



Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	James Brown
Your Address:	Noise and Pollution Control Team Leicester City Council City Hall 115 Charles Street LE1 1FZ

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Gate 65
Address of premises:	63-65 Church Gate Leicester Leicestershire LE1 3AN United Kingdom
Application No. (if known)	163263

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
I have concerns that the provision of recorded music and supply of alcohol on the premises will produce noise to affect the use of nearby residential and commercial properties. The hours requested for licensable activities may also increase the likelihood for public nuisance.

Please give further details of why you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives

This application is for a premises licence in a mixed residential and commercial area. Church Gate's night industry has dwindled significantly over the past decade, there was once a high concentration of busy licensed venues, but now it is dominated by a few restaurants, shops, and residential properties. This has reduced the background noise level in the area.

The premises intends to operate as a shisha bar, the property is ventilated with an open roof section to the north side of the property. This section forms the partition between the premises and the residential properties at Granary Mews. The open section will provide a pathway for noise to travel through and impact the adjacent properties.

The application states that recorded music will be amplified. Recorded music can produce noise that could break out of the premises and cause nuisance to neighbours. Amplified music will produce high sound levels at the venue, so increased noise levels at noise sensitive receptors are expected.

Some of these issues in relation to high noise levels associated with amplified music can be mitigated with the installation of a noise limiting device.

The supply of alcohol will increase activity at the premises and contribute significantly to the overall noise level. Incidences of impulsive noises such as shouting, or glasses smashing, will be particularly intrusive to nearby properties.

To the front of the premises on Church Gate exists a concentration of residential properties. Noise breakout from the front of the premises could affect these properties and cause complaints. Adequate mitigation for this should be achieved by the immediate lobby and separate bar area at the front of the premises which will act as a barrier to recorded music in the main smoking area to the rear.

Noise from patrons accessing and leaving the premises will produce noise in the street until and beyond the applied license times. We can associate this with the premises and the noise source is difficult to control. This noise can be impulsive and will be particularly intrusive to the flats opposite.

All proposed licensable activities will be at increasing risk to causing public nuisance throughout the proposed hours which are: 16:00-00:00 (Monday – Wednesday) and 16:00-04:00 (Thursday – Sunday). To address my concerns, these hours must be reduced to an acceptable time.

To address my concerns, I recommend the following hours for applied licensable activities:

16:00-00:00 (Sunday – Thursday)
16:00-02:00 (Friday – Saturday)

As it stands, I have not come to an agreement for reduced hours and conditions with the applicant, so I recommend the application is refused.

Many thanks

James Brown
Pollution Control Officer
Leicester City Council

Return your completed form to:

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