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# **Application for a New Premises Licence – Gambling Act 2005**

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken by: Licensing (Hearings)  
Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken on/Date of meeting: 27 March 2026

Lead director/officer: Bobby Smiljanic

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## **Useful information**

- Ward(s) affected: Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields
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- Report version number: 1

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report outlines an application under the Gambling Act 2005 for a new premises licence for BoyleSports, 259b Narborough Road, Leicester and summarises the representations received. It also highlights the licensing objectives and the relevant parts of both the statutory guidance and the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Principles.

### **2. Determination to be made**

- 2.1 Having considered the application and representations, Members must consider whether to:
- Grant the application as requested. If the Sub-Committee consider that granting the application would not undermine any of the Licensing Objectives, it should be granted in full as submitted. This would be granted subject to mandatory conditions and conditions consistent with the applicant's operational standards, and any other conditions agreed by the applicant as part of the consultation/mediation process. Any conditions to be attached to a licence must be appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
  - Grant the application as above, but the Sub-Committee could impose extra conditions as it thinks fit, or make amendments to the operating schedule conditions, and/or proposed hours. This option may include adding conditions suggested by other parties at the hearing, including the applicant. Any conditions to be attached to a licence must be appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
  - Refuse the application – if the sub committee concludes that no additional conditions would ensure that the Licensing Objectives would be upheld, then the whole application should be rejected.

### **3. Application and promotion of the licensing objectives**

- 3.1 An application was received on 04 February 2026 from BoyleSports (UK) Limited for a new premises licence for BoyleSports, 259b Narborough Road, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The application is requesting a premises licence to operate as a Betting Shop (other than a track) between 7.00am and 10.00pm (i.e the default times).
- 3.3 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3.4 The applicant has submitted a Local Gambling Risk Assessment that outlines in detail how the Licensing Objectives will be upheld. These are attached with the application at Appendix A.

### 3.5 Location Plan



## 4. Representations

4.1 Two representations were received on 02 March 2026 from members of the public. The representations relate to the prevention of gambling being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime and the protection of children or other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The representees are concerned that the proposed premises is located in close proximity to a residential area, schools and community centres. Allowing the new premises may increase financial hardship, family breakdowns and addiction in the local community and also criminal activity including theft, fraud and money laundering which in turn may affect local crime rates. They are also concerned that there are already anti-social problems in the area with men congregating and street drinking

which may also increase with this premises. Copies of the representation are attached at Appendix B1-2.

## 5. Conditions

Regulations impose mandatory and default conditions on gambling licences. These include the hours of operation. An applicant may seek to remove default conditions, but in this case has not done so. The mandatory and default conditions relating to betting premises are set out in Appendix C.

## 6. Statutory guidance and statement of licensing policy

6.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires Leicester City Council as a Licensing Authority, to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following three licensing objectives:-

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited from gambling.

6.2 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the Gambling Commission has issued guidance under section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005. The parts of the guidance that are particularly relevant in this case are as follows:

Section	Heading
1.19-1.20	Licensing objectives and aims
1.24 –1.29	Licensing Authority discretion (s.153 of the Act)
1.30	Local Area Risk Assessments
1.31 –1.34	Licensing Authority Policy Statement
1.36 –1.38	Limits on Licensing Authority Discretion
1.39 -1.40	Other Powers
2.15 - 2.20	Premises Licences
4.1 - 4.3	Licensing Authorities
4.4 - 4.5 4.7- 4.8	Statutory Framework
5.1 - 5.18	Licensing Objectives
5.19 - 5.24	Section 153 Principles
5.25 - 5.26	Codes Of Practice
5.27 - 5.29	Good practice in Regulation
5.30	Human Rights Act 1998
5.31 - 5.34	Other considerations
7.3 - 7.10	Meaning of premises
7.19 - 7.30	Access to premises
7.36	Single and combined licences
7.41 - 7.50	Applications
7.52 - 7.55	Representations
7.56 - 7.57	Making a decision
7.58 - 7.65	Consideration of planning permission and building regulations
8.2 - 8.7	Responsible Authorities

8.9 - 8.17	Interested parties
9.1 - 9.32	Conditions
12.2 - 12.13	Giving reasons for decisions
19.1 – 19.11	Betting
19.12-19.29	Betting Premises licence conditions

6.3 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority’s Statement of Principles are as follows:

Section	Heading
Part A	1 The Licensing Objectives 5 Interested Parties
Part B	1 General Principles 2 Location 3 Local Area Profiles 4 Local Risk Assessments 5 Conditions

## 7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the parties making the representations have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

*By the applicant*

1. Whether the applicant considers that the concerns outlined in the representations are valid, and if not why not.
2. In the light of the representations made, whether the applicant wishes to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

*By the parties making the representations*

1. Whether they have any additional information to support the representation they have made.
2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

## 8. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

### 8.1 Financial implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from the contents of this report.  
Jade Draper Principal Accountant  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### 8.2 Legal implications

Legal advice specific to the application will be provided at the meeting by Legal Officers.

### 8.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report. However it is important to consider issues of accessibility to the application process and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal); The criteria used during determination of an application and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal).

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer  
10th March 2026

#### 8.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are unlikely to be any significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report and the licensing process.  
Duncan Bell, Change Manager.

#### 8.5 Other implications

Paragraph 4 relates to crime and disorder

### **9. Background information and other papers:**

None

### **10. Summary of appendices:**

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – Representations

Appendix C – Conditions consistent with the application

### **11. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?**

No

### **12. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?**

No