narrow, with nowhere to go. The licensee added that having returned to Bath they carried out 3 or 4 more jobs before going home.

The Chair asked the licensee if they could explain how three different complaints had been made against them for falling asleep whilst driving.

The licensee replied that some customers can know how to make trouble for drivers for when they do not want to pay or something similar. They stated again that the allegations against them were false.

The Chair asked the licensee if they suffered from Sleep Apnoea.

The licensee replied that they did not.

The Chair asked for confirmation from the licensee that for two of the allegations they had swerved their vehicle whilst driving to avoid hitting a badger.

The licensee replied that this was true.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) said that at the previous Sub-Committee the licensee had stated that they ask for a deposit before a long journey and asked why they had not done so on this occasion.

The licensee could not provide an explanation.

The Public Protection Officer (Licensing) asked the licensee to confirm how many further journeys they had made at the time of the allegation in November 2025 as in their written statement they had said it was their last journey and in evidence today they had said that they carried out 3 or 4 more journeys.

The licensee replied that having returned to Bath they carried out 3, maybe 4 further journeys. They explained that they had asked somebody to help write their statement which may have led to some confusion.

The licensee made a summing up statement. They stated that they have never fallen asleep whilst driving and would normally finish working before the clubs close. They explained to the Sub-Committee that they provided the only income for their family.

### Decision & Reasons

Members have had to consider whether or not the licensee is a fit and proper person to continue to hold their combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence in the light of complaints against them. In doing so Members took account of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Human Rights Act 1998, case law and the Council Policy.

Members had regard to additional information received in advance of the hearing, which comprised of 12 separate character references in support of the licensee and 5 emails of positive feedback for the licensee between 2017 and 2025. Members confirmed they had received and read this additional material.

On the day of the hearing the licensee asked Members to consider three additional pieces of information comprising an email from the licensee's spouse, which was already contained in the agenda report pack, as well as 2 further character references. Members determined in the exercise of their discretion to admit this additional information as it would not cause any prejudice to the proceedings and would assist in the determination of the issues before them.

The licensee was accompanied by their spouse and child during the hearing. Members had not received prior notice of their attendance, but they were content for them to attend in support of the licensee.

Members indicated to the licensee that they wished to focus on the three allegations of them falling asleep whilst carrying out journeys as a licensed taxi driver as these were the most serious allegations.

Members heard from the licensee in oral representations who robustly denied falling asleep whilst carrying out these 3 journeys. They explained to members that they had been a night worker for 30 years and are used to working at night. They explained in writing and orally that they start their first driving shift at 1:00pm until 4.30pm, then they come home for their dinner then they go to bed and sleep. At 8:30pm they wake up and start their 2nd shift at 9:00pm; during the weekdays they finish at 12-12.30am and at weekends the latest they work is 1.30am.

The licensee indicated that they consider these working hours to be very manageable, and they always have enough sleep. They explained to members that they would not drive whilst tired as not only would this put themselves and passengers at risk, but they would not want anything to happen to them for the sake of their spouse and young children; the licensee said this was not worth it for the sake of a £4 or £8 taxi fare. The licensee indicated that he had never been in trouble with the police and was of good character.

When Members questioned the licensee in relation to the inconsistencies in their written accounts given shortly after each incident when compared to their oral accounts today, they attributed this to the person who had written the accounts for them not taking things down correctly.

In relation to the March 2024 allegation, the licensee explained in oral representations that the passengers had refused to pay the fare, and they think this is the reason why they made the complaint against them. The licensee made no mention of refusal to pay the fare in their written account at p.129 of the report pack. In that instance they accepted in writing swerving into the road but indicated this was due to the presence of a badger.

In oral submissions to Members in relation to the March 2025 allegation, the licensee indicated that if they were falling asleep on that route, they would have crashed due to the presence of vehicles parked on both sides of the road and the busy traffic on the route, amongst other things. In their written account shortly after the incident, the licensee described their passengers as drunk females whereas the complaint was made by a male who had a female companion with them.

When questioned by Members in relation to the November 2025 allegation, they did not agree that they had carried out a journey involving two female passengers as alleged. The licensee's account was that they carried out a journey at the relevant time involving a man and a woman in their 60s. The complainants who had provided statements under s.9 Criminal Justice Act 1967 were young women. In written representations the licensee accepted that they had handed over their phone to a female passenger during this journey to update the apps (p.122 agenda reports

pack) whereas in oral representations before Members today they indicated that they handed their phone over to a lady during a daytime journey.

The licensee could not account for the fact that one of the complainants in relation to the November 2025 allegation, both of which were female, had taken a photograph of the licensee's phone updating the apps at 00:37 hours. The licensee disputed that the photograph taken by the complainant showing their vehicle and registration plate was taken during the nighttime, although it is evidently taken during nighttime hours.

In written representations the licensee indicated that this was the only job that they had undertaken after 11pm on the day in question whereas in oral representations before members, the licensee indicated that they undertook 3 or 4 more jobs after the one in question. The licensee asked members to consider why the complainants would cough if he was falling asleep and why they would not shout to wake them up if that was really the case.

On questioning by Members, regarding the similarity of the account given by the licensee for the first and last allegation, notably swerving to avoid a badger, the licensee explained that that was what happened so there would be a similar account.

The licensee submitted to Members that the three separate allegations regarding them falling asleep whilst driving are false and that passengers do this sort of thing on some occasions to make trouble for the driver.

It is a legal requirement that drivers and operators must be 'fit and proper' for a licence to be granted under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Fit and Proper Person test is a statutory test, but there is no statutory definition. However, the Licensing Sub Committee needs to be mindful of the Council's Policy and the Statutory taxi and private hire vehicle standards which provide it may be helpful when considering whether an applicant or licensee is fit and proper to pose oneself the following question: "*Without prejudice, and based on the information before you, would you allow a person for whom you care, regardless of their condition, to travel alone in a vehicle driven by this person at any time of day or night?*". This is a question to be assessed on the balance of probabilities.

Members carefully considered the 14 character references which describe the licensee as kind, courteous, professional; several of which indicated that they had never found the licensee to be tired or sleepy when carrying out the journeys. Members noted that between 2017 and April 2025 there have been 5 instances of positive feedback for the licensee for matters such as returning lost wallets and telephones.

Members had regard to the fact that the Licensing Sub Committee in 2025 had considered the first two complaints regarding the licensee falling asleep whilst driving, however, they were satisfied that they could and should reconsider those matters in the light of the most recent allegation as they are relevant to the determination of the licensee's fit and proper status.

Members noted that there were three separate allegations against the licensee from apparently unrelated complainants going to different destinations, all alleging that the licensee had been falling asleep whilst carrying out journeys as a licensed driver. All

three journeys took place very late in the evening or in the early hours of the morning. The first complaint was received on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the second on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and the most recent was on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Members noted that in relation to the latest allegation, the complainants had provided section 9 witness statements and corroborative photographic evidence.

Members note the difficulty for night workers of managing fatigue, but it is the licensee's responsibility to ensure that fatigue management is effective. Members heard evidence from the licensee regarding their fatigue management but in the light of all of the evidence before them, they were not satisfied that this was effective.

Whilst members do not doubt that the licensee can be kind and courteous as a licensed driver and has been commended for returning lost wallets and phones, when taking their written and oral evidence together, they do not find their evidence to be credible.

In fact, they found it to be muddled and inconsistent with examples given above, and when weighing the evidence in the balance they prefer the evidence of the complainants.

As such, on the balance of probabilities they are no longer satisfied that the licensee is fit and proper to hold a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence. Due to their concerns that the licensee could fall asleep at the wheel during a journey as a licensed driver they revoke their licence immediately under section 61(2B) in the interests of public safety.

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

**Prepared by Democratic Services**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE  
LICENSING ACT 2003  
PROCEDURE FOR HEARING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES  
LICENCE OR FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE**

*The Chair will allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to make representations that will not normally exceed **twenty minutes**. Where more than one party makes relevant representations this time will be split between the parties and where several parties make similar representations it is suggested one representative is appointed to avoid duplication.*

*The term “party” or “parties” will mean anyone to whom notice of this meeting has been given.*

1. The Chair will introduce Members of the Sub-Committee, the Officers present and explain the procedure to be followed.
2. The Licensing Officer will outline the nature of the matter to be considered by the Sub-Committee.
3. (i) The Applicant/Licence Holder, or representative, addresses the Sub-Committee who may be asked relevant questions by the other parties and Members.  
(ii) witnesses may be called in support of the application who may be asked relevant questions by the other parties and Members.
4. (i) Any party making relevant representations, or representative, will address the Sub-Committee who may be asked relevant questions by the Applicant, other parties and Members.  
(ii) witnesses may be called in support of such representations who may be asked relevant questions by the Applicant, other parties and Members.
5. Responsible Authorities making representation will address the Committee and may be asked relevant questions by the Applicant, other parties and Members.
6. The other parties will be invited in turn to summarise their representations.

Responsible Authorities will be invited to summarise their representations

The Applicant/ Licence Holder will be invited to summarise the application.

8. *The Chair will invite the Sub-Committee to move into private session to enable the Members to deliberate in private. The Committee will reconvene publicly if clarification of evidence is required and/or legal advice is required. The Committee may retire to a private room, or alternatively require vacation of the room by all other persons.*

*Whilst in deliberation the Sub-Committee will be accompanied by Legal and Democratic Service Officers for the purpose of assisting them in drafting their reasoning for the decision.*

The Sub-Committee will reconvene the meeting and the Chair will announce the Sub-Committee’s decision with reasons and advise that the decision will be

released in writing within the statutory time limits or advise that the decision will be released in writing with reasons within the statutory time limit, in this instance, 5 working days.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

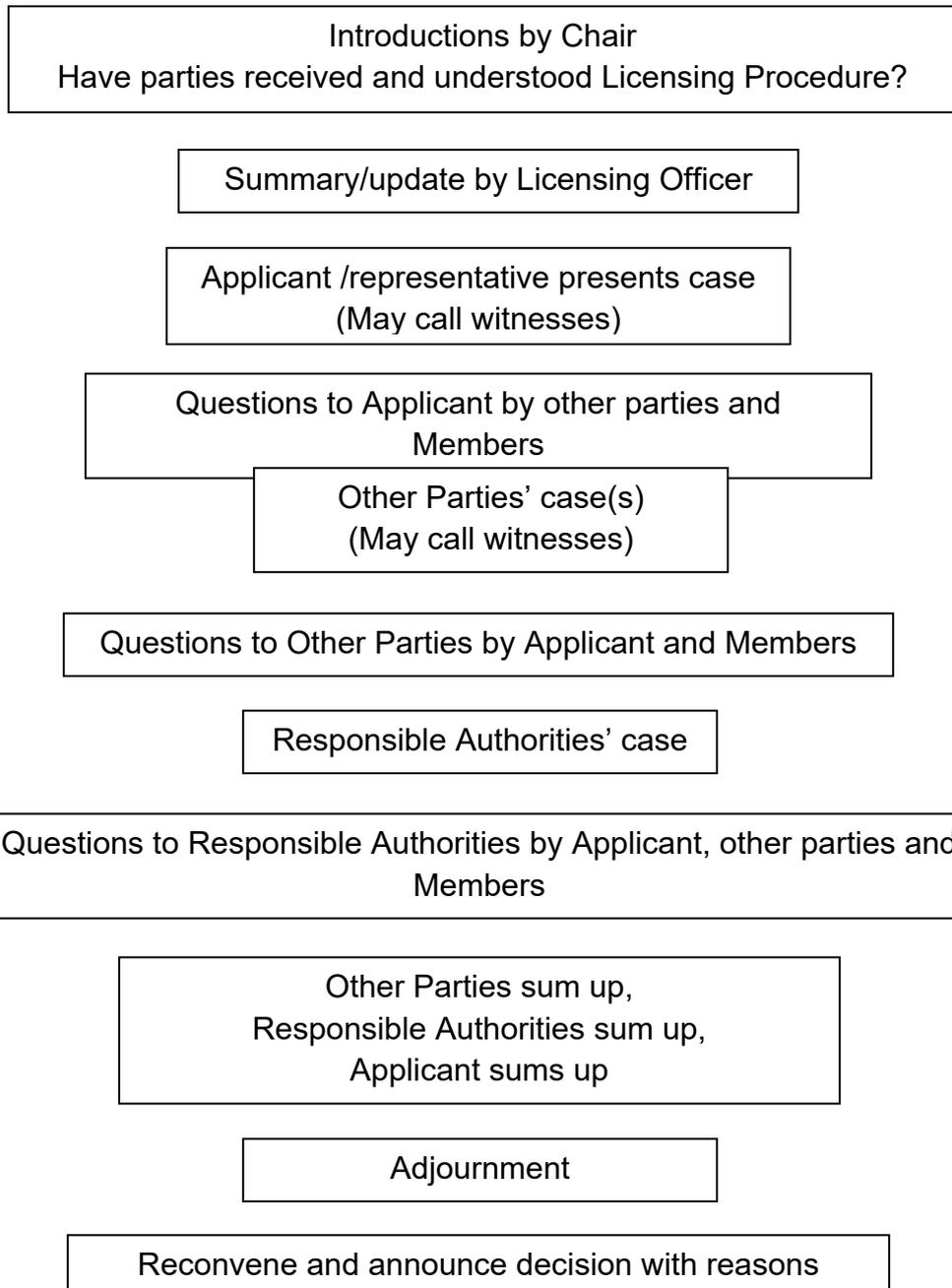
- Where the Sub-Committee considers it necessary to do so, it may vary this procedure.
- In circumstances where a party fails to attend, the Sub-Committee will consider whether to proceed in absence. Should a matter be deferred, the deferral notice will state that the matter may proceed in a party's absence on the next occasion. In deciding whether to proceed, all notices, communications and representations will be considered.
- Only in **exceptional circumstances** will the Sub-Committee take into account any additional late documentary or other information produced by an existing party in support of their application/representation. This will be at the discretion of the Chair and with the agreement of all the other parties. No new representations will be allowed at the hearing.
- The hearing will take the form of a discussion and parties will be able to ask questions as set out above. However, formal cross examination will be discouraged.
- The Authority will disregard any information or representation given by a party which is not relevant to the Application and the Licensing Act 2003.
- Where there is more than one party making relevant representations, the time allocated will be split between those parties.
- Where several parties are making the same or similar representations, it is suggested that one representative is appointed to avoid duplication and make efficient use of the allocated time.
- Where an objection is made by an association or residents group, a duly authorised person – as notified to the Licensing Authority – may speak on behalf of that association or group.
- The Chair may request that persons behaving in a disruptive manner should leave the hearing and their return refused, or allowed subject to conditions. An excluded person is however, entitled to submit the information they would have been entitled to present had they not been excluded.

Bath & North East Somerset Council is committed to taking decisions in an honest, accountable and transparent fashion. On occasion however, it may be necessary to exclude members of the press and public pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 (a). In those circumstances reasons for such decisions will be given.

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - LICENSING ACT 2003

### PROCEDURE FOR NEW APPLICATIONS AND VARIATIONS

The parties will be allowed an equal maximum period of time not normally exceeding twenty minutes. Where more than one party make representations the time should be split equally between them. Where several parties make similar representations one representative should be appointed avoiding duplication and making the best use of the available time



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<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>		
MEETING	<b>Licensing Sub Committee</b>	
MEETING DATE	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Application for a New Premises Licence for:  <b>Beer Travel UK Limited</b> <b>Container 21</b> <b>105–115 High Street</b> <b>Twerton</b> <b>Bath</b> <b>BA2 1DB</b>	
WARD:	Twerton	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<p><b>List of attachments to this report:</b></p> <p><b>Annex A</b> Application for a new premises licence.</p> <p><b>Annex B</b> Plan of premises submitted with application.</p> <p><b>Annex C</b> Representation of objection received - Avon &amp; Somerset Police (Bath).</p> <p><b>Annex D</b> Annex to Police Objection</p> <p><b>Annex E</b> Representation of objection received - South Wales Police</p> <p><b>Annex F</b> Representation of objection received – Avon &amp; Somerset Police (Bristol)</p>		

**1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 An application has been made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 by Beer Travel UK Limited for a new Premises Licence in respect of Container 21, 105–115 High Street, Twerton, Bath BA2 1DB.
- 1.2 A relevant representation has been received within the statutory period from Avon & Somerset Police (Responsible Authority). The representation is produced at Annex C. No other representations have been received.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to determine the application.

### 3 THE REPORT

3.1 An application has been submitted by Beer Travel UK Limited for a new premises licence. A copy of the application is produced at Annex A.

3.2 The application proposes the following licensable activity:

- The Supply of Alcohol (for consumption off the premises only)  
08:00 to 21:00 daily.

3.3 The application proposes the following opening times:

- 08:00 to 21:00 daily.  
(Note: Customers will not be permitted access to the licensed areas of the premises.)

3.4 General description of the premises (as provided by the applicant):

The premises comprise a container storage unit within a secure compound. Alcohol for sale will be stored at this site and appropriated to the contract of sale following confirmation of the contractual order. Customers will not attend the container. The applicant states that the alcohol would primarily service beer bike operations undertaken in cities including Bristol and Cardiff. The applicant confirms that there is no intention of undertaking beer bike tours within the Bath & North East Somerset licensing area.

3.5 The following measures have been offered by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives:

- Staff involved in the direct sale of alcohol by retail will receive training on underage sales.
- Operation of a Challenge 25 proof-of-age scheme at the point of delivery and maintenance of refusals records.
- Customers will not be permitted access to the licensed premises.

3.6 The floor plans detailing the extent of the proposed licensed area is produced at Annex B.

3.7 The Licensing Act 2003 (Section 4) states that it is the duty of all Licensing Authorities to carry out their functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

3.8 Each objective is of equal importance and these four are always of paramount consideration. When considering applications,

representations or notifications, the Licensing Authority will have regard to these licensing objectives.

- 3.9 The Licensing Authority may grant the application with or without additional conditions.
- 3.10 Section 4(3) Licensing Act 2003 states that the Licensing Authority should also have regard to the Council's Licensing Policy, the Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and the Licensing Act itself, and in particular to:
- a) Paragraphs 3-6, 8-10, 13-14, 17-24, 29, 33-36, 38-41 of the 2025 policy;
  - b) Chapters 2, 8, 9 and 10 of the Statutory Guidance as revised February 2026;
  - c) Sections 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 23, 182, and 183 of the Act.
- 3.11 The Licensing Authority recognises that Licensing and Planning are separate regimes. Where an application is granted by the Licensing Authority, which would require planning permission, this would not relieve the applicant of the need to obtain that permission. It will still be necessary for the applicant to ensure that they have ALL the necessary permissions in place to enable them to run the business within the law.
- 3.12 If the application is refused the applicant may appeal within 21 days of the notification to the Magistrates' Court. If the application is granted the person making the relevant representation may appeal within 21 days of the notification to the Magistrates' Court. On appeal the court may either dismiss the appeal, substitute the decision appealed against for any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority, or remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of in accordance with the direction of the court. The court may make such order for costs as it thinks fit.
- 3.13 In accordance with the requirements of the Act, copies of the application were forwarded to the Responsible Authorities including, Police, the Fire Authority, the Environmental Protection Team, Development Control, Trading Standards, Health Authority and the Safeguarding Children and Young Persons Team.
- 3.14 The applicant was required to place a notice at the premises for a period of 28 consecutive days starting the day after the application was made, and to place an advert in a local newspaper within 10 working days of submitting the application to the licensing authority.
- 3.15 A representation of objection has been received within the statutory period from the Avon & Somerset Police on the basis that the proposal presents significant and unacceptable risks to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance. This objection is produced at Annex C.

- 3.16 The Licensing Authority has received an objection from South Wales Police (SWP) relating to the applicant's intention to use alcohol stored at the Bath site to service beer bike operations in Cardiff. SWP raise concerns regarding public safety, supervision, route management, intoxication control and the absence of an operating plan for activity taking place on public highways. These concerns indicate that the applicant has not demonstrated how the licensing objectives would be promoted during the associated activity.
- 3.17 The Licensing Authority has also received a further objection from the Avon & Somerset Police Bristol Licensing Team concerning the applicant's proposed beer bike operations in Bristol. This representation highlights the lack of an operating schedule, absence of supervision and safety controls, indications of irresponsible alcohol promotions and no locally accountable management structure.
- 3.18 These matters reinforce concerns that the licensing objectives would not be adequately promoted in connection with the wider operation.
- 3.19 Key concerns raised by the Police include:
- Consumption of alcohol taking place on mobile "beer bikes" operating on public highways in Bristol and Cardiff, outside the Bath & North East Somerset area.
  - Absence of clarity regarding routes, supervision, intoxication management or control measures during tours.
  - Lack of conditions relating to driver sobriety, passenger safety, first aid, communication systems, or emergency procedures.
  - No detail regarding noise controls, route planning, public nuisance mitigation or traffic management.
  - No proposed safeguards relating to alcohol transport, behaviour management, dispersal or accountability.
  - Concerns about public disorder, injury risk, nuisance, anti-social behaviour and enforceability.
  - Placement of the statutory notice in Bath giving residents in other affected cities (Bristol, Cardiff) no opportunity to make representations.
- 3.20 The Police therefore submit that the application fails to comprehensively promote the licensing objectives and request refusal of the application.
- 3.21 As a relevant representation has been received, the Licensing Sub Committee must determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
- #### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**
- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found.
- 4.2 Consideration must be given to the Human Rights Act 1998 and the "convention rights".

4.3 The Sub Committee have been delegated authority to determine the application on behalf of the Licensing Authority in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

4.4 When reaching a decision, the Licensing Authority must carry out its functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

5.1 The costs of processing licences are covered by the fees charged.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

## **7 CLIMATE CHANGE**

7.1 The licensing objectives do not require the applicant to specify steps to mitigate the impact of climate emergency. However, the applicant is encouraged to consider locally sourced ingredients and reducing single use plastic in the operation of their business.

## **8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 None.

## **9 CONSULTATION**

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Council Solicitor), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) and Head of Service, – Community and Compliance have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

9.2 This report has not been sent to the Trades Union because they would not be involved.

<b>Contact person</b>	John Dowding Public Protection Manager - Licensing 01225 477662
<b>Background papers</b>	Licensing Act 2003 Guidance issued under s.182 of the Licensing Act 2003 Licensing Act 2003 (Premises and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 B&NES Statement of Licensing Policy
<b>Please contact the report author if you need to access this report in an alternative format</b>	<b>Page 23</b>

# Annex A

## Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003

Please read the following instructions first –

- Use the Extra Page at the end of the form to provide further details if necessary
- When it is complete you can submit the form directly to us – click on the Submit Form button. You may wish to print and keep a copy of the completed form for your records. For help information about filling in this type of electronic form, click on the help information button
- [Please read the available information on the Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [Before completing this form please read the guidance notes](#)

What district/local area are you applying to?

I / We  (premises licence holder name)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 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.

### Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordinance survey map reference or description

Postcode

Telephone number of premises

Non-domestic rateable value of premises   
[\(if you are unsure, you can use this Government link for more information\)](#)

Trading name of the business

### Part 2 – Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as:

Please confirm:

I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities;

or

I am making the application pursuant to a:

Statutory function or

A function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

**OTHER APPLICANTS**

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

Name

Beer Travel Uk Limited

Address

128 City Road  
London  
EC1V 2NX

Registered number (where applicable)

14254757

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

Private Limited Company

Telephone number (if any)

Email address (optional)

## Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

Please note, your application for a premises licence may take up to two months to determine.

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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

General description of premises

The Concept Of Beer Bikes Was Developed In The Netherlands. Beer Bikes Are Vehicles Powered By A Set Of Pedalling Platforms That Typically Travel Through Cities On Sightseeing Tours With Such Tours Undertaken By Numerous Businesses Throughout The Uk. The Operator Has Been Operating Their Beer Bike Business Since 2013 In Multiple Countries And Locations. Beer Bike Hires Will Usually Be For The Purposes Of Sightseeing Tours But Can Include Special Occasions Such As Corporate Rentals And Team Building Events. Typically The Ride Will Last Anywhere From 60 Minutes To 75 Minutes And Cater For 6+ Guests But Both Depend On The City In Question. Previously The Applicant's Business Typically Operated With Customers Bringing Their Own Alcohol To Accompany Their Beer Bike Experience But The Operator Has Obtained A Premises Licence Elsewhere To Facilitate Being Able Sell Alcohol By Retail To Its Beer Bike Customers In Cities Local To The Premises Licence. The Applicant Premises Is A Container Storage Unit Within A Secure Compound Where Alcohol For Sale Will Be Stored And Appropriated To The Contract Of Sale Following The Confirmation Of The Contractual Order. This Application Is Therefore Requests Licensed Hours For Off Sales Of 08:00 To 21:00 Daily In Order To Reflect Those Timings When The Alcohol Sales Are Likely To Be Made I.e. When The Alcohol Is Appropriated To The Contract. Customers Will Not Be Permitted Access To The Licensed Premises. The Operator Currently Operates Uk Based Beer Bike Tours In Numerous Cities. It Is Envisaged That The Applicant Premises Would Primarily Service Its Beer Bike Tours In Bristol And Cardiff. There Is No Intention Of Undertaking Beer Bike Tours In The Bath & North East Somerset Licensing Authority Area. The Proposed Licensed Areas Are Edged Red On The Plan Deposited With The Application Drawing Bee115/2. An Indicative Site Location Plan Is Also Deposited With The Application Showing The Location Of The Premises In The Wider Area With The Premises Location Itself Also Edged Red.

**Operating Schedule Continued**

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?  
(Please see sections 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act)

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

- a) plays (if yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if yes, fill in box F)
- g) performance of dance (if yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if yes, fill in box H)

**i) Provision of late night refreshment** (if yes, fill in box I)

**j) Supply of alcohol** (if yes, fill in box J)

Is the premises exclusively or primarily selling alcohol for consumption on the premises?

**In all cases complete boxes K, L and M (on the following pages)**

**J**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption:</b> (please read guidance note 2)	On the premises <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Off the premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start time	Finish time	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	08:00	21:00	None		
Tues	08:00	21:00			
Wed	08:00	21:00			
Thur	08:00	21:00			
			None		
Fri	08:00	21:00			
Sat	08:00	21:00			
Sun	08:00	21:00			

**State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).**

Title	Mr
First Name(s)	Athanasios
Surname	Koufis
Date of Birth	0
Address	
Postcode	
Personal licence number	2025/01305/LAPER
Issuing licensing authority	Hammersmith & Fulham

**Please print the 'Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor' form and have the person specified above sign and confirm the details given.**

**K**

**Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)**

None

L

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Day	Start time	Finish time		
Mon	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>	<b>None</b>	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Tues	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Wed	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Thur	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times than those listed, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<b>None</b>
Fri	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		<b>Note: Customers will not be permitted access to the licensed areas</b>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Sat	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Sun	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	<input type="text" value="21:00"/>		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

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

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)** (please read guidance note 9)

I have undertaken my own risk assessment to take the following proposed steps.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

No further risks have been identified which need to be addressed, save as below

1.  Staff involved in the direct sale of alcohol by retail will receive training on matters concerning underage sales.
2.  The Challenge 25 proof of age scheme will be operated at the point of delivery. The scheme will include the maintenance of a refusal's record and staff training records.

**c) Public safety**

No further risks have been identified which need to be addressed, save as below

3. Customers will not be permitted access to the licensed areas. Accordingly, no risks are therefore anticipated.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

No risks have been identified

**e) The protection of children from harm**

See (b) above.

- I will provide the plan of the premises (See [section 2.9](#) of this guidance)
- I will provide the consent form
- I understand that once my application has been formally accepted, I must advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected
- I am applying as an individual rather than a business / limited company and have provided proof of my entitlement to work in the UK (for information on what you can provide as evidence, [please reference our evidence guidance notes](#))

**Please attach evidence using the 'Upload & Attach Files' button.**

**Types of files accepted as attachments:** gif, jpg, jpeg, tif, tiff, bmp, png and pdf.

Please ensure that the documents you attach are complete and easy to read. If documents are incomplete or are difficult to read this may result in a delay in your application.

**Declaration (please read guidance note 10)**

[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.

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.

It is an offence, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in conviction to a fine of any amount.

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.

**Confirmation of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent.** (See guidance note 11) **If confirming on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

**Confirmation**

Name

John Gaunt & Partners

Date

30/01/2026

Capacity (owner, director etc.)

Solicitors For The Applicant

**For joint applications confirmation of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 12) **If confirming on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

**Confirmation**

Name

Date

Capacity (owner, director etc.)

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 13)

Name

John Gaunt & Partners

Address

John Gaunt & Partners  
Omega Court  
372 Cemetery Road  
Sheffield

Postcode

S11 8FT

Telephone number (if any)

01142668664

If you would prefer us to correspond with you by email, your email address (optional)

probson@john-gaunt.co.uk

Use this page if there is any other information that you think we should know about.  
Information entered on this page will be sent to us, along with the data on the rest of the form when you use the "Submit" option.

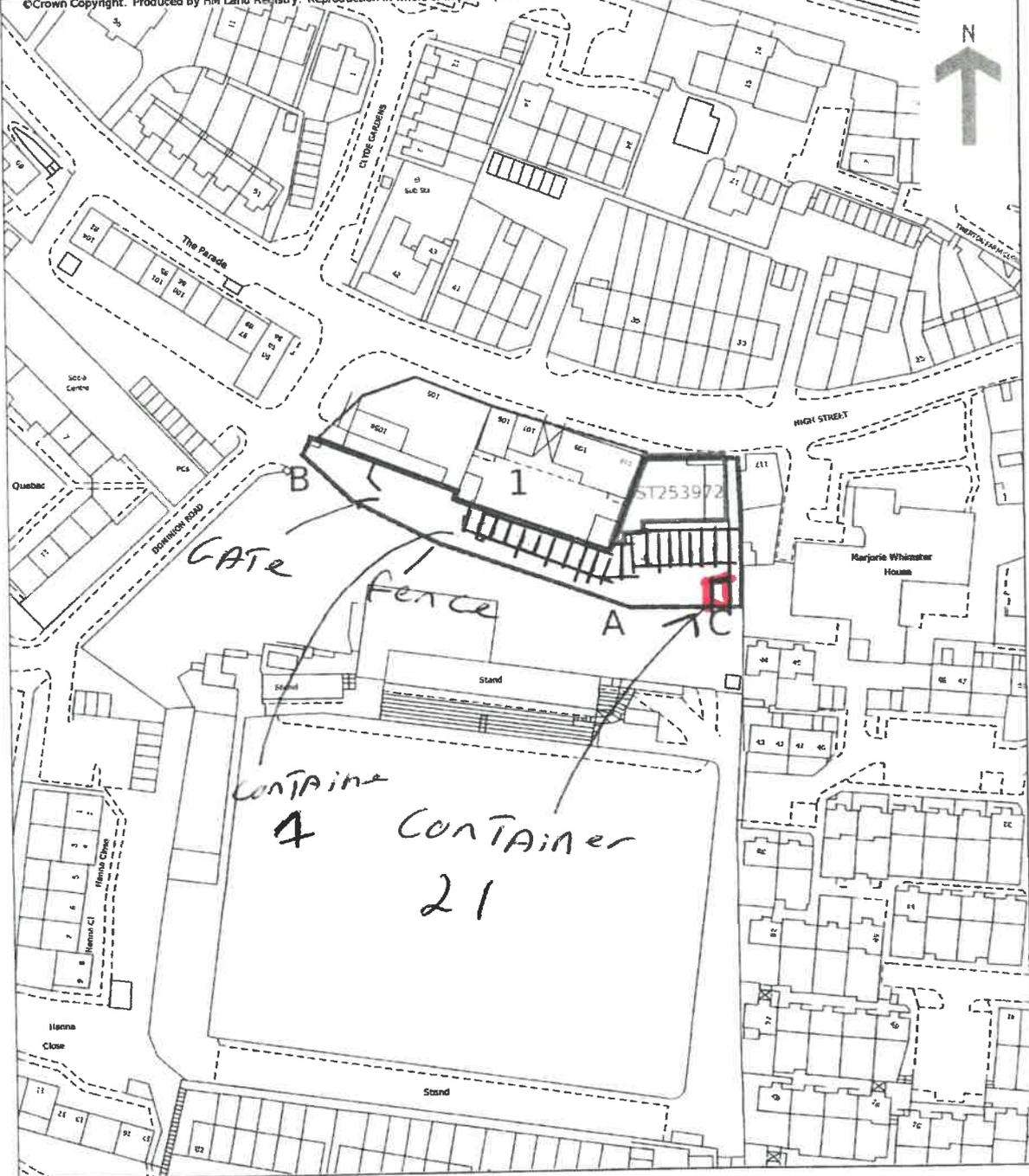
# Annex B

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# Annex C

## Representation Form

**Responsible Authority** : Please delete as appropriate  
POLICE

Your Name	Ben Allen	
Job Title	Police Licensing Officer	
Postal and email address	Neighbourhood Policing Support  Avon and Somerset Police Lewis House Manvers Street Bath BA1 1JG <a href="mailto:Ben.Allen@avonandsomerset.police.uk">Ben.Allen@avonandsomerset.police.uk</a>	
Contact telephone number	07889657777	
Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Beer Travel UK Limited	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Container 21, 105 - 115 High Street, Twerton, Bath, BA2 1DB.	
Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to? Please state yes or no.	Yes Or No	<p>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</p> <p>This representation is submitted by the police as a responsible authority under the licensing act 2003 in respect of the above application.</p> <p>The police object to this application on the basis that the nature of the proposed operation presents a significant and unacceptable risk to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>The application seeks to authorise the sale of alcohol in circumstances where consumption would take place in a moving vehicle on the public highway, operating across local authority boundaries, with no clear or coherent framework.</p> <p>The police submit that this creates a high-risk environment for disorder, injury, and nuisance to the public, and gives rise to serious concerns regarding accountability, enforcement and public protection.</p> <p>The application raises significant concerns due to the nature of the proposed operation, the absence of meaningful operating controls, and the disconnect between the licensed premises (a storage container in Bath) and the area of alcohol consumption (beer bike tours operating in Bristol and potentially elsewhere) The application contains no detail on where the routes of the beer bikes tours will take place.</p> <p>The application seeks a premises licence for the sale of alcohol from a container storage unit in Bath. The applicant states that the alcohol will be stored at this location and appropriated to the contract of sale following</p>

confirmation of the contractual order”

It is understood that the alcohol will then be supplied and consumed during beer bike tours operating in Bristol and Cardiff, with no clear or enforceable mechanism detailed for how alcohol will be transported, controlled, supervised, or supplied once it leaves the premises.

Appropriation at a storage container does not remove the need for control. There must be lawful supervision of supply, intoxication management and accountability at the point of consumption.

The police consider that this arrangement lacks clarity, transparency and effective safeguards.

The placing of the blue notice on the storage container in Bath will not give the residents of Bristol and Cardiff the awareness of the application and the opportunity to object.

The application proposes only minimal conditions. There is a notable absence of conditions addressing:

Driver sobriety and who controls the vehicle.

Passenger intoxication management.

Safe transfer and transport of alcohol from Bath to Bristol and Cardiff.

Noise control and public nuisance

Traffic disruption and obstruction

Public urination and antisocial behaviour

Damage to public property and public spaces.

Liability, supervision and accountability.

Given the inherent risks associated with mobile alcohol consumption, the police consider the proposed conditions to be wholly inadequate.

Beer bikes are operated on the public highway and interact with pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles. Without a mandatory requirement for a sober driver with exclusive control, there is a real risk of offences under the road traffic act 1998, careless cycling or loss of vehicle control.

The speed of the vehicle will be controlled by the patrons peddling the bike, so the speed of the vehicle on a public highway could vary dramatically with each excursion causing drivers of motor vehicles to become frustrated potentially leading to public safety issues.

The application does not specify limits on alcohol consumption and tour time limits.

If people only have a limited time on the bike this could cause them to binge/ rush their drinks leading to potential issues during the tour and once it has finished.

It also does not specify measures to refuse service to intoxicated patrons and procedures for managing disorderly or vulnerable individuals. There is no detail of first aid kit provisions, seatbelt facilities on the vehicle or means of communication to call for assistance. Again, issues linked to public safety.

The police are concerned that the absence of controls will lead to excessive intoxication in a public setting.

This significantly increases the likelihood of disorderly

behaviour, aggression towards members of the public, confrontation with impatient motorists, falls and injuries and alcohol related medical incidents.

Without a robust alcohol management policy, the risk to public safety and crime prevention is substantial. People are not allowed to walk around with a glass drinking vessel in a town centre, drinking alcohol on moving vehicle on an open road is also not acceptable.

Beer bikes are, by their nature, highly visible and often noisy. The application contains no enforceable conditions addressing, shouting, chanting or singing. With these bike tour operations occurring frequently it could generate more complaints relating to noise, intimidation, and disturbance, particularly when combined with alcohol consumption.

The lack of noise mitigation conditions fails to promote the prevention of public nuisance, there is nothing in the application about briefing the riders of the bike about acceptable noise levels, proposed routes away from residential areas or signage on the bike.

The application fails to address how beer bike operations will avoid causing traffic disruption, congestion, or obstruction.

Beer bikes operate at low speeds and require significant road space. In busy urban areas such as Bristol, this creates a foreseeable risk of traffic hold ups, obstruction of emergency vehicles and conflict with pedestrians and other road users.

The absence of route controls/ proposals, risk assessments, operating restrictions or traffic management measures is a serious concern. The application has included nothing on how the applicant will risk assess each potential booking.

Alcohol related activities in public spaces are commonly associated with public urination, damage to street furniture and buildings, littering and fouling, antisocial behaviour towards residents and businesses.

There are no mitigation measures to address these risks, nor any reference to staff intervention, behavioural management, or post-tour dispersal controls.

This raises concerns under both the crime and disorder and public nuisance objectives.

In the absence of clear operational controls, it is unclear who is responsible for compliance during tours, how breaches will be detected or prevented, how complaints will be handled, how enforcement agencies can effectively monitor compliance. This lack of clarity undermines the licensing regime and places an unreasonable burden on enforcement agencies.

Other authorities have struggled to regulate these "pubs on wheels," leading to bans in cities like Amsterdam due to complaints.

Please appendix one.

		<p>For the reasons set out above, the police submit that the application fails to comprehensively promote the licensing objectives. The application also lacks transparency to why the applicant is applying for a licence in Bath but wants to carry out the main business operation in Bristol and or Cardiff.</p> <p>The whole concept of beer bikes operating in Bristol and other surrounding areas will generate significant risks associated with mobile alcohol consumption and public highway operation.</p> <p>The police therefore request that the licensing subcommittee refuse the application.</p>
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General – all four licensing objectives.		
To prevent Public Nuisance	YES	
To prevent crime and disorder	YES	
Public Safety	YES	
The protection of children from harm.		

<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</p>	
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N.B If you, as the Responsible Authority, make a representation, a member from your Authority will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

Signed: Ben Allen

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.



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# Amsterdam bans beer bikes amid complaints

🕒 1 November 2017



ALAMY

**Amsterdam has banned beer bikes amid complaints about rowdy tourists being drunk and disorderly.**

A **court ruling** on Tuesday allowed officials to prohibit their use in the centre of the Dutch city, calling the contraptions a "public order problem".



# Annex E

Heddlu De Cymru  
Pencadlys Heddlu  
Heol y Bont-faen  
Penybont  
CF31 3SU

South Wales Police  
Police Headquarters  
Cowbridge Road  
Bridgend  
CF31 3SU

Cadw De Cymru Yn Ddiogel

Keeping South Wales Safe

## SWYDDOGOL - OFFICIAL

Licensing Department,  
Cardiff Bay Police Station,  
James Street,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 5EW  
27 February 2026

Licensing Department,  
Bath and North East Somerset Council,  
Lewis House,  
Manvers Street,  
Bath,  
BA1 1JG

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.  
BEER TRAVEL UK LIMITED, CONTAINER 21, 105-115 HIGH STREET, TWERTON, BATH, BA21DB

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been made aware of this application (Licensing Application Reference: 26/00196/LAPRE) and wish to make the following representation.

South Wales Police wish to object to the grant of this application under the Licensing Objectives:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance
3. Public Safety

The applicant specifies that the premises is a "storage unit within a secure compound where alcohol for sale will be stored and appropriated to the contract of sale following confirmation of the contractual order." The application further states that the business would "primarily service its beer bike tours in Bristol and Cardiff," with "no intention of undertaking beer bike tours in the Bath & North East Somerset Licensing Authority area." It is highly irregular for an applicant to seek a licence in the Bath & North East Somerset area for a business intended to operate functionally over 60 miles away in a different area. Furthermore, there has been a complete lack of communication or consultation with South Wales Police or Cardiff Council Licensing. By applying in a different licensing authority area, the applicant is effectively attempting to bypass the scrutiny of the Responsible Authorities in the specific areas that will be directly impacted by the proposed licensable activity.

Prif Gwnstabl | Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan

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## POLICE OBJECTION

The applicant's website advertises tours that include imagery of customers drinking alcohol through traffic cones. We do not consider this to be the behaviour of a responsible operator and would have concerns that the mandatory licensing conditions regarding irresponsible drinks promotions and drinking games are being undermined.

The applicant's website advertises the provision of a "Bluetooth speaker for your music." By providing this equipment, the operator actively encourages the playback of amplified music from a non-enclosed, moving vehicle, creating a rolling nuisance.

Other major European cities, most notably Amsterdam, have implemented bans on "beer bikes" specifically due to the uncontrollable public nuisance and anti-social behaviour they attract. The combination of amplified music and the shouting of up to 14 intoxicated patrons is fundamentally incompatible with a busy city centre. Additionally, as there are no on-board toilet facilities making public urination more likely to occur.

We have seen the beer bike in action on 14 February 2026, travelling main roads through Cardiff at slow speed (estimated to be 3-4 mph) causing traffic holdups as it crosses major junctions with yellow hatched box markings and uses bus and taxi lanes. The slow speed forces other motorists, including buses and taxis, into dangerous manoeuvres to pass the wide vehicle in constrained spaces.

The proposed operation poses an increased risk of pedestrian harassment, as the elevated seating enables intoxicated patrons to heckle and intimidate members of the public. In the confined environment of a city centre, pedestrians are unable to easily avoid this mobile source of anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, the inherent obstruction caused by the vehicle's slow speed and size is likely to lead to road user conflict and we note that the applicant has failed to outline any staff training or protocols to manage these issues. Finally, since the patrons provide the physical propulsion for the vehicle, the ongoing supply of alcohol directly facilitates the potential commission of offences under Section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, regarding cycling while unfit through drink or drugs.

For the reasons outlined above, it is the view of South Wales Police that this application should be refused. The applicant seeks the benefit of a Bath-based licence while exporting the associated risks, noise, and disorder to Cardiff. Additional evidence to support this notice of objection will be presented at any subsequent Licensing Sub-Committee hearing. This evidence will be expanded on verbally, written, statistical or CCTV evidence.



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Keeping South Wales Safe

If you require any further information please contact SWP59384 John Crowther at Cardiff Bay Police Licensing Department on 101(South Wales) ext. 34-988, or by email at [John.crowther1@south-wales.police.uk](mailto:John.crowther1@south-wales.police.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
R Cowan-Davies  
Temporary Chief Inspector

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# Annex F



## Avon & Somerset Constabulary Objection Licensing Act 2003.

Your Name	<i>PC 1391 CUTLER</i>
Job Title	Police Officer
Postal address	<i>The Bridewell Police Station. Bristol. BS1 2AA</i>
Contact telephone number/e-mail	Tel: 07889 657521 Email: <i>1391@avonandsomerset.police.uk</i>
Name and address of the premises you are making representations about.	<i>CONTAINER 21 105 – 115 HIGH STREET TWERTON BATH BA2 1DB</i>
Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	Prevention of Crime & Disorder Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Public Safety Protection of Children from Harm
Grounds for Representation / Objection under the Licensing Objectives?	<b>Police Objection – Beer Bike Bristol (Beer Travel UK Ltd)</b> <b>With References to the Licensing Act 2003 and s.182 Guidance</b> <b>Applicant:</b> Beer Travel UK Limited <b>Proposal:</b> Vehicle-based alcohol provision (“Beer Bike Bristol”). Alcohol storage stated as Bath. <b>Submitting Authority:</b> Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Bristol Licensing Team (supplementary to Ben Allen’s Bath storage objection).

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Avon and Somerset constabulary wish to make the following Objection in relation to the application for a BEER BIKE BRISTOL vehicle where alcohol will be stored in Bath.

The company is listed on the application as  
BEER TRAVEL UK LIMITED

There is already a Police objection submitted by Police Alcohol Licensing Officer Ben Allen who covers Bath which is where the Container is proposed to be sited.

This is a supplementary objection from Bristol Licensing Team raising concerns, not about the storage location in Bath but regarding the overall business plan and operating procedure.

There is a comprehensive lack of detail and information provided in terms of how this venture will operate in accordance with the 4 Licensing Objectives.

Hardly any conditions have been proposed by the applicant.

No Operating schedule nor Risk Assessments have been provided within the application.

There is no local link to anyone operating this proposed enterprise. In the past from researching review photographs it looks like this was entirely BYOB so no control over levels of ABV of alcohol and no control over amount of Glass that may litter environment and create hazardous environment for pedestrians and vehicles.

Multiple websites feature Beer Bike Bristol but none with any clear mention of who is responsible nor any detail as to how they would be upholding the Licensing Objectives.

BEER TRAVEL UK LIMITED is not a secure Website and I could not access it at work.

Our Browser gives this message

*You can't visit bristolbeerbike.com right now because the website sent scrambled credentials that Microsoft Edge can't process.*

**It does not appear to be a legitimate site.**

Accessing on my personal mobile shows that the business offers the service which has a meeting point for customers of 78-86 Pennywell Road which is directly outside a Self-Storage Unit off residential streets in Easton.

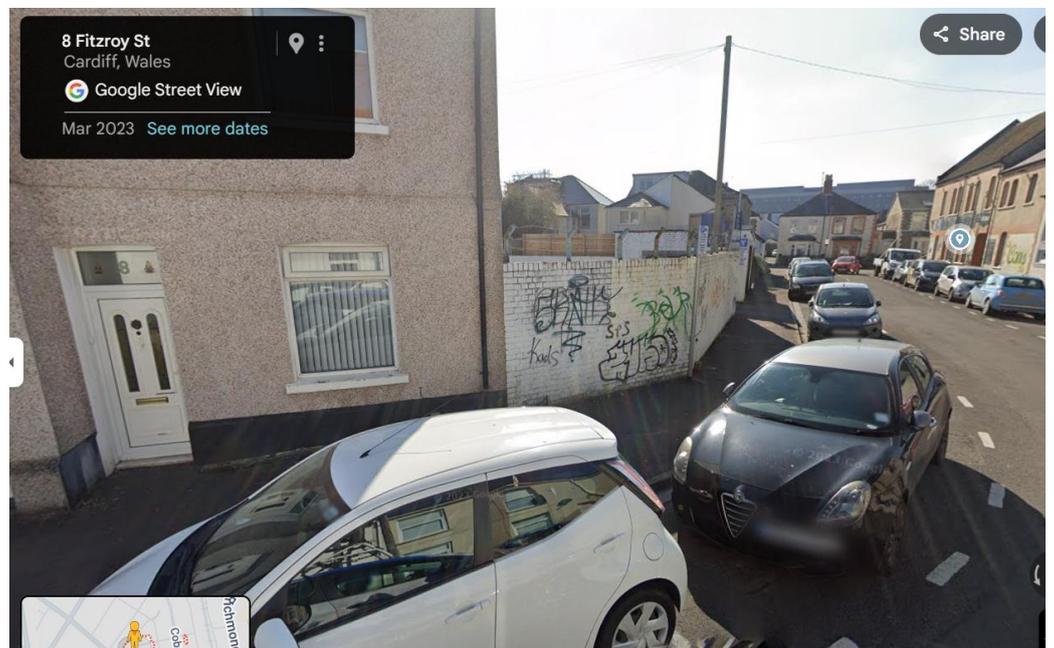
The meet point is shown below, and an aerial view appears to show the Beer Bike parked in the back yard of this storage company.

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If I, as a customer, was entertaining hiring this service, I would not expect my tour of Bristol in terms of sightseeing to begin on a back road storage facility that is not in the City Centre.



Likewise the Cardiff Beer Bike offering has a pick up point at 8 Fitzroy Street in Cardiff which according to Google looks like this



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The proposed DPS is based in London and appears from online research to be the person responsible for Beer Bike Birmingham whose website now appears to be shut down.  
The phone number shown on the Beer Bike Bristol is the same phone number linked to Beer Bike Birmingham.  
07985 463249  
This is the same number for London Beer Bike.  
The website for this one is in same format and font etc  
The offering is £350 per 8 guests for which you get 32 cans of beer for the one hour ride.  
What is the strength of the beer?  
Who is monitoring Bike customers for sobriety, safety, noise, litter, inappropriate behaviour as whilst on the move the operator of the Bike will be concentrating on the road ahead.

They do offer a Sober Driver which is comforting!!

Several City websites have this logo



All you can drink is not a Responsible statement / promotion.

Where will alcohol be kept immediately prior to and after each "trip"  
If the Bike for Bristol will be in St Judes in Storage will the alcohol that remains go back to Bath at close of event each day.

The Company appears to be based in London and possible abroad.  
While the DPS will be responsible they are absolutely not local.

No mention of an Incident Book or register  
No mention of any CCTV covering behaviour on the bikes.

The provision of the alcohol does not seem related to the sale. The provision will be in an entirely different City miles away from the actual sale.

After the transaction who is ensuring the alcohol goes to the correct persons and whether they are indeed of legal age or fit or suitable enough to pedal a large bike when they arrive.

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	<p>The entire application feels like a Trojan Horse scenario It seeks to store alcohol in an out of the way rather innocuous location while the overall business plan is to operate in Bristol and Cardiff with no safeguards, assurances, detail or anything that could be deemed reliable. The Licensing Objectives would have to be entirely satisfied for the duration of the Bike tours in these cities and nothing in this application instils any sense of trust or confidence in the proposes business.</p>
	<p>This representation objects to the application on the basis that the applicant has <b>not demonstrated</b> how the <b>four licensing objectives</b> will be promoted, contrary to <b>s.4 Licensing Act 2003</b> and the <b>Secretary of State’s s.182 Guidance</b> (duty on licensing authorities and operators to promote, and to demonstrate promotion of, the objectives throughout the operating schedule and conditions).</p> <p><b>Statutory Framework (for ease of reference)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Licensing Objectives – s.4 Licensing Act 2003:</b> (a) Prevention of crime and disorder; (b) Public safety; (c) Prevention of public nuisance; (d) Protection of children from harm.</li> <li>• <b>Operating Schedule &amp; Conditions – ss.17–18:</b> Applications must include an operating schedule describing steps to promote the objectives (s.17(4)). Where representations are made, the authority may refuse or grant with appropriate conditions (s.18).</li> <li>• <b>Mandatory Conditions for alcohol – s.19 &amp; the Mandatory Licensing Conditions Orders (2010 as amended 2014):</b> Includes prohibition of <b>irresponsible promotions</b> (e.g., “all you can drink”; unlimited/unspecified alcohol for a fixed fee), <b>age-verification policy</b>, <b>small measures availability</b>, and <b>DPS requirement</b> for supply of alcohol on licensed premises.</li> <li>• <b>Guidance issued under s.182:</b> Must be had regard to by licensing authorities and operators; emphasises proportionate, evidence-based steps; clarity of operating schedules; protection of the public realm; and managing mobile/novel concepts through enforceable conditions.</li> </ul>

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<p>Prevention of Crime and Disorder.</p>	<p><b>1) Prevention of Crime and Disorder (s.4(2)(a) LA 2003; s.182 Guidance Chs. 2 &amp; 10)</b>  <b>Deficiencies in Operating Schedule (ss.17–18).</b>  No operating schedule or risk assessments are submitted. The application proposes <b>hardly any conditions</b>, contrary to s.17(4)(e) which expects the applicant to set out steps to promote the objectives. In the absence of those steps, the authority cannot attach appropriate, enforceable conditions under s.18.  <b>Alcohol provision &amp; BYOB risks.</b>  Historic operation appears to have been <b>BYOB</b>, removing control over alcohol strength (ABV), quantities consumed, and the introduction of glass into the public realm. This increases the likelihood of intoxication, litter, and disorder (Guidance s.182, Crime &amp; Disorder).  <b>Irresponsible promotions – Mandatory Conditions.</b>  Website/social content featuring “<b>all you can drink</b>” is incompatible with the <b>Mandatory Licensing Conditions</b> (The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010 as amended in 2014), which prohibit <b>unlimited or unspecified alcohol for a fixed or discounted fee</b> and other <b>irresponsible promotions</b>. Granting a licence without robust controls risks immediate contravention of these mandatory conditions.  <b>DPS and authorisation.</b>  Supply of alcohol must be under a <b>Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)</b> and authorisation of a <b>Personal Licence Holder</b> (s.19). The proposed DPS is <b>London-based</b> with no credible on-site oversight model for each “trip.” No assurance is given that a personal licence holder will be present or that day-to-day management is locally accountable (s.182 Guidance stresses effective management control).  <b>Age verification &amp; refusals.</b>  No credible <b>Challenge 25</b> (mandatory condition) detail is given for: pre-boarding checks, refusals, or preventing service to intoxicated persons. No incident/refusals log is proposed (often imposed as an appropriate condition under s.18 in the Guidance).   <b>Conclusion (Crime &amp; Disorder).</b>  Given the lack of an operating schedule, BYOB history, irresponsible-promotion indications, and weak management, the application fails to demonstrate promotion of s.4(2)(a).</p>
<p>Public Safety.</p>	<p><b>2) Public Safety (s.4(2)(b) LA 2003; s.182 Guidance Chs. 2, 8 &amp; 10)</b>  <b>Vehicle safety &amp; route planning.</b>   No <b>route plans</b> for Bristol or Bath are provided. Bristol’s narrow cycle infrastructure indicates the vehicle will operate mainly on <b>public highways</b>, intermixing with traffic and pedestrians. There is <b>no plan</b> for maximum passenger numbers, sobriety checks before boarding, emergency procedures, staff numbers, or <b>daily maintenance</b>. Reviews</p>

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	<p>linked to a related operation (same DPS/number) refer to the vehicle “falling apart,” signalling maintenance and safety competence concerns.</p> <p><b>Control of a passenger-propelled vehicle.</b>  No evidence is given that a single <b>sober driver</b> can safely control, brake, and manage a large, multi-pedal vehicle where passengers may be drinking. No detail on secondary supervision to prevent hazardous conduct while the driver concentrates on the road. This fails to meet the public safety objective (s.4(2)(b)) and the Guidance which expects proportionate, evidence-based mitigations in the operating schedule.</p> <p><b>Assembly/dispersal risks at meeting point.</b>  The stated meeting point at <b>78–86 Pennywell Road</b> (self-storage yard off residential streets) is unsuitable for assembly, pre-boarding alcohol, and dispersal of potentially intoxicated groups, compounding public safety risk (crowding, highway interface, limited facilities).</p> <p><b>Other matters.</b>  We note from Beer Bike Bristol website that the vehicle is based off Pennywell Road in Bristol, yet the alcohol will be kept in Bath??  No planned events for Bath - Why not?  Why keep the alcohol in Bath for use in Bristol and Cardiff – this makes no sense.</p> <p>There is no mention of plastic pint glasses, but we concede that some plastic glasses are visible in the online photographs from different cities.</p> <p>Will there be any glass or bottles particularly if BYOB?  There are no controls on what is being consumed if BYOB.  How many staff will be on each Bicycle – who will be monitoring the customers to ensure compliance.</p> <p>There are concerns regarding litter and particularly Glass waste being discarded onto the streets.</p> <p><b>Conclusion (Public Safety).</b>  In the absence of safety planning and competent management controls, the application does not promote s.4(2)(b).</p>
Prevention of Public Nuisance.	<p><b>3) Prevention of Public Nuisance (s.4(2)(c) LA 2003; s.182 Guidance Ch. 2 &amp; Annexes on nuisance)</b></p>

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	<p><b>Noise.</b> No noise management measures are proposed, despite a foreseeable risk of singing, amplified music, and group noise in mixed residential/commercial areas. The Guidance expects clear controls in operating schedules where nuisance is predictable.</p> <p><b>Litter &amp; glass.</b> No litter plan is provided (cans, cups, potential glass if BYOB). Mobile consumption across public highways creates high risk of <b>street littering</b>, contrary to the objective. Conditions commonly required (s.18) for similar concepts — e.g., sealed containers, onboard waste facilities, post-route cleansing — are absent.</p> <p><b>Urination &amp; facilities.</b> There is no provision for toilets and <b>limited public toilets</b> in the city centre. Foreseeable risk of public urination constitutes a public nuisance. No mitigations (scheduled comfort breaks, venue partnerships, time-limited dry segments) are proposed.</p> <p><b>Storage/transport inconsistencies.</b> Alcohol reportedly stored in <b>Bath</b> while operating in <b>Bristol/Cardiff</b>. No secure transport protocol, custody chain, or pre/post-trip storage controls are described. This undermines both nuisance control and compliance (spillage, unsecured movements, opportunistic consumption).</p> <p><b>Conclusion (Public Nuisance).</b> The application lacks any credible nuisance mitigations required to promote s.4(2)(c).</p>
Protection of Children from Harm.	<p><b>4) Protection of Children from Harm (s.4(2)(d) LA 2003; s.182 Guidance Chs. 2 &amp; 14)</b></p> <p><b>Exposure to alcohol-related conduct.</b> Bristol city centre (Purple Flag area, family destination) presents a heightened risk of children witnessing <b>drunkenness, disorder, and inappropriate behaviour</b> from a large, alcohol-focused vehicle in public spaces. The application proposes no safeguarding measures.</p> <p><b>Minimum ages &amp; verification.</b> No <b>minimum participant age</b>, no <b>Challenge 25 policy detail</b> (mandatory condition), and no plan for handling <b>already-intoxicated arrivals</b>. No provision for staff training records onboard for immediate inspection (commonly conditioned)</p> <p><b>Conclusion (Children).</b> Absent clear safeguards and age-verification arrangements tailored to a mobile setting; the application fails to promote s.4(2)(d).</p>

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Outcome Requested.	<p>If this application is granted it will facilitate an alcohol-based operation with its inherent risks in two entirely separate Cities with no ownership or responsibility has been offered to uphold all of the Licensing Objectives.</p> <p>The Police would ask that this application be rejected.</p>
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**In R (Daniel Thwaites PLC) v. Wirral Borough Magistrates Court [2008] EWHC 838** the court decided that the views of the police concerning issues of crime and disorder should weigh heavily. This was followed by the court in **R (on the application of Portsmouth City Council) v. 3D Entertainment Group Ltd [2011] EWHC 507**.

**In R (on application of Hope and Glory Public House Ltd) v City of Westminster Magistrates' Court and Others (2011) EWCA Civ 312**

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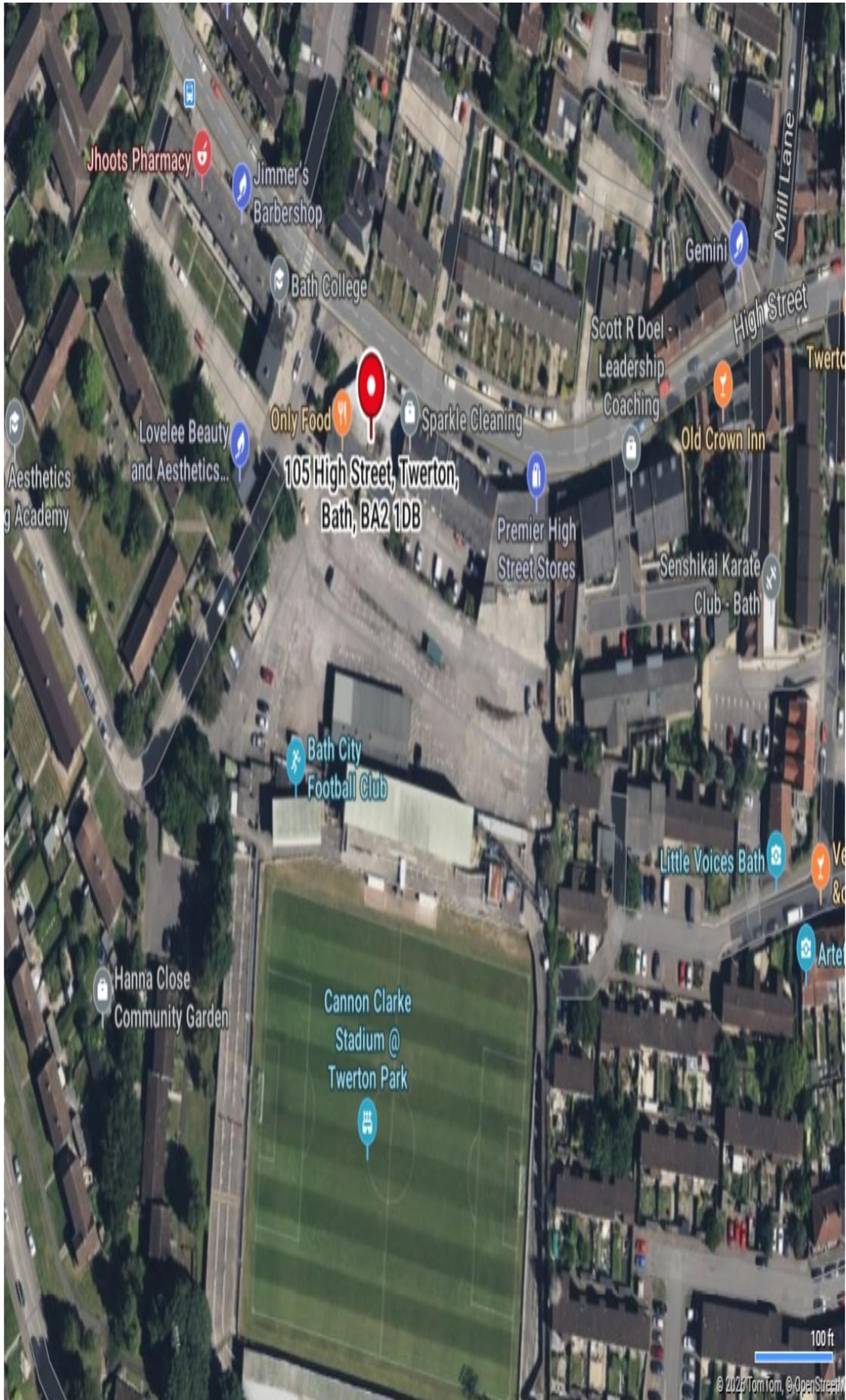
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**Signed:** *N Cutler*

**Date:** Tuesday, 03 March 2026

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# Alcohol licensing

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## Designated premises supervisors

A designated premises supervisor (DPS) is the person who has day-to-day responsibility for the running of the business.

All businesses and organisations selling or supplying alcohol, except members clubs and certain community premises must have a designated premises supervisor.

Whoever holds this role must be named in the operating schedule, which you will need to complete as part of the application process, when you apply for a premises licence.

### What the DPS does

The person chosen to be designated premises supervisor (DPS) will act as primary contact for local government and the police. They must understand the social issues and potential problems associated with the sale of alcohol, and also have a good understanding of the business itself.

While they need not be on site at all times, they are expected to be involved enough with the business to be able to act as its representative, and they must be contactable at all times.

If the police or local government have any questions or concerns about the business, they will expect to be able to reach the designated supervisor.

Each business may have only one supervisor selected for this role, but the same person may act as the designated supervisor at more than one business.

## **Taking responsibility**

The Licensing Act requires the supervisor - and all personal licence holders - to take responsibility for the sale and supply of alcohol.

This is because of the impact alcohol has on the wider community, on crime and disorder, and antisocial behaviour.

Because of these issues, selling alcohol carries greater responsibility than licensing regulated entertainment and late night sales of food and non-alcoholic drinks.

## **Becoming a DPS**

A designated premises supervisor must have a personal licence and must be nominated by the premises license holder for the role of designated supervisor.

You must complete a consent form, which is provided as part of the online application for a premises licence, and can also be downloaded from the [designated premises supervisor forms](#) page.

## **Extract from Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003**

### **Specification of new designated premises supervisors**

4.61 Every premises licence that authorises the sale of alcohol must specify a DPS. This will normally be the person who has been given day to day responsibility for running the premises by the premises licence holder. The only exception is for community premises which have successfully made an application to remove the usual mandatory conditions set out in the 2003 Act. Guidance on such applications is set out in paragraphs 4.84 to 4.97 of this Guidance.

4.62 The Government considers it essential that police officers, fire officers or officers of the licensing authority can identify immediately the DPS so that any problems can be dealt with swiftly. For this reason, the name of the DPS and contact details must be specified on the premises licence and this must be held at the premises and displayed in summary form.

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ANNEXES: CONDITIONS

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory Conditions**

### **Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol**

- (1) No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-
  - ( ) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - ( ) 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 must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.**
  - ( ) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
  - ( ) 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 either-
    - ( ) a holographic mark, or
    - ( ) an ultraviolet feature.

### **Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises**

1. **(1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.**
  - ( ) **In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises-**
    - ( ) **games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to-**
      - ( ) **drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or**
      - ( ) **drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);**
    - ( ) **provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;**
    - ( ) **provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;**
    - ( ) **selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;**
    - ( ) **dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).**
2. **The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.**
3. The responsible person must ensure that-
  - ( ) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures-
    - ( ) beer or cider: ½ pint;
    - ( ) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
    - ( ) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
  - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
  - (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."
4. 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

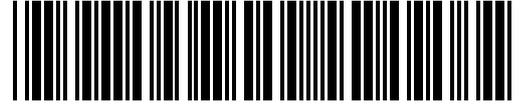
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**Appointment of Director**

Company Name: **BEER TRAVEL UK LTD**

Company Number: **14254757**



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## **New Appointment Details**

Date of Appointment: **29/04/2025**

Name: **THOMAS MICAH LAPHAM**

The company confirms that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Service address recorded as Company's registered office

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED STATES**

Date of Birth: **\*\*/07/1962**

Nationality: **AMERICAN**

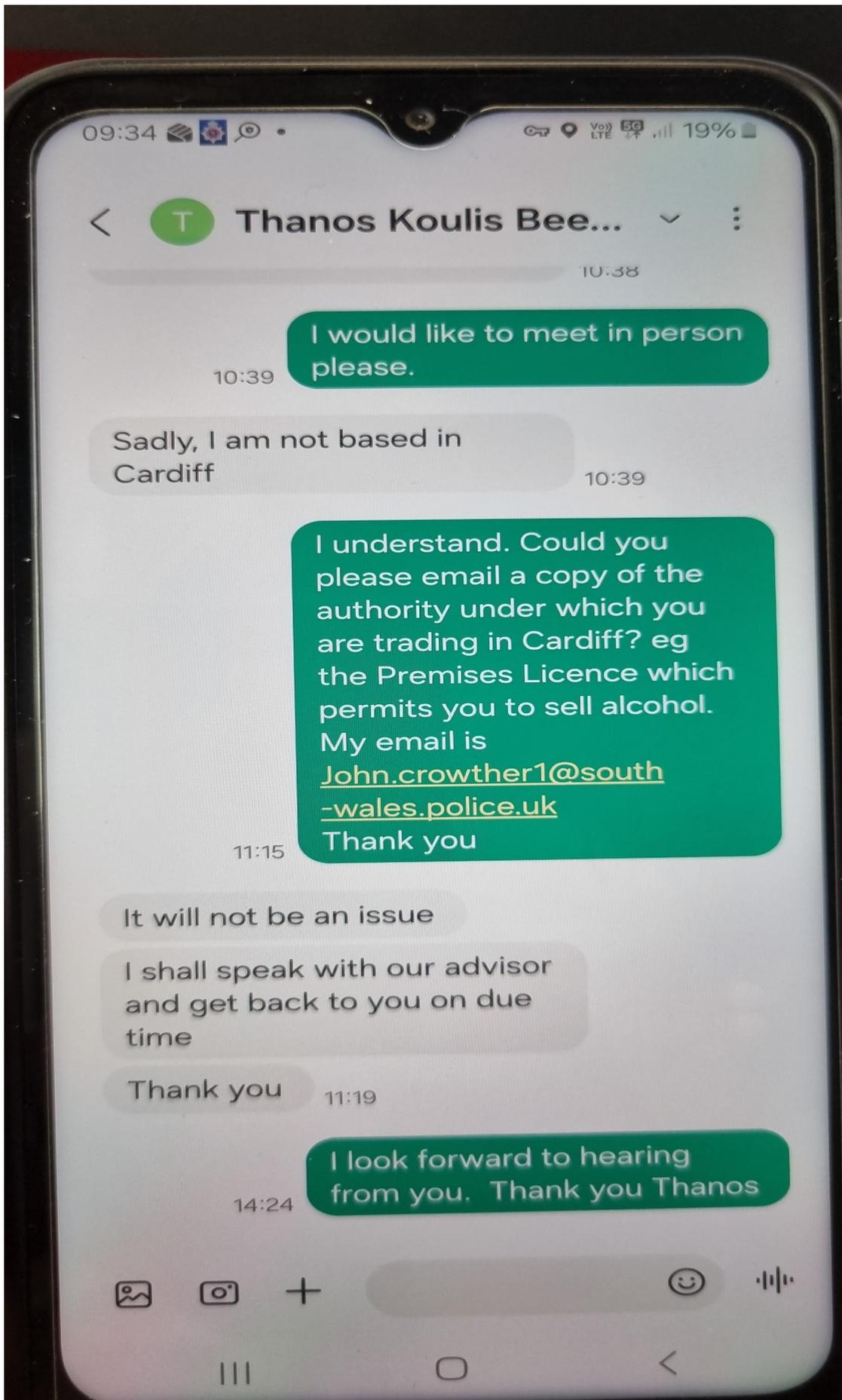
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## Authorisation

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I would like to meet in person please.

Sadly, I am not based in Cardiff

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I understand. Could you please email a copy of the authority under which you are trading in Cardiff? eg the Premises Licence which permits you to sell alcohol. My email is [John.crowther1@south-wales.police.uk](mailto:John.crowther1@south-wales.police.uk) Thank you

It will not be an issue

I shall speak with our advisor and get back to you on due time

Thank you

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I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you Thanos



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# Risks-Alcohol misuse

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**Alcohol is a powerful chemical that can have a wide range of adverse effects on almost every part of your body, including your brain, bones and heart.**

Alcohol and its associated risks can have both short-term and long-term effects.

## Short-term effects of alcohol consumption

The short-term effects of alcohol consumption are outlined below. This information is based on the assumption that you have a normal tolerance to alcohol.

Dependent drinkers with a higher tolerance to alcohol can often drink much more without experiencing any noticeable effects.

### 1 to 2 units

After drinking 1 to 2 units of alcohol, your heart rate speeds up and your blood vessels expand, giving you the warm, sociable and talkative feeling associated with moderate drinking.

### 4 to 6 units

After drinking 4 to 6 units of alcohol, your brain and nervous system starts to be affected. It begins to affect the part of your brain associated with judgement and decision making, causing you to be more reckless and uninhibited.

The alcohol also impairs the cells in your nervous system, making you feel lightheaded and adversely affecting your reaction time and co-ordination.

### 8 to 9 units

After drinking 8 to 9 units of alcohol, your reaction times will be much slower, your speech will begin to slur and your vision will begin to lose focus.

Your liver, which filters alcohol out of your body, will be unable to remove all of the alcohol overnight, so it's likely you'll wake with a hangover.

## 10 to 12 units

After drinking 10 to 12 units of alcohol, your co-ordination will be highly impaired, placing you at serious risk of having an accident. The high level of alcohol has a depressant effect on both your mind and body, which makes you drowsy.

This amount of alcohol will begin to reach toxic (poisonous) levels. Your body attempts to quickly pass out the alcohol in your urine. This will leave you feeling badly [dehydrated](#) in the morning, which may cause a severe [headache](#).

The excess amount of alcohol in your system can also upset your digestion, leading to symptoms of nausea, vomiting, [diarrhoea](#) and [indigestion](#).

## More than 12 units

If you drink more than 12 units of alcohol, you're at considerable risk of developing [alcohol poisoning](#), particularly if you're drinking many units over a short period of time.

It usually takes the liver about an hour to remove one unit of alcohol from the body.

Alcohol poisoning occurs when excessive amounts of alcohol start to interfere with the body's automatic functions, such as:

- breathing
- heart rate
- gag reflex, which prevents you choking

Alcohol poisoning can cause a person to fall into a [coma](#) and could lead to their death.

## Other risks

Some of the other risks associated with alcohol misuse include:

- **accidents and injury** – more than 1 in 10 visits to accident and emergency (A&E) departments are because of alcohol-related illnesses
- **violence and antisocial behaviour** – each year in England more than 1.2 million violent incidents are linked to alcohol misuse
- **unsafe sex** – this can lead to unplanned pregnancies and [sexually transmitted infections \(STIs\)](#)

- **loss of personal possessions** – many people lose personal possessions, such as their wallet or mobile phone, when they're drunk
- **unplanned time off work or college** – this could put your job or education at risk

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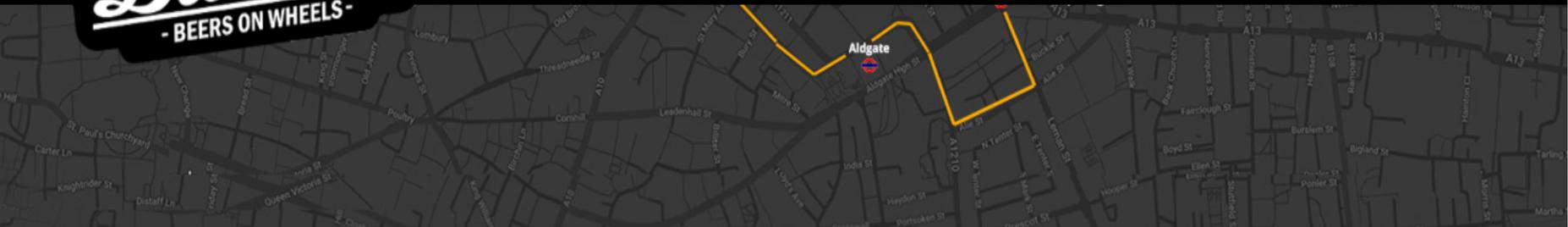
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# Amsterdam bans beer bikes amid complaints

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**Amsterdam has banned beer bikes amid complaints about rowdy tourists being drunk and disorderly.**

A **court ruling** on Tuesday allowed officials to prohibit their use in the centre of the Dutch city, calling the contraptions a "public order problem".

The bicycles are a popular way for tourists celebrating group events, such as stag parties, to travel around Amsterdam.

Critics say they have become an example of the problems caused by mass tourism.

The beer bikes are small carts that have been modified with bicycle seats arranged around a bar table.

Patrons power the bike as they pedal beside the city's famous canals, while drinking beer.

## **'Nuisance'**

The ban came into force on Wednesday. A spokesman for the City Hall said operators were no longer allowed to rent out the bikes.

It comes after the Amsterdam District Court said "the beer bicycle may be banned from the city centre to stop it from being a nuisance".

Last year, about 6,000 locals signed a petition calling on the council to ban the bikes, calling them a "terrible phenomenon".

At the time, one resident told NOS news: "Our city has become a giant attraction park."

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## **Few will miss inebriated foreigners**

**By Anna Holligan, BBC News**

You normally hear them before you see them.

For some tourists these cumbersome contraptions offer the perfect way to see the city. Combining two of its attractions - alcohol and cycling.

They're especially popular with stag dos. Drunken men spilling beer while trying to navigate the narrow streets on wheels have become a familiar sight in the historic heart of the city.

For many residents they've become a symbol of the trouble associated with 'the wrong type of tourism'. The council recently announced plans to increase hotel taxes to try to reduce the number of budget travellers.

The Dutch are famous for their cycling culture but few will miss the inebriated foreigners who commandeer these novelty vehicles, sometimes at the expense of those who use bikes as a practical and sensible way to get on with life.

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Amsterdam's late mayor, Eberhard van der Laan - who died last month - agreed with the residents and instituted a ban on the bikes.

This was challenged in court last year by four beer bike operators, who said that the city was "imposing on people's freedom".

Judges struck down the mayor's ban at the time, saying that it was not properly motivated.

In a ruling on Tuesday, however, the judges at the Amsterdam District Court agreed with the ban.

"The combination of traffic disruptions, anti-social behaviour and the busy city centre justifies a ban," they said.

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Why Amsterdam is hiking tourist tax

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## THE SPREAD OF 'NUISANCE' BEER BIKES BAN FROM EUROPE TO UK CITIES

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Beer bikes banned from European party capitals for being a nuisance are spreading to cities across the UK.

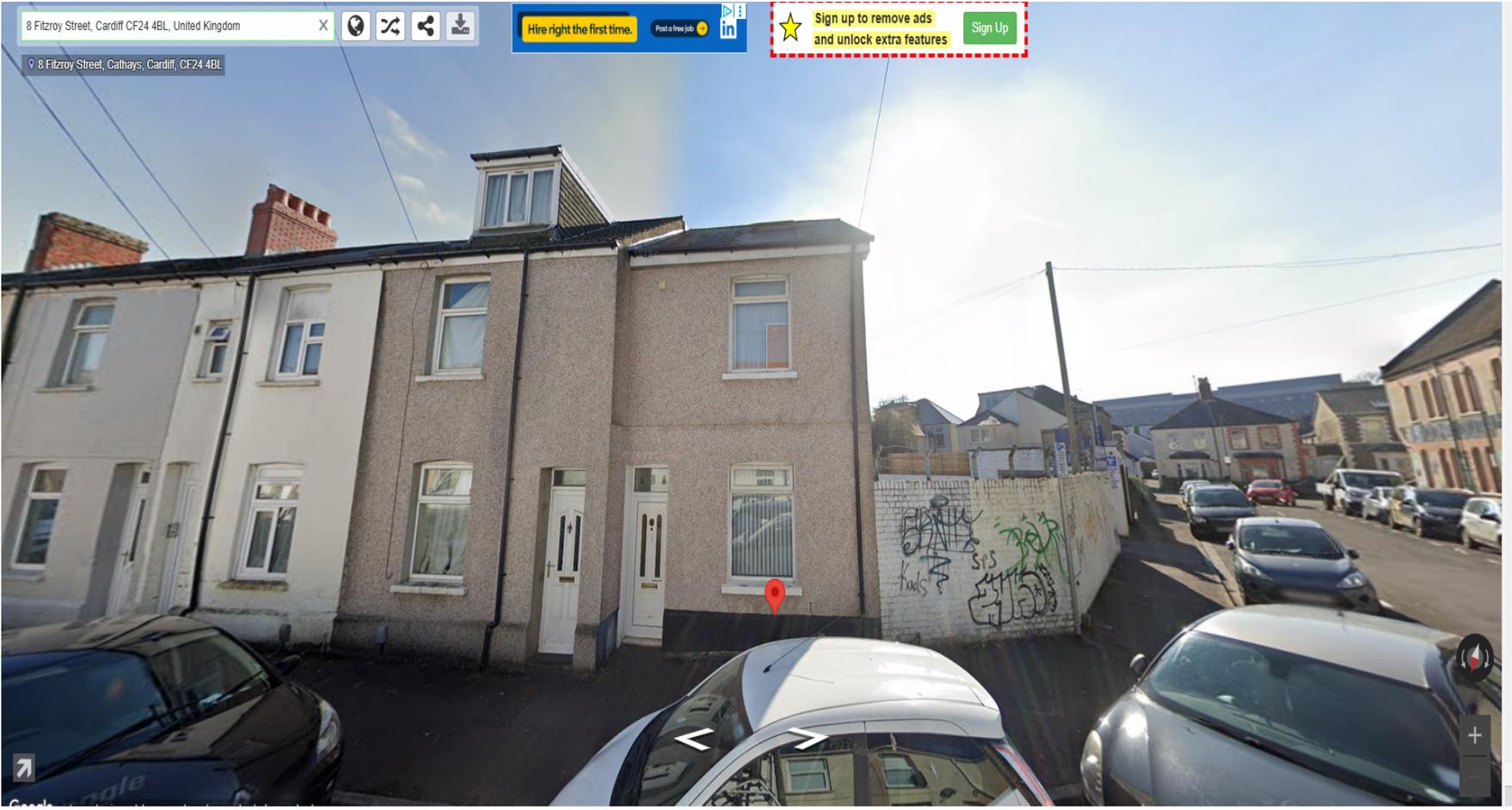
The oversized bikes have been a stag party staple on the Continent for decades but the nuisance they caused on public roads led to them being banned from the centres of Amsterdam, Prague, Budapest, Munich and Düsseldorf.

Despite their chequered past in Europe, the pedal-powered pubs-on-wheels are popping up in cities across the UK, with services launching in Bristol, Birmingham and Edinburgh in recent weeks.

Seating up to 17 drinkers per bike, pedalling customers pay £450 to drink as many beers as they want while a sober driver steers them through the city streets for an hour.

Thanos Koufis, operations manager for Beer Travel UK, said the

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# The Ultimate Hen Weekend in Cardiff: Prosecco, Pride & Pedals

By [cardiffbeerbike](#) February 15, 2026



# Hen Party With Serious Welsh Pride

If your **hen weekend** is heading to Cardiff, start it loud and proud. A **beer bike** is the perfect way to kick things off — music pumping, prosecco flowing, and the girls rolling through the city like a moving celebration.

Of course, **beer or prosecco is always part of the package**, so no one's missing out.

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## You Can Now Bike Around Bristol Enjoying Unlimited Beer

With ‘as-much-as-you-can-drink beer’ this will be one hell of a bumpy ride.



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Credit: Beer Bike Bristol

When did cycling become so serious? When we were kids, bikes meant adventure, going as far as we could peddle with our mates for a laugh. These days it's all about pelotons, triathlons, time trials, velodromes, and all the other ways that kill carefree cycling. Well, hopefully, the **Bristol Beer Bike** can add a little fun back in.

Gather up to 17 of your closest friends and hop on this boozy bike tour of Bristol. You'll have an hour to peddle around the city streets with **'as-much-as-you-can-drink beer'** – making this a cycle trip to remember, if you can remember it that is. It's all the fun, laughter, and silliness of cycling that we've missed since we were little – just with more booze.

The Bristol Beer Bike doesn't come cheap at **£450 for the 60-minute ride** through Bristol. Accommodating up to **6-12 per bike**, and one bike for 17 guests, the more the merrier will greatly reduce the split cost (it's only £37.50 between 12 people). Time to call up those old uni pals you've not spoken to in a while hey?

The hour-long tour also comes with your very own **designated sober driver**, a **Bluetooth speaker** to play your music, and an optional "pretty waitress/handsome waiter" for £50. Other add-ons include two bottles of Champagne (£110), five bottles of Prosecco (£70), and crisps (£25). The route takes in such sights as Castle Park, Queen Square, Harbourside and the Old City.

Ideal for stag or hen celebrations, Beer Bike has also catered for anything from "divorce parties to engagement parties, speed dating to 80th birthdays and everything in between over the years." Starting in 2013, it also operates in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle and Edinburgh, as well as European cities like Prague, Bratislava and Vienna.

In recent years, these infamous party bikes have attracted attention for **causing noise and traffic jams** – which even led to a **ban on beer bikes in Amsterdam** in 2017. If you don't mind attracting the ire of other road users, you can learn more about Bristol Beer Bike by heading [here](#).

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## Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence

### Lock Up Garage No. 5, Heathbank Road, Tranmere, Wirral

*Licensable Activities Authorised by this Licence and the hours permitted are as follows:*

	Sale by Retail of Alcohol	Hours Open to the Public
Monday	09:00 to 17:00	09:00 to 17:00
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Friday	09:00 to 17:00	09:00 to 17:00
Saturday	09:00 to 17:00	09:00 to 17:00
Sunday	09:00 to 17:00	09:00 to 17:00

The Licence authorises sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

*Wirral Licensing Authority hereby grants this Premises Licence to:*

<b>Manchester Beer Bike Limited</b> 128 City Road London EC1V 2NX	<b>Registered Number: 16186494</b>
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*Details of Designated Premises Supervisor:*

<b>Mr Athanasios Kouflis</b> 35 Tunis Road London W12 7EZ	<b>Personal licence number: 2025/01305/LAPER - London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</b>
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Andrew Bushell  
Licensing Manager  
(Authorised Officer)

## Annexe 1 - Mandatory Conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence:

- (i) At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or
- (ii) 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. The premises licence holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy. 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 either:-

- (a) a holographic mark or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.

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 this condition:

(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:

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

Where:

- (i) P is the permitted price
- (ii) D is the rate 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.

(e) "value 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.

## **Annexe 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. Staff involved in the direct sale of alcohol must receive training on matters concerning underage sales.
2. A Challenge 25 Policy must be adopted which must be operated at the point of delivery. The Policy must include the maintenance of a refusals record and staff training records.
3. Customers must not be permitted to access the licensed area.

### **Annexe 3 - Conditions attached after hearing by the Licensing Authority**

1. Sale of alcohol must only take place pursuant to the Premises Licence Holder's Beer Bike business.
2. The premises must not store any spirits or wine inside the premises.
3. Alcohol must only be arranged to be delivered to the premises between 09:00 and 13:00.
4. Persons must not attend the premises for the purposes of processing alcohol orders or collecting the alcohol for dispatch other than between 09:00 and 17:00.
5. The premises must operate a CCTV system capable of capturing high-quality images in all lighting conditions and must record for 24 hours per day. The CCTV system must be maintained in good working order. The CCTV system must be capable of downloading footage to a removable device (e.g. USB drive) and/or sharing CCTV footage via a secure web link. The CCTV system must record images for a minimum of 31 days and footage must be made available to an Authorised Officer upon request.
6. The premises must be secure and fitted with lockable doors which must be maintained in good working order.
7. All alcohol must be stored within a secure metal container.

Annexe 4 – Plans

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- Licensed area

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**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Premises Licence Summary**

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**The Licence authorises sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.**

*Name and Address of Premises Licence Holder:*

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*Designated Premises Supervisor:*

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## Crowther,John swp59384

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Sent:** 18 February 2026 14:37  
**To:** Beer bike Cardiff bike Cardiff; 'thanos@londonbeerbike.com'  
**Cc:** Hardwick,Justin swp2027  
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Good afternoon, Thanos,

Thank you for your email yesterday.

I am still keen to speak with you regarding your Beer Bike company in Cardiff and have several questions which I hope you can assist me with.

1. What address does your business operate from in Cardiff?
2. Where is the Beer Bike stored when not in use? I know it is no longer stored in Penarth Rd.
3. Where do you pick up the alcohol which is supplied to Beer Bike customers?  
or
4. How is it delivered? and where is it delivered to, prior to being loaded?
5. Which Local Authority granted you a Premises Licence? I can then contact them direct.
6. What authority are you trading under at the moment in Cardiff? Eg what Premises Licence?

Thanks in advance

Kind regards

John

John Crowther

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**Sent:** 26 February 2026 13:47

**To:** Crowther, John swp59384 <[John.Crowther1@south-wales.police.uk](mailto:John.Crowther1@south-wales.police.uk)>

**Subject:** Cardiff beer bike cooperation with Manchester beer bike LTD

Dear John,  
Thank you for your email.

As Managing Director of Manchester Beer Bike Ltd, I am pleased to provide clarification in respect of your enquiry.

Manchester Beer Bike Ltd is the holder of a Premises Licence issued by Wirral Borough Council which authorises the retail sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises in connection with our Beer Bike business operations.

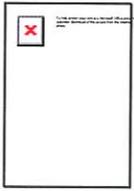
In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, alcohol supplied to our customers is sold under this Premises Licence and appropriated to the relevant customer contract at the licensed premises prior to dispatch for pre-booked tours. Accordingly, the sale of alcohol is legally deemed to take place at the licensed premises.

Our activities in Cardiff are undertaken on this basis and in line with the permissions granted by the above Premises Licence.

Should you wish to verify the scope or status of this licence, the issuing Licensing Authority will be able to assist you directly.

We remain committed to operating in a compliant and responsible manner and are, of course, willing to engage further should you have any specific compliance-related concerns.

Kind regards,



**Lukáš Krňoul**

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384

**Sent:** 02 March 2026 11:53

**To:** Manchester Beer Bike <[manchesterbeerbike@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterbeerbike@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Cardiff beer bike cooperation with Manchester beer bike LTD

Good morning, Lukas,

Thanks for your reply,

I'm trying to understand what you are telling me in your email 26 Feb 2026.

With regard to the Beer Bike being operated in Cardiff on 14 Feb 2026 at around 18:30hrs, could you please tell me;

Does this mean that when the alcohol is appropriated to the "relevant customer contract" it is taken from your Licenced Premises in the Wirral?

If so, could you please tell me when that particular alcohol was appropriated prior to dispatch for the pre-booked tour?

Finally, where is that alcohol stored, in Cardiff, before being loaded onto the bike.

I'm trying to picture how your business works and this information would be most helpful.

Thanks in advance

Kind regards

John

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384

**Sent:** 03 March 2026 15:44

**To:** Manchester Beer Bike <manchesterbeerbike@gmail.com>

**Cc:** Hardwick,Justin swp2027 <Justin.Hardwick@south-wales.police.uk>; Jones-Roberts,Gareth swp1919 <Gareth.Jones-Roberts@south-wales.police.uk>

**Subject:** FW: Cardiff beer bike cooperation with Manchester beer bike LTD

Good afternoon, Thanos,

I am emailing with the hope that I can arrange a time and date with you or another suitable staff member for me to come and see your Beer Bike.

We, on the Police Licensing Team, have not encountered such a vehicle in Cardiff before and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to see one close up.

Could you please consider this request seriously and get back to me with a date and time which is convenient to you and/or your staff on which we could attend and have a look?

Any time Mon-Fri 08:00-15:00hrs would be great for us please.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards

John

## Crowther,John swp59384

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**From:** Manchester Beer Bike <manchesterbeerbike@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 12 March 2026 17:52  
**To:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Subject:** Re: Cardiff beer bike cooperation with Manchester beer bike LTD

Dear John,

Thank you for your email.

To ensure that communication remains clear and consistent, our legal advisor is coordinating this process and leading the communication with the relevant authorities. Therefore, it would be most helpful if any upcoming questions or requests for clarification could be directed to him directly. He will be best placed to provide detailed responses and any supporting documentation required.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, and we look forward to continuing the dialogue once the documentation has been shared.

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384 <John.Crowther1@south-wales.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 12 March 2026 09:59  
**To:** Manchester Beer Bike <manchesterbeerbike@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Dewhurst,Claire swp53417 <Claire.Dewhurst@south-wales.police.uk>; Hardwick,Justin swp2027 <Justin.Hardwick@south-wales.police.uk>; Jones-Roberts,Gareth swp1919 <Gareth.Jones-Roberts@south-wales.police.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Cardiff beer bike cooperation with Manchester beer bike LTD

Good morning, Thanos/Lukas,

On 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 I asked if we could arrange a date and time to come and see the vehicle you intend to use in Cardiff in connection with your Beer bike business.

I do not seem to have had a reply.

Could we please meet and have a look at the Beer bike, as we are keen to fully understand how it will be operated and used in Cardiff?

Thanks in advance

Kind regards

John

## Crowther,John swp59384

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Sent:** 18 March 2026 12:47  
**To:** Patrick Robson  
**Cc:** Dewhurst,Claire swp53417; Elaine Ibbotson  
**Subject:** Beer Travel UK Ltd

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	Patrick Robson	
	Dewhurst,Claire swp53417	Delivered: 18/03/2026 12:47
	Elaine Ibbotson	

Good morning, Patrick,

Can I ask, did you receive my email request for CCTV footage from the Licenced Premises in the Wirral which your client Beer Bike Travel UK Ltd uses to appropriate alcohol for Cardiff Beer Bikes? I tried to get this from a person I take to be Lukas or Thanos of Manchester Beer Bike, but I was asked to go through the legal representative. I trust this is you.  
I wish to see footage showing when the alcohol was appropriated from the Wirral premises at 5 Heathbank Rd for the Cardiff contracts on 14 and 27 Feb 2026.

Are you able to assist please?

I have sent a request from our NICE Investigate system so you will receive the official link you can use to send the footage.

Thanks

Kind regards

John

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Sent:** 17 March 2026 10:21  
**To:** Elaine Ibbotson  
**Cc:** Dewhurst,Claire swp53417  
**Subject:** FW: Premises licence application - Container 21, 105-115 High Street, Bath, BA2 1DB (BEE115/2)

Hi Elaine, (NOT SURE IF THIS SENT YESTERDAY – so I’m trying again)

I forgot to mention, (without prejudice) the conditions put forward on behalf of your client are appreciated but still need some finessing.

I will await your response to my previous email before making further comment.

Kind regards

John

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Sent:** 16 March 2026 13:42  
**To:** Elaine Ibbotson <eibbotson@john-gaunt.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Premises licence application - Container 21, 105-115 High Street, Bath, BA2 1DB (BEE115/2)

Dear Elaine,

Thank you for your email. I have one or two observations and comments I wish to advise you of straight away.

1. Conditions 3 and 10 appear to duplicate each other.

Cond 10 could simply be a Challenge 25 condition with details of what ID is deemed acceptable? e.g. 10. Beer Bike tours will operate a 'Challenge 25' policy. This policy will be brought to customers' attention by staff and through the display of appropriate signage. The only forms of identification (ID) recognised will be photographic ID cards, such as a driving licence, passport, Military ID, or proof of

age scheme card bearing the “PASS” mark hologram, official photographic identity cards issued by EU states bearing a hologram or ultraviolet feature. In the event of a challenge and the customer has no acceptable ID, there shall be no supply of alcohol.

2. Condition 5. We are not in favour of the “*prior written agreement*” part of this condition, nor do we support to inclusion of craft ales since this could negate the offered max ABV aspect of the condition. Also, could you please explain what is meant by “*premium alcohol products*”?

3. Condition 11,

1. *Prior to the beer bike tour commencing:*

- *customers will be briefed on safety matters and acceptable behaviour including acceptable noise levels*
- *Pre-ride checks will include an assessment of **any current level of intoxication of customers** with no alcohol supplied to customers deemed drunk prior to or during the ride.*

What is the method used to make this assessment? Is it an objective test, such as using an intoximeter of some sort?

4. Condition 17,

1. *Customer bookings for the premises licence holder's Beer Bike business will be subject to a **term and conditions** requiring appropriate behavior and compliance with Beer Bike representatives during the event. Failure to comply will result, where appropriate, with forfeiture of their participation right.*

What are the Terms and Conditions please? Could we have a copy to consider please?

5. It is not mentioned in your email, but has any consideration been given to on-board CCTV and Body Worn Video?

6. What arrangements are made regarding toilet stops – to prevent public urination?

7. What routes have been selected? Has any consultation taken place with Cardiff County Council Highways Dept?

Finally, has there been any progress in obtaining the CCTV I asked Patrick for last week, and, is your client amenable to the request for us to come see the Beer Bike close up?

Thanks in advance

Kind regards

John

## Crowther,John swp59384

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**From:** Crowther,John swp59384  
**Sent:** 18 March 2026 10:53  
**To:** Patrick Robson  
**Cc:** Elaine Ibbotson; Dewhurst,Claire swp53417; McCarthy,Scott swp5153  
**Subject:** Revised draft conditions for Beer Bike/Beer Travel UK Ltd  
**Attachments:** Revised draft conditions for Beer Bike.docx

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	McCarthy,Scott swp5153	Delivered: 18/03/2026 10:54	Read: 18/03/2026 11:20

Good morning, Patrick,

I have not received a response to my emails sent Monday or Tuesday regarding conditions for Beer Travel UK Ltd and so have drawn a list which, I believe, represents those your client has offered, albeit with our preferred wording as well as some which we, in Cardiff, believe to be appropriate, proportionate, and necessary to promote the Licensing Objectives for this proposed activity.

Please let me know your client's response.

Please note I will be off duty after today, until the date of the hearing.

In my absence you may wish to speak with my colleague, Claire Dewhurst or Scott McCarthy.

Many thanks

Kind regards

John