



## Appendix B9

# Leicestershire Police

### Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Application

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC1790 Jonathan Webb
Your Address:	Force Licensing Department, Mansfield House, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester LE1 3GG

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Newsagents
Address of premises:	22 KING STREET LEICESTER LE1 6RL
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 a Licensing Officer for Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation relates to the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and Protection of Children from Harm</p> <p>Leicester City Council has adopted a Special Policy in relation to applications for <b>New Licences</b> and material variations in this location. The effect of this policy is set out in the Councils current policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.13 of that policy states:</p>



“The effect of the special policies will be to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for **new premises licences** or club premises certificates, or material variations, will normally be refused. It will be for the applicant to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact. Applicants will need to address this matter in their operating schedules”

This is an application for a Newsagent/convenience store trading from a premise that has both an entrance on New Walk and an entrance on King Street. The premise also has a dual address in relation to this.

It is for this reason that the Police consider these premises as being within the Cumulative Impact zone as identified in the Councils policy as the Belvoir Street area of Leicester City.

This area is bounded by Belvoir Street, Granby Street (from Belvoir Street to Chatham Street), Chatham Street, Wellington Street (from Belvoir Street to Park Street) **Park Street, New Walk (from Park Street to King Street)** and King Street (from New Walk to Belvoir Street)

The applicant has failed to refer to the cumulative impact policy in their application and has provided no information on what steps in consideration to potential cumulative impact issues they have taken to promote the licensing objectives.

During the day time the area of New Walk has a number of problems relating to street drinkers. Museum Square and the small seating area located just a few metres from the shop at the corner of New Walk and King Street are evidenced as places where street drinkers congregate. There are also a number of premises in the vicinity that support people with alcohol and drugs issues and further premises which house vulnerable people. The easy accessibility to cheap high strength alcohol would not promote the licensing objective.

The footfall in this cumulative impact area increases substantially on a Friday and Saturday night due to the number of bars, clubs, restaurants and fast food outlets. It also suffers from a greater amount of anti social behaviour and criminal offences where alcohol is a contributory factor. This premise would allow those visiting the area to buy alcohol cheaper and in greater quantity prior to entering the bars (pre loading) therefore increasing their intoxication. It would also allow the same practice as people moved between bars (side loading) which would also increase the possibility of empty bottles littering the streets providing potential weapons and broken glass which may cause injuries.

A number of premises in the area trade until 6 am when those already intoxicated from visiting these premises would empty onto the streets and would have access to further alcohol which they could continue to party and consume on the street in the vicinity of this premise.

The applicant has not provided details of any age policy or training that he would introduce for all staff to prevent alcohol being sold to those under 18 years of age apart from that they would ask for age. This is not considered an appropriate means of confirming a customer's eligibility to purchase age restricted products.

In its present form we state that this application does not fully promote the licensing objectives. The purpose of this application therefore is to engage the discretion of the licensing authority in considering the Councils own special policy in relation to this application and to reject this application.

Should the committee decide to grant this licence we ask that the following conditions be considered in order to promote the licensing objectives and that both the opening



time and the timings the premises can sell alcohol are amended.

Hours Premises are open to the public

Monday through to Saturday 0730hrs till 2130hrs

Hours of Alcohol Supply;

Monday through to Sunday 0900hrs until 2000hrs

“The licence holder will provide an age policy whereby any person looking under 25years of age will be requested to provide age verification using the following documents; PASS card, Driving Licence, Passport or British Military identity card”

“The licence holder will ensure all staff whether paid or unpaid will receive training in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 including the premise age policy. This training will be documented and signed for by the trainer and trainee on completion and will be completed twice a year to retain focus”

“The licence holder will ensure a refusal book is maintained and kept at the premises and made immediately available to Police and responsible authorities on request”

“The licence holder will ensure all incidents of crime and disorder are reported to the police and recorded in an incident book which is maintained and kept at the premises and made immediately available to Police and responsible authorities on request”

“The licence holder will install a CCTV system following advice from the Leicestershire Police and in accordance with The Commissioners Code of Practice on CCTV. The system will record at all times the premises is open to the public and will retain those recordings for a minimum 31 days”

“The licence holder will ensure recorded images are made available to the police and responsible authorities within 48 hours of a request being made”

“The licence holder will not sell any beers, lagers, ciders or perrys where the alcohol by volume (ABV) exceeds 5.5%”

“The licence holder will close the door which leads onto New Walk from 1930hrs and all access and egress from the premises will be by the door which leads onto King Street”

“The licence holder will ensure that any alcohol on display outside licensable times is not accessible to customers attending the premises and that signs are clearly displayed informing customers the times alcohol is available for sale”

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