



Licensing Sub-Committee Site Visit

9 April 2026

Venue: OUT TO GRASS, WOODEND FARM, CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE, WR13 5JW

Present:

Cllr Polly Andrews – Chairperson of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Cllr Dave Davies – Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Cllr Peter Hamblin – Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Ben Davies – Legal Adviser to the Licensing Sub-Committee, Herefordshire Council

Emma Bowell – Licensing Department, Herefordshire Council

Elisabeth Laughland – Environmental Health, Herefordshire Council

Jade Reynolds – Environmental Health, Herefordshire Council

Ian Johnson – Premises Licence Holder

Clair Kelly – Premises Licence Holder

The site visit commenced at 14:25.

The Chair, Councillor Polly Andrews, reminded all those in attendance that the purpose of the visit was solely to view the site and understand the location of alleged noise sources and complainants. It was reiterated that the visit was not an opportunity to discuss the merits or details of the application.

Maps were provided to Members to show the location of the complainants. The Premises Licence Holder explained, using the maps, where the residential properties that had made complaints were situated and identified the location of other nearby venues that play music eg: Seed Farm.

Members were shown a dome where it was explained that inside the existing dome there is 18mm plywood cladding, which reduces sound levels by approximately 15 decibels.

It was also explained that the second dome currently under construction will be similarly clad and the sound from there would be directed towards the bottom of the licensable area.

During the visit, Councillor Polly Andrews repeatedly reminded those present that no comments or discussions should be made, and that the visit was purely to observe the site and understand the layout in relation to the complaints received.

All those in attendance visited the top of the campsite where sound checks are undertaken and the direction of where the complainants are located. It was confirmed that this area is not a licensable area and that no music takes place at this location.

The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee sought clarification as to whether the maps referred to during the visit were included within the published hearing papers. The Premises Licence Holder confirmed that the maps should be included. Attendees were reminded of the regulations regarding the submission of evidence, namely that any additional evidence must be provided either before the hearing or at the hearing, subject to the agreement of all parties.

The site visit ended at 14:48.

