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# **Application for a new premises licence**

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken by: Licensing (Hearings)  
Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken on/Date of meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Lead director/officer: Bobby Smiljanic

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## Useful information

- Ward affected: Stoneygate
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- Report version number: 1

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence for L'Amore Dessert Lounge, 145 Evington Road, Leicester and summarises the representations 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 representation(s), Members must consider whether to
- Grant the licence without modification
  - Grant the licence subject to conditions
  - Reject the application

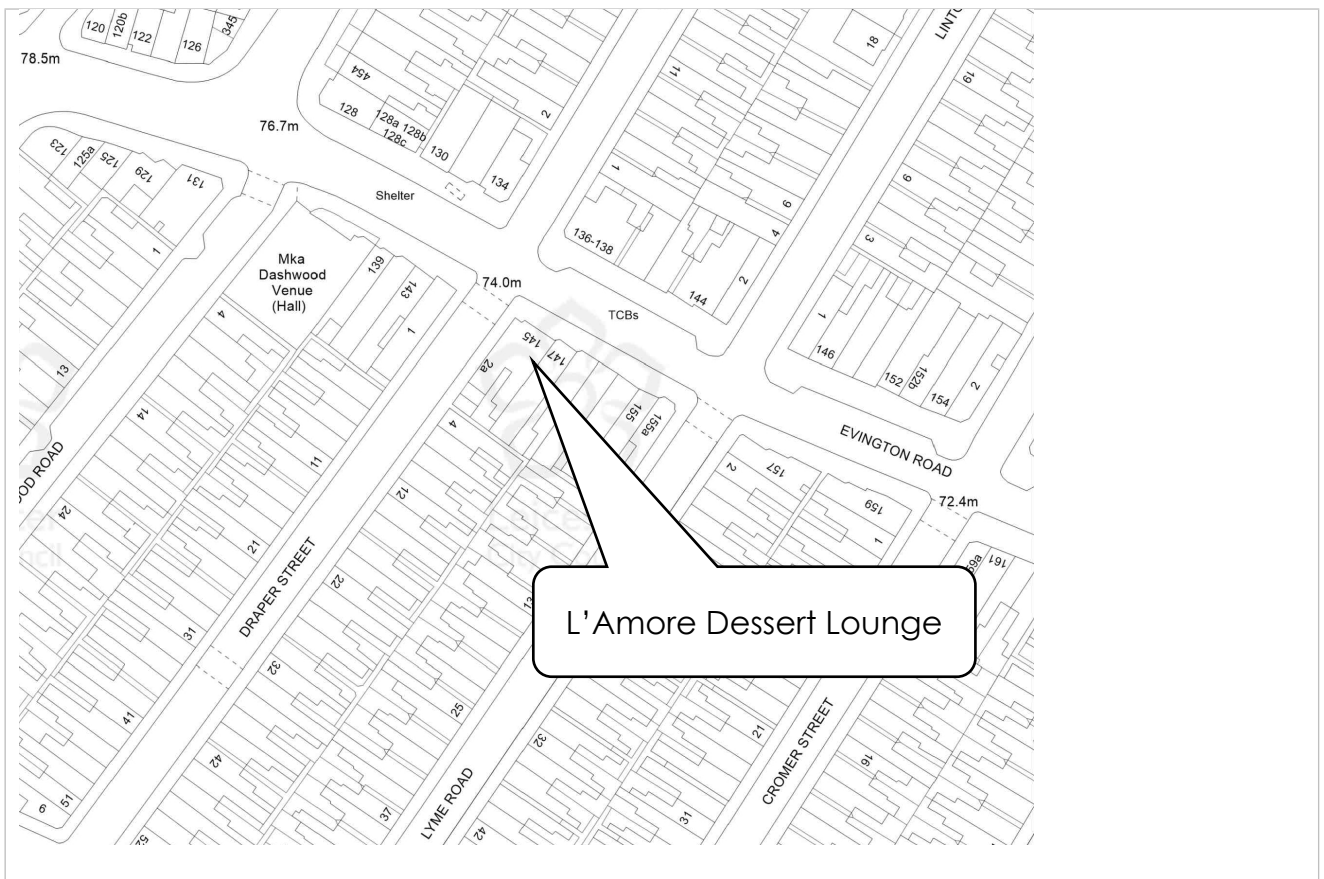
### 3. Application and promotion of the licensing objectives

- 3.1 An application was received on 4 March 2026 from L'Amore Dessert Lounge LTD for a new premises licence for L'Amore Dessert Lounge, 145 Evington Road, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.

- 3.2 The application is as follows:

<b>Licensable activity</b>	<b>Proposed hours</b>
Late night refreshment	Monday to Sunday 23:00 – 01:00
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday 15:00 – 01:00

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



#### 4. Representation(s)

4.1 A representation was received on 09 March 2026 from a member of the public .The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The representee’s particular worry is the closing hours after 11:00pm and this is because over the year there is more litter on the streets directly linked to local takeaways. There has also been a steady increase in anti-social behaviour such as groups hanging around the streets, loud music and cars speeding, all until the early hours.

However, the representee states that recently there has been a marked improvement in the reduction of these behaviours, and this coincides with a number of late night licences being declined, businesses operating outside their planning conditions being given notices to close on time and changes to the parking conditions in the area.

The representee therefore feels should the application be granted, 11:00pm is a good time for the business to close. Otherwise, it will not only impact the litter and anti-social behaviour, but more importantly will encourage other businesses to apply to extend their operating hours - this would cause businesses to stay open until the early morning hours, changing the area from a mainly residential area to a late night hot spot that will further exacerbate the levels of anti-social behaviour.

The representation is attached at Appendix B1.

4.2 A representation was received on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from a member of the public. It relates to prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The representee feels that the concentration of fast food premises on Evington Road is excessive and many of them operate in breach of their licence conditions. The side streets of Evington Road are densely populated with Victorian terraced housing and the residents are negatively affected with late night noise, smells, littering adding to the existing problems, especially the customers' cars and mopeds, e-bikes, pedal bikes being used by the delivery drivers.

Another major concern is that the late-night economy has in recent years attracted crime and disorder to the area with fights, stabbings and in one instance a drive-by shooting. Low level anti-social behaviour, such as groups of people gathering on street corners talking and sometimes drinking alcohol, has become intimidating for many residents – they feel unsafe being outside their homes late at night and so avoid doing so.

The representation is attached at Appendix B2.

4.3 A representation was received on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 from Leicestershire Police. The representation relates to prevention of crime and disorder and protection of children from harm. The representation does not seek a refusal of the application as Leicestershire Police have been in consultation with the applicant/manager to promote the licensing objectives.

An agreement was reached with the applicant – therefore, Leicestershire Police feel that the agreed conditions deem the Hearing unnecessary.

A copy of the Representation/Agreement is attached at Appendix B3.

## 5. Conditions

5.1 The conditions that are consistent with the application and the representations are attached at Appendix C.

## 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
2.7 – 2.14	Public Safety
2.15 – 2.21	Public nuisance
2.22 – 2.31	Protection of children from harm
3.12 – 3.20	Late night refreshment

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

## 7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the parties making the representations 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 representations are valid, and if not why not.
2. In the light of the representations made, whether the applicant wishes to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

*By the parties making the representations:*

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

Principal Accountant

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 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).

Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> April 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.

Duncan Bell, Change Manager

8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## 8.5 Other implications

Paragraph 4 relates to Crime and Disorder

## 9. Background information and other papers:

None

## 10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B1 – B2 – Representations

Appendix B3 – Police Representation/Agreement

Appendix C – 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