



19 AUGUST 2026 Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2026
Subject	APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE
Wards affected	Tetbury East and Rural
Accountable member	Planning and Licensing Committee
Report author	Kevin Dunford, Licensing Officer Email: ers@cotswold.gov.uk
Summary/Purpose	To determine an application for a new Premises Licence made by Wilde Dancing Limited, for Existence Festival at Land East Of Boldridge Farm, Crudwell Lane, Long Newnton.
Annexes	Annex A – Copy of the Application. Annex B – Plan of the site and location. Annex C – Representations
Recommendation(s)	That the Licensing Sub-Committee is asked, in light of the representations received, to consider the application and determine whether to: • grant the application as requested. • grant the application subject to such conditions that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives. • refuse the application in whole or in part where it is necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives.
Corporate priorities	• Deliver the highest standard of service
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	A 28-day consultation has been undertaken with all Responsible Authorities and advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** The Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") allows Applicants to apply for new Premises Licences, Premises Licence variations, Club Premises Certificates and Personal Licences. This Application is for a new Premises Licence.
- 1.2** The Application was received from Laceys Solicitors LLP on behalf of Wilde Dancing Limited on 19 June 2026. The Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Application was duly made, the correct notification process was followed, and the Application was appropriately advertised.
- 1.3** The Application sought a Premises Licence for the following licensable activities and times:

Licensable Activity	Days Applied For	Times
Provision of Plays (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	10:00 – 23:59
	Friday	00:00 – 23:59
	Saturday	00:00 – 23:59
	Sunday	00:00 – 23:59
	Monday	00:00 – 16:00
Provision of Films (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	10:00 – 02:00
	Friday	11:00 – 02:00
	Saturday	11:00 – 02:00
	Sunday	11:00 – 02:00
	Monday	11:00 – 16:00
Live Music & Recorded Music (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	14:00 – 02:00
	Friday	10:00 – 02:00
	Saturday	10:00 – 02:00
	Sunday	10:00 – 23:00
Provision of Performances of Dance (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	10:00 – 23:59
	Friday	00:00 – 23:59
	Saturday	00:00 – 23:59



	Sunday	00:00 – 23:59
	Monday	00:00 – 16:00
Provision of anything of a similar description to regulated entertainment (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	10:00 – 02:00
	Friday	11:00 – 02:00
	Saturday	11:00 – 02:00
	Sunday	11:00 – 02:00
	Monday	11:00 – 16:00
Late Night Refreshment (indoors & outdoors)	Thursday	23:00 – 05:00
	Friday	23:00 – 05:00
	Saturday	23:00 – 05:00
	Sunday	23:00 – 05:00
Supply by retail of Alcohol – On sales only	Thursday	14:00 – 02:00
	Friday	11:00 – 02:00
	Saturday	11:00 – 02:00
	Sunday	11:00 – 23:00

A copy of the Application is attached in **Annex A**

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 A copy of the site plan and location is attached in **Annex B**.

3. REPRESENTATIONS

Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003

3.1 Representations have been received from the Pollution (Water) Team and the Technical Pollution (Noise) Team, which are detailed in Annex C. The Crime Prevention Team for Gloucestershire Constabulary logged no objections and stating conditions proposed on the application are proportionate and reasonable.

Parish Council and Residents

- 3.2** Multiple Parish Councils have made representations, and over 70 resident representations in objection have been received. All representations are in **Annex C**.

Views of the Licensing Authority

- 3.3** The concerns raised, which we consider are not relevant in the objections, are:
- Matters to do with traffic, including road safety;
 - Matters involving parking;
 - Matters concerning areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and disturbance to local wildlife.
- 3.4** The Licensing Authority does not consider these concerns due to the following reasons:
- Traffic, Parking, Wildlife and Area of Natural Beauty - These concerns cannot be taken into consideration under the Licensing Act 2003 and would be dealt with under Planning Law. Planning and Licensing are two separate jurisdictions, and it is up to the business operator to ensure that they adhere to both and have requirements in place.

4. NATIONAL GUIDANCE

- 4.1** The Secretary of State's Guidance (referred to as 'Section 182 Guidance') requires Licensing Authorities, following receipt of relevant representations, to make judgements about what constitutes a public nuisance and what is necessary, in terms of conditions attached to a specific Premises Licence, to prevent it.
- 4.2** Where the Act provides for mandatory conditions to be included in a Premises Licence, it is the duty of the Licensing Authority issuing the Licence to include those conditions in the Licence. Any licence issued will contain the mandatory conditions.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** There are no financial implications arising directly from the consideration of this application. However, any appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the refusal of the Application or against the imposition of Conditions could result in the Council having to bear the legal costs of defending its decision.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** There is a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the Council's decision.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 7.1** The following documents have been identified by the author of the report in accordance with section 100D.5(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are listed in accordance with section 100 D.1(a) for inspection by members of the public:

- Cotswold District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy – 2021
- Home Office S.182 Statutory Guidance published February 2026.

- 7.2** These documents will be available for inspection online at www.cotswold.gov.uk or by contacting democratic services democratic@cotswold.gov.uk for a period of up to 4 years from the date of the meeting.

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