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The Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") defines three key groups that have important roles in the context of applications, inspection, enforcement and reviews of premises licences.

### **Authorised persons**

Authorised persons are bodies empowered by the Act to carry out inspection and enforcement roles. These include:

- Officers of licensing authorities
- Fire authority inspectors
- Inspectors locally responsible for the enforcement of Health and Safety at Work
- Environmental health officers
- (In respect of vessels) Marine and Coastguard Agency

### **Interested parties**

Interested parties are the bodies or individuals who are entitled to make representations to licensing authorities on applications for the grant, variation or review of premises licences. Any representations must be about the likely effect of granting the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives. In addition, interested parties may themselves seek a review of a premises licence. This group includes:

- A person living in the vicinity of the premises
- A body representing persons who live in that vicinity
- A person involved in a business in the vicinity of the premises
- A body representing persons involved in these businesses

### **Responsible authorities**

Responsible authorities include public bodies that must be fully notified of applications and that are entitled to make representations to the licensing authority in relation to the application for the grant, variation or review of a premises licence. Any representations must be about the likely effect of granting the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

- The chief officer of police for the area in which the premises are situated
- The fire authority for the area in which the premises are situated
- The health and safety authority for the area in which the premises are situated
- The local planning authority for the area in which the premises are situated
- The environmental health authority for the area in which the premises are situated
- The body recognised as being responsible for protection of children from harm for the area in which the premises are situated
- With regard to a vessel - the relevant navigation authority, the Environment Agency, British Waterways Board or the Secretary of State
- Inspectors of Weights and Measures (trading standards officers)