



Report to: Licensing Sub-Committee – 23 April 2026
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Report Summary	
Report Title	Application to vary a Premises Licence (PL 002404)
Purpose of Report	For Members to consider an application to vary a premises licence for Walesby Forest.
Recommendations	<p>Members should consider an application to vary a Premises Licence and the representations made for Walesby Forest and take the steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps available on determination of an application are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To refuse the variation to the Premises Licence• To grant the variation to the Premises Licence• To grant the variation to the with additional conditions• To grant the variation but restrict the licensable activities• To grant the variation with amended timings

1.0 Background

1.1 The application to vary the premises licence was submitted by Guy Laurie on behalf of Walesby Forest Limited in February 2026. The application seeks to increase the capacity of the venue from 4,999 to 9,999 and increase the licensable activities as follow:

- a. Late night refreshment - 23.00 to 02.00
- b. Supply of alcohol:
 - i. Monday to Wednesday - 10.00 to 23.45
 - ii. Thursday to Sunday - 10.00 to 00.45

1.2 The application and plan of the premises are attached as **Appendix A** and a map showing the site in context. **Appendix B** contains the existing Premises Licence which the variation application pertains to.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered/Reason for Hearing

- 2.1 There have been 6 representations from other persons which have been deemed relevant. The representations are attached as **Appendices C to H** of this report.
- 2.2 To summarise, residents have significant concerns regarding both the increase in traffic causing concerns around public safety and public nuisance. In addition, an increase in littering including broken glass in the surrounding area is also referred to. This is based upon their recent experiences when Walesby Forest have hosted events, managed by independent Organisers.
- 2.3 Councillors will note that Environmental Health have not made any representation below associated with this variation application. However, Licensing Officers have reached out to Environmental Health following receipt of representations from residents and they advised that numerous Service Requests had been investigated relating to this site.
- 2.4 These complaints were associated with events hosted by Walesby Forest, most recently Fake/Torchlight Music Festivals, which are delivered by third parties under the Walesby Forest existing Premises Licence. Environmental Health also confirmed that complaints go back over 10 years. Satisfactory resolutions were sought from the individual organisers to prevent future public nuisance including improvements in their noise management plans.
- 2.5 The table below provides details of any representations received from the responsible authorities.

Responsible Authority	Detail
Nottinghamshire Police	Agreement reached to amend operating schedule - No representation received.
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue	No comments received.
Social Services – Notts CC	No comments received.
Planning	No objection.
Environmental Health	No representation received.
Trading Standards – Notts CC	No comments received.
Public Health	No comments received.
Home Office - Immigration	No comments received.
Other	6 Representations from other persons.

- 2.6 The applicant has now been made aware of the representations and no agreement has been reached between the applicant and the objectors.
- 2.7 An agreement to amend the operating schedule was reached between the applicant and Nottinghamshire Police, the agreement is attached at **Appendix I** of this report.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.