

Premises Licence Variation Application, 2026
Bobby's, 25 – 26 The Parade, St Mary's, Shrewsbury
Application Reference Number: 60775

Formal response of Louise Money, Environmental Protection Officer, acting as the Responsible Authority for the licensing Objective - The Prevention of Public Nuisance

I am Louise Money, an Environmental Protection Officer employed by Shropshire Council within the Environmental Protection Team. I act as the Responsible Authority in respect of the licensing objective of the Prevention of Public Nuisance and have considered this application accordingly.

Public nuisance is not defined within the Licensing Act 2003 and therefore retains its common law meaning, including the protection of the amenity and living conditions of persons residing or working in the vicinity of licensed premises.

Having reviewed the application to vary the premises licence, I am of the professional view that, if granted as proposed, it would be likely to undermine the licensing objective of the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

On this basis, I formally object to the application.

The application seeks a seasonal variation to extend the permitted hours of use of the external terrace which forms part of Bobby's, 25 – 26 The Parade, St Mary's, Shrewsbury, from 17:00 to 20:30, between 31 March and 30 September (inclusive), Monday to Saturday. Associated amendments include extending the time during which doors and windows are required to remain closed from 18:00 to 20:30, and extending the operating hours for external lighting to 20:30 during the same period.

The premises "Bobby's" is situated within the building called "The Parade" which is a Grade II listed building originally constructed in 1830. Residential apartments are located on the upper floors, some with balconies positioned in close proximity to, and directly overlooking, the external terrace. These dwellings are fitted with single-glazed sash windows.

The premises occupy an elevated location with an open terrace overlooking the river. Residential receptors are located within the same building, adjacent along The Parade, and across the river. There is no physical screening or acoustic mitigation to limit the transmission of noise from the terrace to these properties.

While situated within the town centre, The Parade is in an area predominantly residential in character which experiences relatively low background noise levels during the evening, particularly after the closure of nearby retail premises.

Due to the proximity of sensitive residential receptors, noise arising from the extended use of the terrace — including customer conversation and general activity — would be readily audible and intrusive in these properties. Noise breakout would also occur when the external access doors are opened, particularly during quieter evening periods. It is reasonable to anticipate an increase in both noise levels and impact as alcohol consumption continues later into the evening.

For these reasons and having given due regard to the potential for public nuisance, I do not consider it appropriate to grant the proposed variation to extend the hours of use of the external terrace, due to the likely adverse impact on nearby residential amenity.