



Subject:	Application for the Variation of a 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for Thompsons Garage.
Date:	22 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues					
1.1	To consider the application, from Endless Music Limited, for the variation of their 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence based on the Council’s standard conditions, to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind, for the following premises: <table><tr><td>Area and Location Thompsons Garage, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, BT1 4HW</td><td>Ref. No. WK/2002/00036</td><td>Applicant Mr Stephen Boyd</td></tr></table>			Area and Location Thompsons Garage, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, BT1 4HW	Ref. No. WK/2002/00036	Applicant Mr Stephen Boyd
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1.2	Location map for the premises is attached as Appendix 1					
2.0	Recommendations					
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations made in respect of the application, Members are recommended to approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence to permit entertainment to be provided in the new area to 3.00 am as requested subject to any special conditions considered necessary by officers.					
2.2	Should Members be minded to refuse the application, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council’s decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours requested until any such appeal is determined.					
3.0	Main report					
	<u>Key Issues</u>					
3.1	The premises has been extended at first floor level to form a new function room. A Building Regulations application was received for the building works. The works have been inspected and a Building Regulations Completion Certificate issued. The nature of the variation applied for is to permit entertainment to be provided in the new function room to 3.00 am the following morning on every night of the week and to increase the occupancy to include this new area.					
3.2	The areas currently licensed to provide entertainment are: • Ground Floor, with a maximum capacity of 280 persons. • Mezzanine Floor, with a maximum capacity of 200 persons. • Second Floor, with a maximum capacity of 50 persons.					
3.3	The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the current Entertainments Licence are: • Monday – Sunday 11:30 am to 3.00 am the following morning					
3.4	At present entertainment is provided in the form of DJ’s seven nights per week.					
3.5	The licensee has stated they intend to use the new function room on selected nights to 3.00am, primarily weekends. The entertainment to be provided in the function room will be in the form of acoustic sets in the afternoon and early evenings, with DJ’s performances from late evening until 3.00am. Permitting entertainment to 3.00am will allow the new area to be operated as an integral part of the existing premises.					

3.6	The new function room will accommodate 150 persons.
3.7	Layout plans are attached as Appendix 2.
3.8	<u>Representations:</u> Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and to date no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.
3.9	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.10	Should Members be minded to approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.11	<u>NIFRS:</u> The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.12	Should Members be minded approve the variation of the licence this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.
3.13	<u>Health, safety and welfare:</u> The premises has been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application process and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.
3.14	<u>Noise:</u> The Service is not in receipt of noise complaints for this venue in the past 12 months.
3.15	Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives the council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.16	The Licensee has engaged an acoustic consultant and an acoustic report has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for appraisal.
3.17	<u>Applicant:</u> The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	None
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	• Appendix 1 – Location map • Appendix 2 – Layout plans