
Application for a variation of an existing premises licence

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

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Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Abbey
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a variation to an existing premises licence for Jas News&Booze, 72 Burnham Drive, Leicester and summarises the representation received. It also highlights the licensing objectives and the relevant parts of both the statutory guidance and the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

2. Determination to be made

- 2.1 Having considered the application and representations, Members must consider whether to
- Grant the licence without modification
 - Modify the conditions of the licence
 - Reject the whole application

3. Application and promotion of the licensing objectives

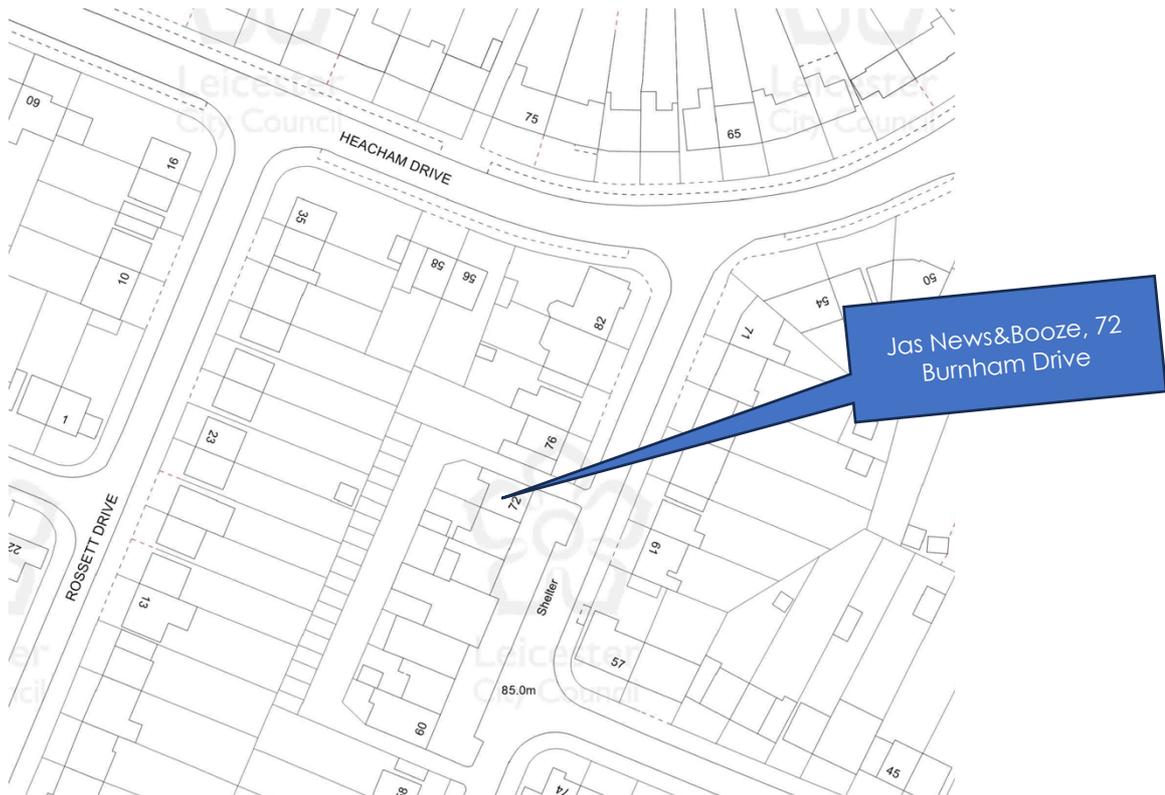
- 3.1 An application was received on 9th January 2026 for a variation of an existing premises licence for Jas News&Booze, 72 Burnham Drive, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.

- 3.2 The variation application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Current hours	Proposed hours
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 22:00	Monday to Sunday 06:00 – 23:00
Sale of alcohol (off)	Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 22:00	Monday to Sunday 06:00 – 23:00

- 3.3 The steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section 16 of Appendix A).
- 3.4 The existing licence is attached at Appendix B.
- 3.5 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3.6 Location Plan



4. Representations

4.1 A representation was received on 9th February 2026 from the Police. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder.

Prior to making the representation Leicestershire Police have been in consultation with the applicant and have also visited the premises several times. The support of the local neighbourhood policing area has also been sought.

There were multiple areas of non-compliance within the premises licence identified upon the visits – no signage being placed, no Challenge 25 scheme, no incident book nor refusal register at the premises, the rear camera was broken and waiting to be fixed. An agreed follow up visit was completed by Local Police on 30th January 2026 and the premises had implemented updates on some of the areas on non-compliance – clear signage was in place and a refusal logbook was implemented, however, Challenge 25 posters were printed, but not displayed. The rear CCTV camera had yet to be repaired or installed.

On a further visit on 5th February 2026, Police established that the Challenge 25 posters were displayed, however, an incident book was not in place. In addition, the status of CCTV system at the premises caused the most concern. It was disclosed to the Officer that the footage only lasted for 15 days before being deleted which is currently half the required 30 day timescale. It was also identified that the rear CCTV camera was still not operational.

The applicant has been afforded time and benefit of the doubt to rectify the issues raised and has for some, but not all the conditions – therefore, the Police have

concluded that despite intervention, the premises is not currently complying with some of its licence conditions – failure to comply with existing CCTV conditions directly undermines the Prevention of Crime and Disorder. The Police feel that the extended hours if agreed with the applicant should not take effect until the applicant demonstrates full compliance with the premises licence conditions, including the existing CCTV condition or an amendment to a minimum retention period of 28 days.

A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix C.

5. Conditions

5.1 The conditions that are consistent with the application are attached at Appendix D.

6. Statutory guidance and statement of licensing policy

6.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the government has issued guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The parts of the guidance that are particularly relevant in this case are as follows:

Section	Heading
1.2 – 1.5	Licensing objectives and aims
1.15 – 1.16	General Principles
1.17	Each application on its own merits
2.1 – 2.6	Crime & Disorder
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.11 – 9.12	Role of responsible authorities
9.31 – 9.41	Hearings
9.42 – 9.44	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives
10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions
10.10	Proportionality
10.13 - 10.15	Hours of trading
10.25 – 10.66	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
13.10 – 13.11	Giving reasons for decisions
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing Hours

6.2 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

Section	Heading
4	Promotion of the Licensing Objectives
5	General Principles
6	Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates
8	Areas of Specific Interest and Consultation

7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the party making the representation have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

By the applicant

1. Whether the applicant considers that the concerns outlined in the representation are valid, and if not why not.
2. In the light of the representation made, whether the applicant wishes to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

By the party making the representation

1. Whether they have any additional information to support the representation they have made.
2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

8. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

8.1 Financial implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Signed: Jade Draper

Dated: 17th February 2026

8.2 Legal implications

Legal advice specific to the application will be provided at the meeting by Legal Officers.

8.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report. However it is important to consider issues of accessibility to the application process and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal); The criteria used during determination of an application and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal).

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

Dated: 17th February 2026

8.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are unlikely to be any significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report and the licensing process.

Signed: Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer
Dated: 17th February 2026

8.5 Other implications

Crime and Disorder – see paragraph 4.

9. Background information and other papers:

None

10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – Existing licence

Appendix C – Representation

Appendix D – Conditions consistent with the application

11. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

12. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No