



## Leicestershire Police

### Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Licence application.

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

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Good Chef
Address of premises:	38 Belgrave Gate Leicester LE1 3GP
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Leicester City centre's licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, on the authority delegated to me 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 all four licensing objectives.</p> <p>This is an application for a new premises licence at 38 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. LE1 3GP.</p> <p>The premises are located on Belgrave Gate next to the Savoy Street open air car park and opposite the vehicle entrance to the Haymarket Shopping Centre.</p>

The premises currently operate as a fast food takeaway and is listed online as opening daily between 9am and 11pm.

The applicant has applied for the following licensable activities:

Late Night Refreshment (indoors only) – Daily from 11pm until 5am.

Hours the premises are open to the public – Daily from 10am until 5am.

The premises intend to operate as fast food restaurant in the late-night time economy and operate daily until 5am.

In April 2021, Leicester City Council granted the premises a temporary street café licence (Licence Number – LEISC3878) for the period of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 until 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The period was automatically extended until the end of September 2023.

The licence permits the use of three tables and six chairs on the public highway to the front of the premises, daily, between 7am and 10pm.

The temporary street café licence was granted in the name of Mr Mehmet Selvi.

At 23:53 hours on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Mehmet Selvi called Leicestershire Police to report an intoxicated male refusing to leave the premises, squaring up to his sister (suspected to be applicant) and trying to start a fight with staff.

Police attended the premises and escorted a male out of the premises, however he and another male started to argue in the street which later escalated into a fight. The original male was arrested for being drunk and disorderly in a public place.

Please note that the premises should have closed to the public 53 minutes earlier at 11pm

At 02:31 hours on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Leicestershire Police attended the premises as result of a serious assault outside the premises. The attending officers later established that the incident had started inside the premises before the fighting started directly outside the premises. The applicant assisted the officers with their CCTV enquiries and the CCTV footage confirmed that the premises was open and trading at 02:16 hours.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Leicestershire Police served a warning letter upon the applicant as result of the unauthorised licensable activity at the premises on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

On speaking with the applicant, the applicant stated she was unaware that a licence was required to provide “late night refreshment” in the form of hot food and drink between 11pm and 5am.

Even though the premises will not be supplying alcohol itself, which is major contributing factor towards crime and disorder, the premises will potentially act as a “magnet” for customers already under the influence of alcohol in the early hours of the morning to visit in order to purchase hot food. Given that several nearby licensed premises supply alcohol, means this is highly likely.

Several licensed premises are located on Abbey Street / Belgrave Gate, which routinely open until 5/6am.

Historically, fast food restaurants and taxi ranks act as a magnet and often result in confrontation between different/rival groups, resulting in alcohol related violent crime and disorder. Unfortunately, Belgrave Gate is no different.

Two other late-night refreshment / fast food takeaways exist within close proximity to the proposed premises. Both these premises have also experienced issues of crime and disorder between 1am and 6am, in the not too distance past.

The premises plan refers to a number of fixed tables and chairs, which can cater for at least twenty-eight seated customers. However, given the size of the premises the premises can easily cater for more customers, more so if stood up.

The applicant has confirmed the premises is covered by seven cameras, however the premises does not have any external cameras covering the area immediately outside the front of the premises. Two of the seven cameras are located with the non-public access areas of the premises and a further external camera at the rear of the premises.

As part of the application process, Leicestershire Police visited the premises on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. At the time of visit, the applicant was unable to access the CCTV system. The applicant was also unsure as to exactly how many days the footage was retained for.

The entrance and area immediately outside any licensed premises often act as a flash point for crime and disorder, however the premises does not have any CCTV coverage of this area. Therefore, criminal investigations could potentially be hampered by the lack of CCTV coverage.

Overall, the application makes no reference to the licensing objectives and more importantly how it will promote the licensing objectives.

The operating schedule solely refers to the requirement to make a profit and makes no reference to promoting the licensing objectives.

The application has placed a large emphasis on CCTV as being the primary means of supporting the licensing objectives, whether it being inside the premises or Leicester City Council CCTV outside the premises, in the street.

The application very much places responsibility upon the police rather the applicant to promote the licensing objectives.

Leicestershire Police strongly believe the crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour both inside and outside the premises will occur if the licence was granted, regardless of the best intentions of the applicant.

Leicestershire Police believe that the application fails to promote all four licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003 and therefore respectfully request that the application be refused.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard

Leicestershire Police – Licensing.

Representation dated – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.