

Meeting	Licensing Committee
Portfolio Area	Communities, Community Safety and Equalities
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FOUR APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES AT THE ROYAL OAK PUB, STEVENAGE SG1 3RA.

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1 PURPOSE

To determine four Temporary Event Notices applied for by the Tenant of The Royal Oak PH, 24 Walkern Road, Stevenage.

- 1.1 In reaching its decision, the Committee must have regard to its obligation to promote the four licensing objectives:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Matters which do not relate to the four licensing objectives must be disregarded.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers all evidence submitted within the representations, as well as that provided by the applicant and/or their representatives, in order to determine the appropriate course of action in relation to this application.

- 2.2 Following its assessment, the Committee may choose to impose conditions which already apply to the existing Premises Licence., grant the TEN, so that the event can proceed without change of conditions, or issue a counter notice to prevent the event going ahead. **A copy of the current Premises Licence and Plan are attached at Appendix 1**

3 SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 3.1 Four Temporary Event Notices (TENs) submitted by Mr. Paul Gould, tenant of The Royal Oak PH, located at 24 Walkern Road, Stevenage, was duly processed by the licensing authority on 28th April 2026.
- 3.2 The first of these notices pertains to a proposed event described as a "DJ in main bar of the premises and to extend their licensing hours to 01:00," The event is scheduled to start at 23:00hrs on Friday, 22nd May 2026, until 01:00 on Saturday, 23rd May 2026. This specific event is intended to accommodate a maximum of 120 persons and incorporates the licensable activities including the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises., the provision of regulated entertainment, and late-night refreshments. A full copy of the TEN **is attached at Appendix 2**
- 3.3 A second Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been submitted for a proposed event described as a "DJ in main bar of the premises and to extend the licensing hours to 00:00," scheduled to take place from 23:00 hrs on Sunday 24th May 2026, until 00:00 hrs on Monday 25th May 2026. This application seeks authorisation for the same licensable activities as the first notice: the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment, and the provision of late-night refreshments. The maximum number of persons expected to be on the premises for this specific event is stated as 120. A complete copy of the TEN applications **is attached at Appendix 3**
- 3.4 The third Temporary Event Notice (TEN) application submitted for the premises outlines a "DJ in the main bar of the premises and to extend the licensing hours to 01:00". The event is scheduled from 23:00hrs on Saturday 1st August 2026, concluding at 01:00 hrs on Sunday 2nd August 2026. The applicant proposes a maximum capacity of 120 attendees. The intended licensable activities for this specific event mirror those applied for in the previous notices, encompassing the sale of alcohol (for consumption both on and off the premises), the provision of regulated entertainment, and the provision of late-night refreshments. A copy of the TEN application **is attached at Appendix 4**

- 3.5 A fourth Temporary Event Notice (TEN) has been submitted for an event scheduled to take place on Saturday 8th August 2026, starting at 23:00 hrs and ending at 01:00 hrs on Sunday 9th August 2026. The proposed event, described as a "DJ in the main bar of the premises and to extend the licensing hours to 01:00,". The applicant proposed a maximum capacity of 120 persons. The licensable activities sought under this notice include the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment, and the supply of late-night refreshments. A copy of this TEN application **is attached at Appendix 5**
- 3.6 The applicant has also included with each application a full list of Conditions from Annex 2 and 3 of the existing premises licence which they wish to adopt for all four events. Condition 1 and 2 of Annex 3 would not be required due to the hours applied for in the context of these applications.

4 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Royal Oak PH was built in 1866 and situated in Walkern Road, Stevenage, **Location Map attached at Appendix 6.**
- 4.2 A Minor Variation to the Premises Licence was granted, on 17 November 2025. The variation was approved following an application submitted by the previous licence holder, Mc Mullen & Sons, to voluntarily add and amend specific conditions to the premises licence. These changes were proposed in alignment with the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance, a result of proactive engagement with both the Licensing Authority and Environmental Health authorities. This variation was formally granted under delegated authority on 17 November 2025.
- 4.3 On 22nd December 2025 the licensing committee determined a previous TEN submitted by the same applicant, for 31st December 2025 between 19:00hrs and 01:00hrs.
- 4.4 The Committee resolved to permit the event to proceed subject to the imposition of all the Premises Licence Conditions except paragraphs 1 and 2 from annex 3. It was considered that paragraph 1 would be inconsistent with the event proceeding and that paragraph 2 was irrelevant in the circumstances of the event.
- 4.5 In permitting the event to proceed the Committee was clear that any non-compliance and/or complaints against the Premises would certainly count against it and would likely be relevant to the Committee's consideration of any future applications. No complaints were received in relation to this event.
- 4.6 The Royal Oak Public House has been subject to complaints of noise nuisance with complaints being received every year for the past 15 years. Premises Licence conditions have been found to be breached on a number of occasions and have been witnessed by the Licensing Authority and Environmental Health, particularly in regard to the use of the noise limiter. However, compliance inspections and visits to the venue in 2026 have illustrated compliance with the revised premises licence.

5 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 5.1 Objection was received from environmental health for all four TENs under the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance. A copy of each objection is **Attached at Appendix 7 -10**.
- 5.2 In summary environmental health's core concern is that granting the TEN would disapply the existing public nuisance safeguards contained within the operating schedule of the existing Premises licence.
- 5.3 Environmental Health have provided a report as evidence in support of their objection to each of the four applications which is **attached at Appendix 11**.
- 5.4 No objections were received from Police in respect of all four TEN applications.

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 Whilst the application for a TEN itself has a relatively low fee (£21 per notice), the process of responding to an objection can lead to increased costs to the Council, e.g. administration and legal costs.
- 6.1.2 If the objection results in the events being prevented or delayed, this can lead to significant financial losses. The event organiser may have already made commitments for staffing, equipment rental/booking of entertainment, marketing, and ticket sales. Depending on the type of event, the cancellation could result in lost revenue and potentially damage the reputation of the organiser

6.2 Legal Implications

- 6.2.1 The Committee is advised that paragraphs 7.27, 7.32-7.39 of Section 182 Guidance for the Licensing Act 2003 refers to objections to a TEN and is the decision of the Licensing authority alone.
- 6.2.2 The committee under Section 106A Licensing Act 2003, must consider if it wishes to apply conditions to the standard TEN's.
- 6.2.3 The committee must under Section 106A (3) notify the premises user and provide a notice to each relevant party.

6.3 Policy Implications

There are no policy implications.

6.4 Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.4.1 Any decision by the Committee is based on evidence before it at the meeting; there are no equalities and diversity implications.

7 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

BD1 [Licensing Act 2003](#) Section 100 - 106

BD2 [Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 \(February 2026\) \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#) (Section 7)

BD3 [Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2030](#)

8 APPENDICES

- 1 Premises Licence and Plan
- 2 Temporary Event Notice for 22nd May 2026
- 3 Temporary Event Notice for 24th May 2026
- 4 Temporary Event Notice for 1st August 2026
- 5 Temporary Event Notice for 8th August 2026
- 6 Royal Oak Location Map
- 7 Environmental Health Representation Form- TEN 22nd May 2026
- 8 Environmental Health Representation Form – TEN 24th May 2026
- 9 Environmental Health Representation Form – TEN 1st August 2026
- 10 Environmental Health Representation Form – TEN 8th August 2026
- 11 Environmental Health Representation Evidence Report