



Appendix B1

Leicestershire Police

Licensing Act 2003

Representation in respect of a new premises licence application

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

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Belgium Chips
Address of premises:	55 Granby Street Leicester LE1 6EH.
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 type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input 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 given by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this new premises licence application is based upon the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The application in its current format if granted would undermine two of the four licensing objectives in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.</p> <p>The premises currently operates as a fast food takeaway and operates daily until 11pm.</p>

The premises has now applied to extend its operating hours until 3am (daily).

The premises is located on the junction of Granby Street and Belvoir Street in a prominent, prime retail position. The clear glass frontage, means that the premises is highly visible not just during the day time economy but also the night time economy.

Given the close proximity of many other alcohol led licensed premises and the fact that the premises is on a busy thoroughfare means that the premises is in a prime position to tap into the late night economy fast food market. It is highly likely that a high proportion of customers visiting the premises in the night time economy will be under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol related violent crime increase later on in the evening and peaks in the early hours of the morning. More so, at weekends.

As the premises has applied to remain open until 3am, extra precautions are required in order to mitigate the risk.

The premises already operates a CCTV system, consisting of both internal and external cameras. During a site visit, the system was inspected.

Therefore, two additional conditions are recommended in order to support and promote the licensing objectives. The additional conditions are:

- (1) The licence holder will ensure a high definition, coloured CCTV camera system is installed, operational and recording whilst the premises is open to the public. The system must permit the identification of individuals. CCTV images must be securely stored, display an accurate date/time stamp, retained for a minimum of 28 days and be provided to an officer from a responsible authority within 72 hours of being requested. Cameras must cover all areas that the public have access to, including the entrance/exit and pavement area immediately outside the premises.
- (2) The licence holder shall complete regular security reviews and if deemed necessary employ Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors at the premises.

No further conditions

The applicant has agreed to these conditions and is reflected in the signed agreement dated 11th November 2021 but signed by the applicant on 23rd November 2021.

Given the signed agreement, Leicestershire Police no longer believe a hearing is required.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard
Leicestershire Police
Thursday 23rd November 2021

Leicester City Council

Licensing Act 2003 –
Representation in respect of New Premises Application

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Tj Mavani
Your Address:	Licensing Enforcement York House, 91 Granby Street, Leicester LE1 6BB

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Belgian Chips
Address of premises:	55 Granby Street Leicester LE1 6EH
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 type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Licensing Enforcement Manager for Leicester City Council Licensing Authority on the authority delegated to me.</p> <p>Please take notice that I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine the Public Safety/Prevention of Public Nuisance/Prevention of Crime & Disorder.</p> <p>We would like to submit our representations for this premise's application based upon the above stated licensing objectives.</p> <p>Premises in this area are a mix of retail, fast food outlets and late bars.</p>

There are also residential apartments sighted above some of properties.

It is within the night-time economy area of the city and will by its location attract a late crowd which can create crime and disorder issues if premises are not managed effectively.

This premises came to the attention of the authority in July 2021 when the premises were observed opening after the 11pm threshold for provision of unlicensed Late-Night Refreshment.

Contact was made with the staff at the premises and they were advised by letter that a licence is required to provide hot food after 11pm and before 5am

Shortly after this in August 2021 an application was received from an agent acting on behalf of the company and they again were spoken to by Licensing Enforcement providing information for a second time in respect of no hot food could be provided after 11pm until a Late-Night Refreshment Licence was granted.

On acceptance of the application a Blue Notice was checked at the premises which would suggest the applicant was aware of the responsibility in respect of the times hot food could be served.

Leicestershire Police provided evidence to confirm that a disturbance took place inside the premises at 1:10am on the morning of Sunday 14th November 2021. Officers confirmed that at this time the premises were open and serving hot food to customers.

Licensing enforcement officers visited the premises on the evening of Saturday 20th November 2021 and noted at 11:26pm the premises were serving hot food to customers.

No discussion took place at this time due to the amount of customers and their behaviour.

To confirm this a purchase of hot food was made to the value of £2.80 by Enforcement Officers which was receipted, and photographs taken.

A telephone call took place with Mr Choudhury the owner of the premises and this was also followed up with a further warning letter.

Our concern is that this premises is requesting to remain open until 3am.

Despite being provided with clear information by telephone and by letter the company chose to operate outside the requirements of the Licensing Act in terms of the provision of Late-Night Refreshment.

The incident involving the disturbance inside the premises raises concerns that the premises if open after 11pm will attract clientele that will have a negative impact on Crime and Disorder in the City.

It is our representation that the application be **Refused**.

Tj Mavani
Licensing Enforcement
Licensing Authority