

Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence

Details of person or body making representation	
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Open Land
Address of premises:	Area bounded by the following streets – St John Street, Burleys Way and Watling Street.
Application No. (if known)	Xtra Humongous Ltd

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

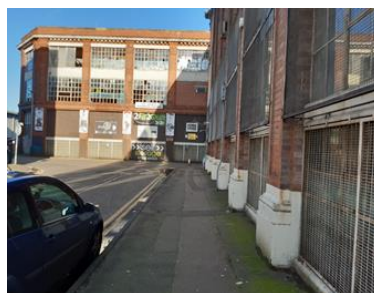
Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I refer to the above-mentioned application for a new premises licence for an area bounded by – St John Street and Burleys Way.</p> <p>My representations relate to public safety objectives.</p> <p>The application site is an open space within a build-up industrial area that is surrounded by a mixture of derelict/disused buildings and commercial buildings in use.</p> <p>Currently, a large proportion of the application site is uneven in places, with large amounts of building waste/rubble. In addition, in the middle of the site there is a large depression/hole (appeared very deep) similar to a repair garage inspection pit.</p> <p>The site is flanked to the west by Burleys Way (inner ring Road) one of main roads within the surrounding roads are very narrow and flow of traffic is one way. This would restrict access, emergency services, etc</p>

Overall, this area is badly maintained and in a dilapidated state.

Therefore, I have the following concerns:

1. Access & Egress

- Vehicular access/egress is limited particularly for emergency services vehicles
- Evacuation in case of an emergency (bearing in mind that the St John Street, Friday Street, Watling Street are very narrow Streets) will be problematic.



- During evacuations – the foot bridge and two pedestrians' crossings across Burleys Way (part of the inner ring road) would need robust controls/management/controls etc.



2. Safety of Site

- The application site is currently badly maintained (broken windows with damaged glass, building rubble etc. was noted).



- The site is surrounded by mixture of damaged/derelict/partly demolished structures.



- The site is very uneven in parts and holed in the centre.



I had a meeting with the applicant, and he did not provide satisfactory details of the work that would be carried out at the application site. However, the applicant did state that they would be carrying out work on the application site, but again no details were provided.

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

Based on the above concerns I believe that the licensing objective of public safety would be compromised if the licence is granted. **I would recommend that the application is refused** based on the following:

- The application site is badly maintained site and not suitable for public events in its present condition.
- The management of crowd safety in terms of access and egress at the application site and in particular the emergency evacuation from the site to a place of safety would be compromised due to the infrastructure of the area.
- The surrounding roads/streets are narrow, some are one-way streets and therefore, the flow of traffic is one way. This would restrict access for emergency services, traffic and pedestrians.
- The application site has large number of uneven areas in places, with large amounts of building waste/rubble. This presents trip hazards.
- The application site has a large hole (appeared very deep and is similar to a repair garage inspection pit) that presents a risk of fall from height.
- The application site has a large number of broken windows with shattered glass that presents risk of injury to the users.
- The area around the application site is not a well-lit and this could lead to access/egress issues particularly in emergencies/at night.

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