



## Leicestershire Police

## Appendix B

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

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

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Polski Skelp Smaczek Ltd
Address of premises:	30 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 type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

I write in my capacity as a licensing officer for Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.

Leicester City Council has adopted a Special Policy in relation to applications for **new licences** and material variations in this Cumulative Impact Area. The effect of this policy is set out in the Council's current policy. Paragraph 4.13 of that policy states:

*"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."*



The applicant has made reference in their application of the Cumulative Impact Zone and it must be assumed that they have taken account of the local problems and concerns.

The applicant has consulted with the Police and has within the application, following Police advice, set out how they will uphold the licensing objectives.

This is an application for a large convenience store on Belgrave Gate and although conditions have been presented to reduce its impact it will have an impact on the area by further increasing the availability of outlets in that area to purchase alcohol.

During the day time Leicester City centre suffers from 'street drinkers', those who purchase cheap high strength alcohol before congregating and consuming it on the surrounding City streets. This leads to anti-social behaviour and crime due to their intoxication.

This problem has been recognised by the City council resulting in an appropriate condition being placed on a number of 'off sales' licences in the City.

St Margarets Bus Station, which sits on the edge of the cumulative impact zone, is one area as is Charles Street which runs from Belgrave Gate that suffers from the problem of street drinkers congregating.

In the early evening, especially on Thursday Friday and Saturday, the area around the cumulative impact zone changes as it becomes the pathway to the many nightclubs and bars in the area. Shops allow the opportunity for customers visiting these venues to 'pre load' or 'top up' their alcohol consumption which may not become immediately apparent to door staff. It can also increase the amount of discarded empty bottle which may provide a source of weapons or cause injury due to broken glass.

The purpose of this representation therefore is to engage the discretion of the licensing authority in considering the Councils own policy in relation to the cumulative impact policy and whether the applicant has demonstrated that, through their operating schedule, the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact.

Leicestershire Police would request that should the Committee grant the licence that the following conditions are added to supplement those already offered by the applicant as we feel they are required to further promote the Licensing Objectives.

(a) The licence holder will ensure that CCTV is installed following advice from the Leicestershire Police and maintained in accordance with the Information Commissioners CCTV Code of Practice. Recordings will be maintained at all times the premises is open to the public and will be kept for a minimum 30 days.

(b) The licence holder will ensure that there is always a member of staff on the premises, whilst it is open to the public, who is trained to operate and provide images from the cctv system to Police officers and Responsible Authorities. Any requests for cctv outside these times will be made available within 48hrs of the request being made.

(c) The licence holder will regularly assess the requirement for trained security staff having taken into account advice from Leicestershire Police and maintain a written record of this assessment.

PC1790 Jonathan Webb  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2016