

Appendix B2

Leicestershire Police

Licensing Act 2003 Representation in respect of a full/major variation 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	Corah Works	
Premises:		
Address of	1st Floor, Euro House	
premises:	St John Street	
	Leicester	
	LE1 3WL	
Application No.		
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(if known)		

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives relates to:	s that your representation
Prevention of crime and disorder	X
Public Safety	X
Prevention of public nuisance	X
Protection of children from harm	X

Please summarise your concerns about this application:

I write in my capacity as Leicester City Centre's alcohol licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, with delegated authority given by the Chief Constable.

My representation to this new premises licence application is based upon the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003.

The application in its current format if granted would undermine all four of the licensing objectives.

This is a new premises licence application for a premise which was previously licensed.

On 11th November 2021, officers from Leicestershire Police conducting enquiries at the

premises licence holder's home address discovered the premises licence holder/ designated premises supervisor had died suddenly on 4th September 2021.

Unfortunately, the licence was not transferred within the statutory 28-day period.

Despite the previous premises licence holder's / designated premises supervisor's death on 4th September 2021, the premises continued to operate and provide licensable activities on at least three known occasions on the 25th September, 27th September and 31st October 2021. Therefore in breach of the Licensing Act 2003.

The premises also breached the conditions of its licence by failing to notify Leicestershire Police of these events (which continued after 1am), within the required fourteen-day timescale period.

To this date, it is not known who was sending emails to the police after the premises licence holder's death, from the Corah works email address.

On 12th January 2022, a multi-agency consultation meeting was held with the new applicant Mr Gill as part of the pre-application process.

Mr Gill stated he had worked with the previous premises licence holder for a number of years prior to his sudden death.

Mr Gill stated his intentions were to operate the business on behalf the previous premises licence holder's family and would seek to apply for a similar licence as before. Therefore, seeking to host between two and eight events per month but rarely exceeding four per month.

Mr Gill stated his intentions were to operate the business daily from 9am until 5am.

Both Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Team expressed their concerns about such late operating hours during the meeting.

Mr Gill later submitted the new premises licence application and requested daily opening hours of the premises to the public from 9am until 5am.

Mr Gill has also requested the licensable activity of boxing and wrestling entertainment.

On 14th February 2022, a site meeting was held with Mr Gill at the premises.

Mr Gill confirmed the premises exact capacity is unknown but is suspected to be 900-1000.

Please note the premises previous licence condition limited the premises maximum capacity to 800 persons at one time.

Mr Gill again confirmed his intentions to operate the same type of events as previously.

During the visit, the premises existing CCTV was inspected. The premises current system is inadequate and in need of a substantial upgrade in both terms of the number of cameras and the quality. Vast parts of the premises are not covered by CCTV, including those areas which Leicestershire Police would deem to be high risk areas including the foyer and entrance.

Mr Gill is believed to have recently obtained a personal licence with Harborough District Council.

The application in general lacks detail about how it will promote all four of the licensing objectives given the late operating hours but also the desire to host boxing and wrestling

events.

Boxing and wrestling events are high risk events as they pose significant risks to participants. The application does not mention how the participants safety will be insured or details about crowd. On speaking with the applicant on the 14th February 2022, Mr Gill stated he would be willing to remove this licensable activity from the application as he very much doubts the premises would host such events.

Given the size of the premises and the proposed late operating hours is a concern to Leicestershire Police. More so as the three unauthorised events in September and October 2021, resulted in police responding to reports of crime and disorder at the premises.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police respectfully requests the application is refused.

However, should the licensing committee elect to grant the licence Leicestershire Police request the following conditions be attached to the licence in order to mitigate the risk and help promote the licensing objectives.

- 1. All licensing activities will cease a minimum of thirty minutes to the premises closing to the public.
- 2. The opening hours of the premises limited to 9am until 3:30am.
- 3. Licensable activities may continue until 4:30am and the premises remain open to the public until 5am, on no more than twelve occasions in a calendar year. The premises must notify Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Team of these events at least 28 days prior to the event.
- 4. The premises licence holder shall ensure a full risk assessment is submitted for any event which continues after 3:30am. The risk assessment must be submitted to Leicestershire Police at least 28 days prior to the event and abide by the decision made by Leicestershire Police in relation to the event.
- 5. The premises will possess an operational Leicester City Watch retail radio and utilise it whilst the premises is open to the public. Body worn footage must be retained for a minimum of 31 days and must be provided to an officer from a responsible authority within 72 hours of being requested.
- 6. The premises will ensure that at least two operational body worn cameras are used by either staff or security whilst the premises is open to the public.
- 7. Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors will be deployed at the premises from 10pm and remain on the premises until all members of the public have left the premises. Door supervisors must wear armbands which clearly identify themselves as door supervisors. A record of all door supervisors must be kept on the premises for at least six months and include their full name, date of birth and Security Industry Authority membership number.
- 8. The premises licence holder must complete a monthly security review and if deemed necessary take action. The premises licence holder shall ensure all Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors deployed at the premises are legally entitled to be deployed at that time by checking them against the SIA database. A record of these checks must be kept on the premises and available for immediate inspection by an officer from a responsible authority.

- 9. 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.
- 10. The system must permit the identification of individuals. CCTV images must be securely stored, display an accurate date/time stamp and retained for a minimum of 31 days. CCTV must be provided to an officer from a responsible authority within 72 hours of being requested.
- 11. CCTV cameras must cover all areas that the public have access to, including the entrance/exit and pavement area immediately outside the premises.
- 12. The licence holder will ensure that a person who holds a valid personal licence must be on the premises when the premises is open to the public.
- 13. The licence holder will operate a Challenge 21 policy with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence or identification carrying a PASS logo. A training record must be kept on the premises, retained for twelve months and produced to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.
- 14. The licence holder will promote and ensure that all front of house staff are trained in public safety campaigns such as the "Ask Angela" or other similar schemes. A record of training must be retained for at least twelve months, the record kept on the premises and made available to the responsible authorities on request.
- 15. The licence holder will ensure a mechanical or electronic counting device is utilised at the entrance of all music events in order to record the number of attendees.

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