

Leicester City Council

Appendix B2

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:	Donald Watson's Vegan Bar
Address of premises:	94 Granby Street Leicester LE1 1DJ
Application No. (if known)	144330

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 checked="" 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 and Protection of Children from Harm.</p> <p>We would like to submit our representations for this new 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 many of the properties with a new block of apartments nearby.

It is within the night-time economy area of the city and within the area of "Special Interest" as referred to in the Leicester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

By its nature and location this premises will attract a late crowd which can create crime and disorder issues if premises are not managed effectively.

We have concerns in respect of the proposed times for Licensable activity on Friday and Saturday namely operating until 0300hrs.

This may create the opportunity for late night crime and disorder and public nuisance and therefore undermine the Licensing Objectives.

We are also concerned in respect of children, namely persons under 18 being allowed onto the premises until the early hours namely 0100hrs and 0300hrs on Fridays and Saturday.

The applicant has provided no information on how children will be managed when on premises as the application suggests this premises is a bar rather than a restaurant where alcohol is only served with food.

This we believe undermines the objective of Preventing Children from Harm. We believe this needs to be addressed.

There is no provision for CCTV in the application and this raises concerns for both Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

Consultation has taken place with Licensing Enforcement to work to overcome the concerns and we are aware that this had also taken place with Leicestershire Police.

It is understood that despite this, every application must be decided on its own merits.

If the committee are minded to grant the licence, in addition to the information in the schedule, we would strongly urge that all of the following conditions be added that would assist in upholding the licensing objectives:

1. The Licence is subject to Leicester City Council's Standard Conditions for Places of Public Entertainment, published on the Licensing Authority's website www.leicester.gov.uk/licensing

2. The times for opening to the public are amended to:

Monday – Thursday as per application

Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 02:00

3. The times for all Licensable Activity are amended to:

Monday – Thursday as per application

Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 01:30

4. The licence holder will maintain an incident book to record all incidents at the premises of crime & disorder, damage to property and personal injury. This book/record is to be retained at the premises for a minimum of 12 months and made available to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request.

5. The licence holder will ensure that high quality internal and external CCTV is installed capable of facial recognition in any light following advice from Leicestershire Police and maintained in accordance with the Information Commissioner's CCTV codes of practice. This system will cover all areas the public have access to including entrance and exits. Recordings will always be maintained and will be retained for a minimum of 31 days.

6. The licence holder will ensure that there is a member of staff on the premises whilst it is open to members of the public who are trained to operate and provide images/footage from the CCTV system to the Police or Licensing Authority. Any request for CCTV outside these times will be completed within 24 hours of the request being made.

7. The licence holder will ensure that all staff, whether paid or unpaid, will receive training relating to the Licensing Act 2003. The training is to include preventing underage sales, proxy purchasing, serving to drunks and conflict management. The training will be documented, completed annually, signed, and dated on completion by trainer and trainee. Copies will be provided to the Police or Licensing Authority within 48 hours of any request made.

8. The licence holder will adhere to the 'Challenge 21' principals and will ensure all staff are fully conversant with the aims of Challenge 21.

9. The licence holder will display Challenge 21 posters within the premises in positions where they can be both be seen and read by customers.

10. The Licence holder will ensure that SIA Door Supervisors are employed at the premises on Friday and Saturday evenings and on New Year's Eve from 20:00 until the premises closes.

11. The Licence holder will maintain a register of door staff working at the premises is maintained which will include their full contact details, and this will be made available for inspection by Police.

12. The Licence holder will operate and efficient and effective queue management system at busy times.

13. The Licence holder will ensure that all external doors and windows are kept closed, other than for access and egress, in all rooms where events involving music are taking place.

14. Prominent signage will be in place at all exits requesting customers and staff to respect the needs of local residents by keeping noise levels to a minimum when outside the premises and when leaving the premises.

15. The licence holder shall take reasonable steps to prevent public nuisance being caused by any event and by customers outside the premises smoking.

16. No persons under the age of 18 must be in the premises at any time or for any reason after 21:00hrs on any night. If there is a request for an exception to this condition, this must be authorised by the Police Licensing Manager and the Licensing Authority Enforcement Manager.

Tj Mavani
Licensing Enforcement
Licensing Authority