



Lincolnshire Police

Licensing Act 2003 – Temporary Event Objection Notice (Section 104 Licensing Act 2003)

Details of person or body making objection	
Your Name:	Chief Constable
Your Address:	Police Headquarters PO Box 999 Lincolnshire LN5 7PH

Details of premises objection is about	
Name of Premises:	5-9 New Street
Address of Premises:	Boston Lincolnshire, PE21 6LP
Application No:	

Prevention of Crime and Disorder	X
Public Safety	X
Public Nuisance	X
Protection of Children from Harm	X

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>This objection notice is in relation to a temporary event notice (TEN) for the licensable activity of the sale of alcohol on Friday 18th July to Thursday 24th July 2025 from 0800hrs to 2300hrs each day to allow the premises to operate as an off-licence.</p> <p>5-9 New Street sits within an area of Boston that has a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which covers alcohol/street drinking (failure to comply with an officer's request to stop). The PSPO is designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area. The behaviour must be having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community, it must be persistent or continuing, and it must be unreasonable. The PSPO can impose restrictions on the use of that area, which applies to everyone who is carrying out that activity. The orders are designed to ensure that the law-abiding majority can enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. The effect of the Order in Boston is to prohibit consumption of alcohol within an area and to require specified things to be done by person/s consuming alcohol in that area.</p>

Due to its location within the PSPO area 5-9 New Street is also targeted by the hotspot policing patrols implemented by the Boston Neighbourhood Policing Team as part of Op Plotting. Alcohol is a significant factor within each hotspot location and is recorded as a contributing factor either on the incident or the crime by the officer attending. Partnership work continues in these hotspot areas and the licensing process forms part of that, with its role in ensuring Boston has premises licences conditioned suitably for the risk and that operators are responsible, uphold the licensing objectives and operate within the law.

Boston Borough Council also has a detailed and comprehensive licensing policy which offers guidance to applicants and highlights the importance of the PSPO. The focus is very much on prevention and deterrence, having specific officers employed by the council to enforce it alongside Police Community Support Officers.

Lincolnshire Police has had no dialogue with the notice giver concerning this TEN prior to its submission. This TEN is one of three notices for the location that were accepted on Tuesday 1st July 2025.

5-9 New Street previously held a premises licence, but that licence lapsed in October 2023.

On 2nd April 2025 a new operator applied for a premises licence and similarly to this TEN there was no prior consultation with the Police, nor had the applicant considered the PSPO or any suitable conditions to mitigate the risks associated with this style of premises. Following a representation by Lincolnshire Police the applicant withdrew that application.

On 17th June 2025 an email was sent to Lincolnshire Police's licensing team by SE & SE Consultancy enquiring about the status of the licence at 5-9 New Street. Sgt Adams responded to that email advising that there had been a licence application earlier in 2025 and that the Police had made a representation leading to the withdrawal of the application. It is understood that the agent then received confirmation from Boston Borough Council that the previous premises licence lapsed in 2023. After receiving such information, it would seem appropriate to then fully research the premises, its location and consult further with the authorities prior to submitting any new applications. There was no further contact beyond this time.

On 18th June 2025 plain clothed officers from Lincolnshire Police licensing team visited the premises unannounced and carried out a walkthrough of the shop without identifying themselves. The premises presented as a convenience store selling food, drink and household items. Of concern was the large amount of alcohol that was on shelves and in fridges along the length of one side of the shop. That alcohol was covered by blinds and sheets but still partially visible to customers. There was no signage to suggest that the alcohol was not available to purchase. Lincolnshire Police question why the business operator has already got so much alcohol within the public area of the premises whilst in the knowledge that there is no premises licence in place? To already have the alcohol seems a little premature given that there had not even been any TEN or licence application submitted at this time.

This TEN was submitted without any prior consultation and does not give Police ample time to research the notice giver and fully understand the nature of the business and what

the TEN seeks to achieve. The 3 working days in which Police have to object to a TEN is not enough time to get sufficient information back from the checks made with other responsible authorities, therefore there is a clear risk to the licensing objectives

Due to the short notice of this TEN Lincolnshire Police have not been able to meet with the individual to gauge his experience, knowledge and suitability to operate an off-licence in what is a high-risk area. It is recognised that the notice giver does appear to hold a personal licence, but their understanding of the location and risks cannot be judged from this qualification.

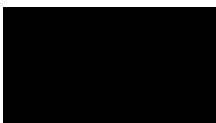
The TEN is somewhat confusing and perhaps displays a lack of understanding; the details of location state that the premises is to be used for consumption of alcohol off the premises yet in the relevant box further down "on the premises only" has been ticked. The days for the TEN refers to Friday to Thursday yet the event period further down on the TEN states Monday - Sunday 08:00 – 23:00. Lincolnshire Police are also aware that since the TEN was accepted the notice giver has amended the maximum number of persons present changing it from 3 to 20. All of the aforementioned points would perhaps imply that these TEN's have not been adequately thought through and have been submitted in a rush.

TEN's cannot have conditions imposed where there is no premises licence in place, as is the case with 5-9 New Street. There has been little detail offered on this TEN to offer any reassurance that the premises user has any knowledge about the location and the associated risks. If all of the TEN's are taken into account this premises would be permitted to sell alcohol for a period of 3 weeks, without restrictions, there is great potential to not only undermine the licensing objectives but also the significant amount of work being doing locally to uphold the PSPO. Of the other licenced premises in this locality most will at the least have conditions to restrict the sales of single cans of beer, cider and lager and will not be permitted to sell hi-abv products.

Lincolnshire Police considers it too greater risk to the licensing objectives to have no enforceable conditions in an off-sale style premises, selling alcohol, by a notice giver who has not evidenced their understanding of the Licensing Act 2003 or the local area.

Lincolnshire Police request that the notice giver considers withdrawing any subsequent TEN's which will require a hearing to allow for the necessary checks to be made. At this time the notice giver has not submitted an application for premises licence but prior to doing so consultation would be advised.

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PC1299 Rebeka Casey for and on behalf of the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police

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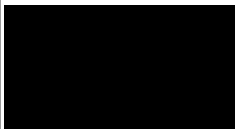
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