



Appendix B4

## Leicestershire Police

### Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Licence Application.

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC Jefferson Pritchard
Your Address:	Force Licensing Department, Mansfield House Police Station, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. LE1 3GG

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Uncle J's Limited
Address of premises:	166 Evington Road Leicester LE2 1HL
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Leicester City centre's alcohol licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, with delegated authority from the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this new premises licence application is based upon all four licensing objectives, as per the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>This is a new grant application for a late-night takeaway, in which late night refreshments in the form of hot drinks will be provided daily between 11pm and 3am. The opening hours of the premises will be daily from 12 noon until 3am.</p>

No alcohol will be available for sale, but cold soft drinks will be. Customers will be permitted to eat in or take away purchased items.

The premises is located on Evington Road between the junctions of Rowsley Street and Sawley Street.

The area consists of a mix of high density residential, retail and licensed premises. Many already provide late night refreshments into the early hours of the morning.

The premises is located within an area of “special interest” as referred to in Leicester City Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027. The policy provides operators guidance as to what is expected of them, when operating in the night-time economy. However, the application makes no reference to this policy.

The application refers to a number of measures within section 18-21 but is extremely broad. The applicant does not propose any practical conditions/proposals to ensure the venue is managed safely in the night-time economy. Any conditions need to be appropriate, proportionate, precise and enforceable for them to be valid.

Throughout the year, there has been several incidents of serious crime and disorder in proximity to the premises. Likewise, in other similar licensed premises along Evington Road.

Officers from the local neighbourhood team have discussed the application with the applicant in person. The applicant stated a takeaway service will be provided by his own staff, however the police have concerns about the limited parking spaces outside the premises.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police are concerned that persons connected to crime and disorder will congregate either inside or outside the premises in the night-time economy and will ultimately exacerbate the existing issues in the area.

Similarly, public safety is often compromised in the night-time economy as emergency vehicles have to traverse their way through the area due to customers and delivery drivers parking illegally in the area.

In February 2020, an application was submitted to change the use of the building to a restaurant. Permission was granted with conditions, including a specific condition in relation to the operating hours of the premises. Condition 5 states, *“the use shall not be carried on outside the hours of 07:30 to 23:00 daily”*.

Therefore, by granting this licence in its existing format would contravene existing planning legislation.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police respectfully requests the application is refused as it fails to promote all four licensing objectives.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard

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Representation dated – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.