

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 23 MAY 2025

LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

DODFORD INN

PUBLIC HEARING	
Director:	Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Contact Officer:	Sarah Royall Licensing and Duty Support Officer enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	PERRYFIELDS WARD
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Application Form & Plans Appendix 2 – Existing Licence & current plan Appendix 3 – Representations from other parties

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To consider and determine an application for variation of the premises licence in respect of the premises below:

Dodford Inn
Whinfield Road
Dodford
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B61 9BG

- 1.2. A copy of the application is attached at **Appendix 1**.

- 1.3. A copy of the existing licence is attached at **Appendix 2**.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. On 27 March 2025 an application was received from Gina & David John Myatt for variation of the premises licence in respect of

**Dodford Inn
Whinfield Road
Dodford
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B61 9BG**

- 2.2. The application contained all the requisite documentation including the fee.
- 2.3. It can be confirmed that the application has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations and that the application has also been served on all responsible authorities.

- 2.4. The current licence authorises the following activities on the premises

Sale of alcohol from 10:00 hours until 23:00 hours Mondays to Thursdays, 10:00 hours until 00:00 hours Fridays to Saturdays, 11:00 hours until 23:00 hours on Sundays.

Live music from 10:00 hours until 00:00 hours Fridays to Saturdays.

Recorded Music from 10:00 hours until 00:00 hours Fridays to Saturdays.

- 2.5. The licence permits the following non standard timings:

All licensable activities shall finish at 12 midnight on the following notable days/dates:
Every Monday and Sunday for all Bank Holidays, namely, Easter, Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday;
Every Thursday prior to Easter Bank Holiday;
Christmas Eve; and
Boxing Day.
Christmas Day - 12:00 - 15:30 & 19:00 - 23:00
New Year's Eve - All licensable activities listed are permitted till the start of trading hours on New Year's Day.

- 2.6. The applicant is applying for the following variations to their existing licence:

Removal of all non standard timings.

Amendment to permitted alcohol sales hours - Permit the sale of alcohol from 10:00 on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (currently 11:00), aligning with Friday and Saturdays.

Permit the sale of alcohol until 00:00 on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (currently 23:00), aligning with Fridays and Saturdays.

Removal of Annex 3 - This condition currently restricts the use of the outside patio area by customers after 23:20. We request its removal to allow continued monitored use of the area.

Extension of the licensed area in accordance with the attached drawings.

- 2.7. Officers have noted that the applicants have requested the extension of Live and Recorded Music until 00:00 Sundays to Thursdays. The proposal to extend the hours for live and recorded music is no longer being pursued by the applicants, therefore this proposal will not be considered as part of this application.
- 2.8. The Live Music Act 2012 permits licensed premises to have Live and Recorded Music until 23:00, therefore the premises is permitted to have Live and Recorded Music until 23:00 Sundays to Thursdays.

3. REPRESENTATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 3.1. The application has been forwarded to all responsible authorities prescribed under the Licensing Act 2003. No representations have been received from any of these responsible authorities.

OTHER PERSONS

- 3.2. 13 valid representations have been received from other persons relating to concerns for the potential for public nuisance. Representations raise concerns regarding the protection of children from harm and public safety. Some of the representations allude to the potential for disorder. A copy of these representations are attached at **Appendix 3**.

4. LOCAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The Sub-Committee should have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.2. The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is available to download from the Council's website or to request a hard copy, contact Worcestershire Regulatory Services on 01905 822799 or email enquiries@worcestershire.gov.uk

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Sub-Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives which are:
 - the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance;

- the protection of children from harm.

- 5.2. In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is also obliged to have regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.3. The Sub-Committee must also have regard to the representations made and the evidence it hears.
- 5.4. The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
 - (a) Grant the application as requested
 - (b) Modify the conditions of the licence, by altering or omitting or adding to them.
 - (c) Reject the application in whole or in part.
- 5.5. The Sub-Committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.
- 5.6. All parties to the hearing will be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- 5.7. Any party aggrieved by a decision taken by the Sub-Committee may appeal against the decision to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision in writing.
- 5.8. The hearing should be conducted in accordance with the agreed procedure.

6. FOR DECISION

- 6.1. The Sub-Committee must consider and determine the application.