



Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES Stevenage Borough Council LICENSING AUTHORITY

Responsible Authority: Hertfordshire Constabulary

Your Name	
Job Title	Senior Licensing Officer
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Email Address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Borough Wines, application to vary DPS	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	9 THE OVAL, VARDON ROAD STEVENAGE HERTFORDSHIRE SG1 5RA	
Is this the first objection in respect of these premises	No	- Police applied for review of Oval Wines Premises licence on 29th October, 2024. - The licence was revoked at a Licensing. - Hearing at SBC on 19th December 2024. - Appeal was lodged and hearing at Stevenage Magistrates Court was due to be held in December 2025, however it was not heard and a new date for 2026 has been set. - Application for Minor Variation was objected to by Herts Constabulary and Trading Standard in August 2025, this was upheld an application was refused on 18th August 2025. - Multiple Representations have been made by Stevenage Police Senior Licensing Officer, on behalf of Hertfordshire Constabulary has made representation against the application made by Emrah ORUC to become DPS of Borough Wines (formerly Oval Wines), each time, the application has been withdrawn prior to the hearing date, and re-submitted as a new application on the same day. - This will be the 15th application by Mr Oruc

		for the position of DPS. - Circumstances have not changed, and Police still have concerns with regard to his suitability for the Role of DPS
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Hertfordshire Constabulary, being a nominated Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, wish to make representation to this application.

Our representation(s) are made in consideration to the below licensing objectives, as we believe the operating schedule does not adequately demonstrate how you, the applicant will best support this.

Licensing Objections

YES	Yes Or No	<i>Evidence supporting representation or reason for representation. Please use continuation sheet as required</i>
To prevent crime and disorder	YES	The proposed DPS is Premises Licence Holder for Borough Wines (formerly Oval Wines). Evidence of multiple incidents of breaches of licence including sales of illegal/illicit products, evidence of drugs paraphernalia and residue of cocaine in various areas of premises. The proposed has been made aware of these breaches, has been warned in writing by SLO [REDACTED] and has been viewed on video footage at the scene of crime and disorder. See video footage produced – This is part of the revocation case, which is being appealed against and was re-scheduled until later in 2026 to be heard at SMC. A complaint was recently received by Police, which has now been investigated in relation to the conduct of Management of Oval Wines, and alleged breaches of the Licensing Act 2003. Statements and downloads of house CCTV are available to be viewed. • Following enquiries into this complaint, Mr [REDACTED] did not offer CCTV download, requested on several occasions, and was sent a warning letter in respect of a breach of his Licencing Conditions. See attached letter. • Mr [REDACTED] was also sent a letter in relation to sale of alcohol to a drunk, which is also attached. An incident was reported to Police on 9th September 2025, and reports and evidence are attached to this application. This incident has evidenced that the customer involved was highly intoxicated and was able to purchase alcohol at Oval Wines. On 29th January 2026, there was an incident at Oval Shopping Centre, Stevenage, when a robbery was committed at a Chemist shop in the Oval precinct, and this currently being investigated. Though the incident does not involve Borough Wines, it has highlighted a concern about customers with balaclava's being served by staff at Borough Wines, which is being looked in to at this time. The customer being served at Borough Wines, on that still, is the suspect in the robbery case, who had attended Borough Wines, just before the robbery. The still will be available when investigations are completed.
Public safety	YES	It is reported, and also admitted, [REDACTED], (the proposed DPS) that he has been on scene when: ‘Disruption and violent disorder by customers around the vicinity of Oval Wines, regarding activities, caused distress and alarm to other businesses

		and their customers. CCTV footage is available.'
To prevent public nuisance	YES	Members of the 'Oval' gang used this as their hub and constantly frequented the shop and gathered in close proximity outside. These males were causing distress and anti-social behaviour in and around the Oval shopping precinct. Meeting in large numbers as many as 20 to 30 people, smoking and believed to be dealing drugs. Using foul and abusive language, intimidating people visiting the precinct and causing a nuisance to customers and other local businesses. Statement from Policed Sergeant [REDACTED] NPT, produced. The proposed DPS/owner was aware and there is video footage of him on scene when the gang have entered and exited the premises, during an incident. *Though the gang was dispersed by Police during additional emergency patrols at that time, these are not permanent, and it is believed they will resume their activities in the future. See last comment added on the Prevent Crime and Disorder section above, in relation to a customer wearing a full-face balaclava.
To protect children from harm	YES	As there was evidence of drug use in the shop, due to residue being found within that shop, (also there are concerns and gang related ASB), there was no chance of the applicant/ owner, who attends the shop on a daily basis, not to being aware of this. It has also been proven that illegal tobacco and other substances/medication have been stored and found in the rear of the shop, which is of concern. There are various Intelligence reports which refer to drugs and young males attending the premises, some as young as 11 years of age and there is cause for concern. Knife carrying has also been mentioned. Local authority CCTV has shown that previously suspects at the Oval in possession of large machetes chasing this group, (many of whom are children), and some have sought refuge in Oval Wines. When requested the licensee and owner/applicant, have been unable to provide footage that shows this incident. – Please also see recent failure by Mr [REDACTED] to furnish Police with download of CCTV, requested on several occasions. As previously alluded to, though the gang was dispersed by Police during additional emergency patrols at that time, these are not permanent, and it is believed they will resume their activities in the future.

The below additions to the Schedule as provided at Part 4 of the application, identifies those matters that we believe are necessary, to promote the licensing objectives.

	Hertfordshire Constabulary is of the view that the proposed DPS will not conform with the licence and have proven, by way of constant breaches to which he will not adhere to it. (See attached notes). Added to this, the use of these premises for the purpose of selling illegal vapes. tobacco/cigarettes, in the past, and the evidence of drugs within the shop, Police do not believe that the proposed DPS/Management of the premises can be trusted to adhere to the four Licensing Objectives.
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The proposed DPS/PLH challenged police, in support of the youths, during enquiries being conducted following incidents around the premises, indicating that the youths were not doing anything wrong.

As already stated, there is currently an outstanding complaint from a MOP, being investigated in relation to an alleged breach of the Licensing Act 2003, which, if founded will deem Mr. [REDACTED] as not fit and proper to be DPS at Oval Wines.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Previous attitude of proposed DPS towards Police Officers, Police staff on occasions, have been unacceptable.

Recent complaint from MOP is being investigated, including attitude of management towards the complainant.

Information to be submitted with this application, however, extract below from the complainant's statement regarding a drunk purchasing alcohol from the shop.

'This person in particular, was irate when I mentioned the licencing act and he said, "IF HE PICKS UP A 6 PACK OF BEER, IM SELLING IT TO HIM, WE ARE A SHOP".'

Police do not expect this sort of behaviour from a DPS – see comments made by the witness on statements with regard to the sale of alcohol to a paying customer.

CCTV was requested by an Officer and was not readily available on the day – 21st August 2025.

Since this date various attempts to retrieve downloads of CCTV footage for specific dates, have been made, and though some have now been received, there have been unacceptable delays, and Police hours wasted attempting to collect them.

There have been other requests by Police, visits made and advice given by Officers, when Good Sam was offered as a tool to assist Mr [REDACTED] (after reminders), to transfer the CCTV download, for access by officers.

Additional information attached as evidence, due to content offered, and missing footage.

It is a condition of the premises licence, (Condition 1 of Annex 2) that The Oval Wines have CCTV in place which will record and retain unedited images for up to 30 days and which will be made available to any Responsible Authority on request.

There continue to be additional patrols in place which include the Oval, due to the gang culture around the Oval precinct, and the historical issues in and around what is now known at Borough Wines (previously known as Oval wines).

Though there has been a reduction in crime in this area, it is unknown how long these will continue, and should

they cease there is a concern the gangs will resume their previous ASB.

Additional Note.

More recently revised/replacement conditions were offered by Mr [REDACTED] on the recently refused Minor application for Oval Wines, as below:

Conditions to be added:

- 1. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems that capture head and shoulders images of persons entering the premises and all points of sale shall be installed, operate and record video images at all times that the premises are open to the public.*
- 2. All CCTV recordings made shall be retained for not less than 31 days and be made available to Police or an authorised officer of any responsible authority within one hour upon request. In accordance with current data protection legislation.*
- 3. A member of staff capable of operating the CCTV system and downloading images shall be at the premises at all times that the premises are open to the public.*
- 4. The CCTV system shall display on any recording, the correct date and time of the recording.*

Should you require clarification on any matter being made, please contact the named officer to discuss further.

Signed [REDACTED]

Date: ...16/04/2026.....

Note for Officers:

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