

**David Lloyd Lelsure, 242 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 3AS**  
**Documents in support of Premises Licence Variation application**

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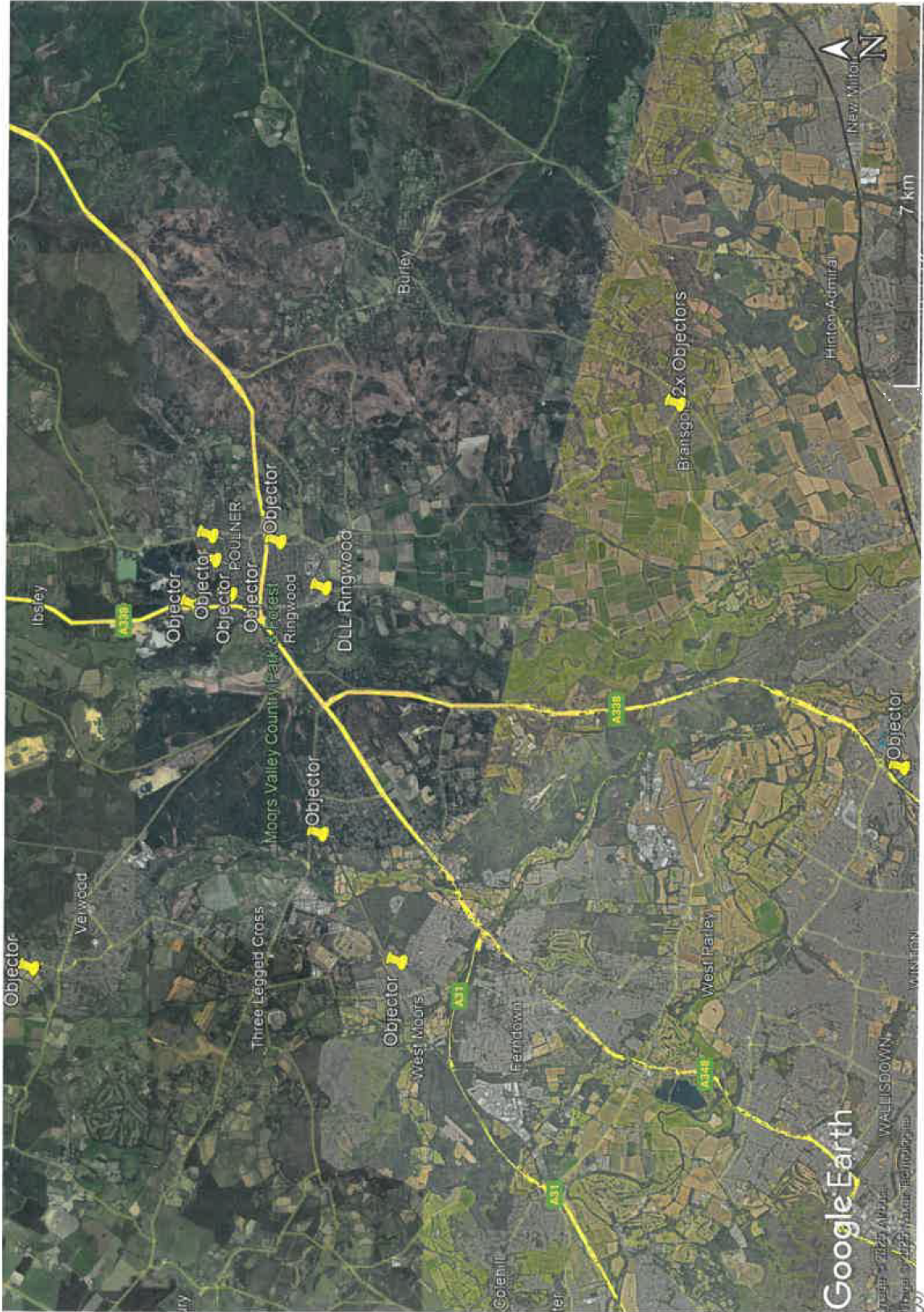


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## Licensing Solicitors

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To the appropriate person

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**David Lloyd Lelsure, 242 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 3AS  
Premises Licence Variation Application**

This letter is provided to you to address any licensing concerns that you have raised in your representation against the premises licence variation application for the above premises.

### 1. What is a premises licence?

The premises licence held by the club regulates the provision of licensable activities, which for this club include the sale of alcohol by retail, provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment. For the avoidance of doubt nothing in this application seeks to extend the permitted hours for those licensable activities.

The licensable activities can take place in the approved licensed areas, which for this club are shown on drawing 1977.1, a copy of which is provided for your information.

Currently, all currently approved licensable activities can take place in the club room (edged red). The outside areas edged green are licensed for the sale of alcohol and recorded music whereas the area edged blue are licensed for the exhibition of films only.

As you will appreciate, the licensable activities permitted are very much ancillary to the principal operation of the Club.

### 2. What does the application propose?

A scheme of works is to be undertaken at the premises to numerous areas. The proposed layout of the Club is shown on drawing 087-D-210-4, a copy of which is provided.

In terms of the impact on the premises licence and licensed areas, the scheme is very modest. First, there will be some minimal changes to the club room,

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principally in respect of changes to seating and screens. There will also be a small change to the servery counter and minor extension of the licensed footprint – but this is behind the servery counter and does not relate to public areas.

Second, the external licensed footprint will change, but again only minimally compared to the current approved position. Principally, the external licensed area will be extended to encompass the terrace area adjacent to the club room. This area is already in existence for members to use – the application just seeks to extend the licensed area to it.

It is correct that a TV screen is proposed to be used in that area but the transmission of live television is not a licensable activity regulated under the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act') and so approval for providing a TV is not required through the variation licensing process.

### **3. Licensing objectives and changes to unlicensed areas**

The premises licence variation application is only required to approve changes to licensed areas and matters that fall within the remit of the Act.

Further, the licensing objectives are only engaged in respect of and in connection to the licensable activities.

Accordingly, any proposed changes to other club facilities (such as badminton and squash courts) do not impact the premises licence and so fall outside the ambit of the Act and the licensing objectives. As such, they are not matters upon which the licensing committee can take action or prevent from occurring.

If the current application was refused then all this would do would be to: (i) prevent the aforementioned club room changes to seating/screens proceeding; and (ii) keep the external licensed footprint the same. The changes to the other club facilities will be able to proceed regardless of the outcome of this application.

### **4. Licensing objections**

In terms of the context of the premises licence variation application then if you have any specific concerns about the minor layout changes to the club room (which we are not aware is the case), please confirm.

For the outside area then this will be operated mindful of the licensing objectives and in particular the prevention of public nuisance. It is our understanding, however, that none of those that raised objections live in the vicinity of the Club and therefore will not have any residential amenity impacted by this area.

If you feel this correspondence has adequately addressed your licensing concerns then I should be grateful if you could confirm the same to the licensing officer with a view to withdrawing your representation. If your representation is not withdrawn the Council will convene its licensing committee to determine the application and I am sure all parties involved would like to avoid that possibility if possible.



In respect of concerns about other matters not connected to changes to the licensed areas then we recommend that you address those directly with the Club.

Should you have any queries, or require clarification on any points contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to email at [probson@john-gaunt.co.uk](mailto:probson@john-gaunt.co.uk).

  
Yours faithfully

  
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## Relevant sections of the Licensing Act Guidance – February 2025

Para	Summary	
2.1	Crime and disorder	Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder.
9.4	Representations	A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives... <b>representations should relate to the <u>impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives</u></b> . For representations in relation to variations to be relevant, they should be confined to the subject matter of the variation.
9.12	Responsible authorities	Each responsible authority will be an expert in their respective field, and in some cases it is likely that a particular responsible authority will be the licensing authority's main source of advice in relation to a particular licensing objective.
9.15	Responsible authorities	It is also reasonable for licensing authorities to expect that other responsible authorities should intervene where the basis for the intervention falls within the remit of that other responsible authority. For example, the police should make representations where the representations are based on concerns about crime and disorder. Likewise, it is reasonable to expect the local authority exercising environmental health functions to make representations where there are concerns about noise nuisance. Each responsible authority has equal standing under the 2003 Act and may act independently without waiting for representations from any other responsible authority.
9.43	Determination	The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.
9.44	Determination	As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business.
14.12	Licensing Policies	Statements of policies should make clear that: • <b><u>licensing is about regulating licensable activities on licensed premises</u></b> , by qualifying clubs and at temporary events within the terms of the 2003 Act...

## Relevant sections of the Licensing Policy

Para	Summary	
11.4	Representations	Only relevant representations or objections may be taken into account when considering an application. To be relevant, a representation must address the likely effect of the grant (or variation) of a premises licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. Whilst representations may refer to issues which would be considered under other legislation such as planning, parking or transport in the area, these matters will not be taken into account.