

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

27th NOVEMBER 2025

LICENSING ACT 2003

**CONSIDERATION OF AN OBJECTION NOTICE SERVED IN RESPONSE TO A
TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE**

PUBLIC HEARING	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Copy of Temporary Event Notice Appendix 2 – Conditions attached to relevant premises licence Appendix 3 – Objection from West Mercia Police

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider and determine whether to serve a counter notice in respect of a temporary event notice served in respect of licensable activities being proposed to take place at

**Popzone
12 Market Place
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8AA**

A copy of the temporary event notice is attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 11 November 2025 a temporary event notice application was received from Mrs Leanne Jean Ringrose in respect of licensable activities being proposed to take place at

Popzone
12 Market Place
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8AA

2.2 The temporary event notice was served in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations and the required fee has been paid.

2.3 The premises user seeks approval for licensable activities as follows:

Activity	Days	From	To
Sale by retail of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment	10/12/2025	21:00	23:59
Sale by retail of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment	11/12/2025	00:00	03:00
Late Night refreshment	10/12/2025	23:00	23:59
Late Night refreshment	11/12/2025	00:00	03:00

2.4 The applicant has stated that the nature of the event is a Christmas function for McDonald's staff. They are requesting permission to allow under 18s to attend the function so all staff can celebrate together.

2.4 The premises identified in the temporary event notice is a Nightclub, and is currently authorised to be used to conduct licensable activities by a premises licence.

- 2.5 The premises licence currently in place at the premises, has a condition contained in the operating schedule as follows;

Under 18s are permitted until 20.00, and must be accompanied by an adult at all times and when attending a specific event eg family fun days.

A copy of the conditions attached to the existing premises licence is attached as **Appendix 2**

- 2.6 This TEN is seeking to permit under 18's to be present throughout the function on 10th and 11th December 2025

3. OBJECTION NOTICE(S) RECEIVED FROM RELEVANT PERSONS

Police

- 3.1 An objection notice has been received from PC O'Keefe and sent on behalf of the Chief Officer of West Mercia Police. Concerns are raised relating to the licensing objective of the Protection of Children from Harm. A copy of the objection notice can be seen at **Appendix 3**.

Environmental Health

- 3.2 No objection notices have been served on behalf of Environmental Health.
- 3.3 At any time prior to the hearing, relevant persons may, with the agreement of the premises user, modify the temporary event notice by making changes to the notice. The objection notice shall be treated as having been withdrawn from the time the temporary event notice is modified. No agreement to modify the temporary event notice could be reached in this case.

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@worcsregservices.gov.uk

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 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) Decide to serve a counter notice
- (b) Decide not to serve a counter notice

- 5.5 If a counter notice is served then the licensable activities shown in the temporary event notice would not be authorised. If a counter notice is not served then the activities described in the temporary event notice will be authorised to take place.

- 5.6 At least part of the premises identified in the temporary event notice is currently authorised to be used for licensable activities by a premises licence. As a result, if the Sub-Committee decides not to serve a counter notice, they could decide that it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to attach one or more of the conditions attached to the

relevant premises licence to the temporary event notice. The conditions attached to the relevant premises licence are shown at **Appendix 2**.

- 5.7 The Sub-Committee is asked to note that it may decide to serve a counter notice or attach conditions from the premises licence to the temporary event notice merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.
- 5.8 All parties to the hearing must be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing along with the reasons for the decision.
- 5.9 In accordance with the provisions of Part 3 of Schedule 5 of the Act, where the licensing authority gives a counter-notice under section 105, the premises user may appeal against the decision. Where the authority does not give a counter notice, the relevant person who gave the objection notice may appeal against the decision. In both cases, appeals must be made to a Magistrates Court within 21 days of receiving notification of the decision - however, no appeal can be brought less than 5 working days prior to the first proposed event day.
- 5.10 The hearing should be conducted in accordance with the agreed procedure.

6. FOR DECISION

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee must consider and determine whether to serve a counter notice in respect of the temporary event notice and if it decides not to serve a counter notice, whether it is appropriate to attach any of the conditions from the relevant premises licence to the temporary event notice.