

## Objections: Who and when?

Under the Licensing Act 2003, a variety of people and/or organisations can object to your premises licence application. These include any of the responsible authorities (police, environmental health or trading standards) or people who live or work in the vicinity of your premises.

Whilst they can object, their objections must be “relevant” as defined in the Act and the statutory guidance. Irrelevant or vexatious objections can be disregarded.

Relevant objections will trigger a licensing sub-committee hearing.



A representation is “relevant” if it relates to **the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives**.



**Frivolous** representations would be essentially categorised by a **lack of seriousness**.



In borderline cases, **the benefit of the doubt is given to the person making that representation** - according to statutory guidance.



Objections must be made **within the statutory 28 days** consultation period.



Objections can often be avoided through **good and proactive communication** with residents and responsible authorities.



Premises licence applicants have a **right of appeal** against the refusal of their licence following objections.

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