

Proposed Decision-making Process for Licence Applications

Red text = new provisions

Application to the District Licensing Committee (DLC)

DLC considers application, having regard to:

- Suitability of the applicant
- Object of the Act
- The provisions of any relevant local alcohol policy
- Impact on the amenity of the area
- Design and layout of the proposed premises
- The applicant's systems, staff, and training proposals
- Any report made by a licensing inspector, member of the Police, or medical officer of health

Local alcohol policy may contain provisions relating to:

- Location of outlets
- Density
- Trading hours

DLC considers any objection made by an entitled person*

(objections may be made in relation to the licence criteria listed above)

* District Licensing Agencies currently determine applications only if no objection has been lodged, or special licence applications whether or not there is an objection. Under the new system, the DLCs will be able to determine applications where an objection has been lodged.

DLC makes a decision

The application will be granted or declined. Any licence is granted with conditions.

DLC decision may be appealed to Alcohol Regulatory & Licensing Authority (ARLA)

No appeal

End of process

Appeal

ARLA considers appeal and grants, declines, or adds additional conditions

ARLA decision may be appealed to the High Court on a point of law

No appeal

End of process

Appeal

High Court decides case