



**Minutes of a meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee (Licensing Act 2003
Matters) held on Thursday, 12 February 2026**

Members present:

Dilys Neill (Chair)

David Fowles

Ray Brassington

Officers present:

Marie Barnes, Lawyer

Julia Gibson, Democratic Services Officer

Kevin Dunford, Licensing Officer

Observers:

Councillor Clare Turner and Ian Watson

5 Apologies

There were no apologies.

6 Subsitiutions

There were no substitute Members.

7 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

8 Application for a new Premises Licence

The Chair explained the four licensing objectives which the Sub-Committee was required to consider in their determination of the application;

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- the protection of children from harm.

The Licensing Officer introduced the application. The purpose of the application was for a new premises licence for Hyll Hotel, Charingworth Manor, Charingworth, Ebrington, Chipping Campden. The application was submitted by Mad Fabulous Hotels Limited.

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They sought to supply alcohol Monday – Sunday on and off sales 10am – 1am, Live and recorded music Monday – Sunday 10am – 1am, late night refreshments Monday – Sunday 11am – 1am, opening hours for the hotel – 24 hours.

Members asked questions to the Licensing Officer, who provided the following answers:

- A premises licence allowed up to 5,000 people. Final capacity would be determined in consultation with the Fire Service, and the applicant would confirm the intended operating capacity.

The Applicant made the following points:

- The current Orangery licence permitted music until midnight and alcohol until 1am. The proposal had sought to align these, but following discussions with residents the request was reduced to 12:30am for music.
- A typical event would host 80–120 guests.
- The new application sought to modernise the licence and introduce stronger safeguards, including a noise management plan, sound limiters, closing doors and windows during music (from 10:30pm), and clear measures to prevent nuisance and ensure guests leave quietly.
- Environmental Health had raised no objection subject to a noise management plan.

Members asked questions of the applicant. They stated the following:

- That nuisance would be noise and particularly the disturbance of sleep. There was no intention to disturb residents and the proposed new licence would introduce additional controls, including closing windows and doors at 10.30pm and operating under a sound management plan to better manage amplified music.
- For any complaints, the residents would be able to contact the hotel directly in the first instance, including the General Manager. Any issues, such as windows being open would be addressed. The applicant stated that complaints would not be ignored and acknowledged that residents could escalate concerns to Environmental Health, who could investigate if necessary.
- The Noise Managements plan had been drafted but not yet submitted.
- The height of the site could not be considered for this application.
- Clarification of the activity was that live music would cease at 10:30pm and that under the Live Music Act 2012, live and recorded music between 8:00am and 11:00pm was generally not a licensable activity. If live music ended at 10:30pm, it would fall outside licensable hours. Recorded music from 11:00pm to 12:30am would remain a licensable activity and formed part of the application.
- The technical noise team had made no objections to the application.
- The venue would host approximately 30 weekend weddings per year, with additional midweek corporate events.

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- During dispersal (12.30am–1.00am), a member of staff would be present in the car park to supervise guests leaving. Taxis would be directed to a designated pull-in area at the front of the hotel, turning there rather than accessing the rear of the site near the village.
- Use of a marquee was not anticipated.
- There were no plans to hold music festivals.

Public Speaker - Frances Welch – Objector

The residents of Charingworth objected to extending music past midnight, citing the hilltop location and glass conservatory causing sound to carry to nearby homes. They considered the current 12:00 am cut-off as sufficient and felt any later extension would constitute a public nuisance, disturbing sleep. Controls on amplified music, open windows, doors, and live music were suggested to limit noise.

Residents reported that under the previous ownership the DJ could be heard from the conservatory due to open doors. In the past six months there had been no such noise. The resident confirmed that they now felt confident issues would be addressed promptly and agreed that, if the licence extension was granted, a procedure could be put in place to manage events collaboratively with the hotel and its management.

Decision

Grant the licence with the following amendments:

- Live music is removed from the application and only allowed under the parameters permitted under the Live Music Act 2012.
- Recorded music terminating at 00:30.
- Non-standard timing request of 1 hour, removed.
- 1 addition to the conditions stating "*The premises shall have in place at all times a Noise Management Plan approved by the Noise pollution team*".

The Meeting commenced at 11.00 am and closed at 12.24 pm

Chair