

LICENSING HEARING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026

Councillors Present: Jeremy Cottam (Chairman), Paul Dick and Martha Vickers

Substitutes: Councillor Phil Barnett and Councillor Clive Taylor

Also Present: Mark Groves (Lead Licensing and Enforcement Officer), Tobi Oyedeji (Legal Advisor), and Rilet Timmey (Licensing Officer)

PART I

1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

2 **The Gun, 142 Andover Road, Newbury, RG14 6NE**

The Licensing Sub-Committee (the panel) considered a report (Agenda Item 2(1)) concerning the Premises License Review for The Gun, 142 Andover Road, Newbury, RG14 6NE.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Mark Groves (Licensing Officer, West Berkshire Council) Raj Hundal (Representing the Home Office who called for the review of the license), Tim Shield, Trevor Reardon, and Wayne Billyeald (representing Trust Inns, the license holder), and Councillor David marsh (Ward Member and supporter of the license) addressed the hearing on this review.

All parties to the hearing were provided the opportunity to give evidence and ask questions of the other parties.

When the evidence had been presented and questions concluded, all parties confirmed that they were satisfied that they had been provided a reasonable opportunity to present their case.

The panel then retired to make their decision.

Having taken the representations into account, the Panel **RESOLVED** that the premise license be amended with immediate effect to include the conditions agreed by the License Holder and the Home Office, which are outlined at point 4.6 in the agenda pack, together with the additional conditions set out below:

1. **Condition:**

That the License Holder conducts regular and unannounced visits/inspections to the Premises, and in any case not less than once per month.

Reason:

As it was agreed that by discharging obligations under existing law, it was expected that the Proposed Conditions should be ordinarily complied with. It was therefore further reasoned that to ensure active compliance with immigration and employment law and the Proposed Conditions by the operator, regular visits/inspection of the Premises by the License Holder would be a reasonable, proportionate, and necessary condition.

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2. Condition:

That the License Holder keeps and maintains a record of each visit/inspection and their finding, which may be requested by the Licensing Authority from time to time.

Reason:

For the Licensing Authority to ensure compliance with the condition as to the regular and unannounced visit/inspection by the License Holder in respect of the Premises, it was considered reasonable and necessary for a record of such visit/inspection and their findings be kept and maintained by the License Holder.

3. Condition:

That the Licensing Authority may, from time to time, conduct a review of compliance with these new conditions, including the Proposed Conditions and Additional Conditions.

Reason:

For the effective monitoring of the Premises in a bid to prevent the recurrence of the past immigration related issues.

(The meeting commenced at 10.45am and closed at 11.30am)

Name	Councillor Jeremy Cottam (Chairman)
Date of Signature	27 February 2026
Name	Councillor Paul Dick
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