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Licensing Act 2003 Representation in respect of a major variation application

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC Jefferson Pritchard
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	The Bricklayers Arms
Address of premises:	78 Welford Road Leicester LE2 7AB
Application No. (if known)	

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

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 major premises licence variation 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The prevention of crime and disorder. (2) The prevention of public nuisance. <p>The licence was last amended in June 2012 to represent the existing licensable</p>

activities and operating hours.

The premises existing licensable activities and opening hours to the public are:

- (1) Performance of Live Music (Indoors only)
Monday to Sunday from 10am until 2am.
- (2) Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors only)
Monday to Sunday from 10am until 2am.
- (3) Late Night Refreshments (Indoors only)
Monday to Sunday from 11pm until 2am.
- (4) Supply of Alcohol (On & Off the premises)
Monday to Sunday from 10am until 2am.
- (5) Hours the premises are open to the public:
Unrestricted. Midnight to midnight.

The application proposes to amend these to:

- (1) Performance of Live Music (Indoors only)
Monday to Tuesday from 10am until 2am = No change
Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 3am = **+1 hour**
Sunday from 10am until 2am = No Change
- (2) Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors only)
Monday to Tuesday from 10am until 2am = No Change
Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 3am = **+1 hour.**
Sunday from 10am until 2am = No change
- (3) Late Night Refreshments (Indoors Only)
Monday to Tuesday from 11pm until 2am = No Change.
Wednesday to Saturday from 11pm until 3am = **+1 hour.**
Sunday from 11pm until 2am = No Change.
- (4) The Supply of Alcohol (On & Off the premises)
Monday to Tuesday from 10am until 2am = No Change.
Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 3am = **+1 hour.**
Sunday from 10am until 2am = No Change.
- (5) Hours the premises are open to the public
Monday to Tuesday from 8am until 2:30am = **+2 hours.**
Wednesday to Saturday from 8am until 3:30am = **+3.5 hours.**
Sunday from 8am until 2:30am = **+2 hours.**

And include "films" as a licensable activity (indoors) on:

- (6) Monday to Tuesday from 10am until 2am.
Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 3am.
Sunday from 10a, until 2am.

The applicant also wishes to remove the existing Annex 2 conditions.

The premises have been closed to the public since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020.

The premises are located on the junction of Welford Road and Regent Road.

The premises are located within a two-storey building and located upon the ground floor. There are a number of first and second floor empty rooms, which I assume belong to the premises.

The premises are located less than a four-minute walk from Leicester Rugby Club (Leicester Tigers) stadium and less than 0.9 miles or a 17-minute walk from Leicester City Football Club's King Power stadium. Welford Road acts as a main arterial vehicle and pedestrian route which connects the city centre to both stadiums.

The premises have an enclosed courtyard at the rear of the premises, which acts as a customer beer garden/courtyard. The courtyard is accessed via the premises itself, however there is an emergency fire exit between the premises and the off licence next door at 84 Welford Road.

The enclosed courtyard backs onto 1 Regent Park Mews (Regent Road) which includes two residential flats. The windows to these flats overlook the premises courtyard. Further residential flats are located at 3 Regent Road.

Further residential properties are located directly opposite the premises on Pelham Way.

The application fails to address how it will manage the outdoor areas and prevent public nuisance. The application also fails to address how it will reduce the likelihood of crime, disorder and public nuisance as customers enter and leave the premises in the early hours of the morning.

The applicant has applied to open the premises two hours earlier in the morning than before. However, licensable activities will not commence until 10am as per the current licence.

The applicant wishes to extend its licensable hours for most licensable activities between Wednesday and Saturday and operate until 3am.

Whilst the premises existing opening hours to the public are "unrestricted" the applicant intends to amend this to 30 minutes after licensable activities cease.

It is the extended operating hours on Wednesday to Saturday that concerns Leicestershire Police.

The premises proximity to residential properties is very likely to result in public nuisance to local residents. Noise in the form of music or customers voices during entry and egress but also whilst customers use the rear courtyard. However, noise escape from inside the premises itself is also a concern.

Leicestershire Police's is also concerned that the late operating hours are likely to result in an increase in crime and disorder, given that alcohol related violent crime increases in the early hours of the morning, given more time that customers are permitted to consume alcohol.

Leicestershire Police are also concerned about crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour on Leicester City Football Club home matchdays and how the premises will manage home and away supporters, pre and post-match. In the past rival supporters have clashed directly outside the premises, as home supporters rushed out of the venue and clashed with away supporters as they passed by. Leicestershire Police do not support the increase in hours for the following licensable activities:

- (1) The provision of "Live music" – Wednesday to Saturday from 2am until 3am (+1 hour). The police would seek no change in the current hours.

Leicestershire Police also believe the New Year's Eve de-regulation rule allowing continued licensable activity is outdated and no longer fit for purpose.

Leicestershire Police are seeking an agreement with the applicant and the inclusion of additional conditions in order to mitigate the above concerns. However, at the time of submitting this representation, an agreement has not been reached.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police currently wish to submit a representation as the current application to extend its operating hours and remove the existing Annex 2 conditions, fails to support two of three licensing objectives. Leicestershire Police respectfully requests that the application be refused.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard
Leicestershire Police
Thursday 18th August 2022