



Report to: Licensing Sub-Committee – 5 June 2026
 Director Lead: Matthew Finch, Director – Communities & Environment
 Lead Officer: Damian Wilkins, Environmental Health & Licensing Manager

Report Summary	
Report Title	Application to vary a Premises Licence (PL 002822)
Purpose of Report	For Members to consider an application to vary a premises licence for the Locke and Key, 16-20 Middle Gate, Newark on Trent, NG24 1AG.
Recommendations	<p>Members should consider an application to vary a Premises Licence and the representations made for the Locke and Key public house and take the steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The options 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 Annika Barton, originally in January, although the complete application was not accepted until April 2026. The current Premises Licence permits licensing activities commencing at 08:00 and ending at 23:00. This application seeks to amend the licensable activities as follow:

- Live Music
 - i. Monday to Saturday - 11.00 to 01.00
 - ii. Sunday - 11.00 to 23:00
- Recorded Music
 - i. Monday to Saturday - 11.00 to 01.00
 - ii. Sunday - 11.00 to 23:00
- Supply of alcohol:
 - i. Monday to Saturday - 11.00 to 01.00
 - ii. Sunday - 11.00 to 23:00

1.2 The application and plan of the premises are attached as **Appendix A**, with a map showing the site in context available in **Appendix B**. This business is located on the junction of Middle Gate and Boar Lane with the entrance being accessible of Boar Lane. **Appendix C** contains the existing Premises Licence, which the application seeks to vary.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered/Reason for Hearing

2.1 There is one representation from a resident which is relevant. The representation (and subsequent email highlighting an incident in February 2026) are both available in **Appendices D** of this report.

2.2 To summarise, the resident wishes to highlight the potential negative impact of permitting the licensable activities hours to be extended due to nuisance disturbance from live/recorded music and antisocial behaviour including violent crime. The resident also explains that existing antisocial behaviour and crime would be exacerbated. The representation is accompanied by a typed letter which provides further context.

2.3 A further email was received via Councillor Michelle Home from this resident who highlighted an incident on 1 February 2026 and advising that they have spoken to the manager of the business regarding music levels. The email goes on to highlight that both properties (the business and their home) are in a conservation area and have single glazing.

2.4 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 the representation. EH confirmed that there is no history of noise complaints but suggested conditions that restrict live and recorded music to indoors only, and requires regular checks being made to monitor noise levels in the vicinity when live or recorded music is played to ensure that no nuisance is caused (**Appendix E**)

2.5 The table below provides details of any representations received from Responsible Authorities:

Responsible Authority	Detail
Nottinghamshire Police	No comments 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

2.6 A subsequent agreement to amend the operating schedule was reached between the Applicant and the Licensing Officer, is this is attached at **Appendix F** of this report. The conditions agreed to by the applicant are:

1. No children under 16 years old will be allowed in the bar area of the premises after 21:00.
2. All children under 16 to be accompanied by an adult at all times.
3. The premises licence holder and DPS to implement the Ask for Angela scheme in their venue and make sure that staff receive suitable training to be able to help people who need it.
4. When live music or recorded music takes place inside the premises all doors and windows will be kept shut.
5. When regulated entertainment and background music takes place outdoors a noise management plan must be in place to review the impact of noise prior to, during and after each event.

2.7 The resident making the representation was made aware of the additional conditions agreed to by the applicant on 20 May 2026. At the time of writing this report, no agreement has been reached.

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.