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**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**  
**Hearing under the Licensing Act 2003**

**8 JUNE 2016**

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**Application for a new premises licence within a Cumulative Impact Zone  
Dolce and Verde, 31 Belvoir Street, Leicester LE1 3SL**

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**Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report provides information for Members about an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, to assist them in determining the outcome of that application.

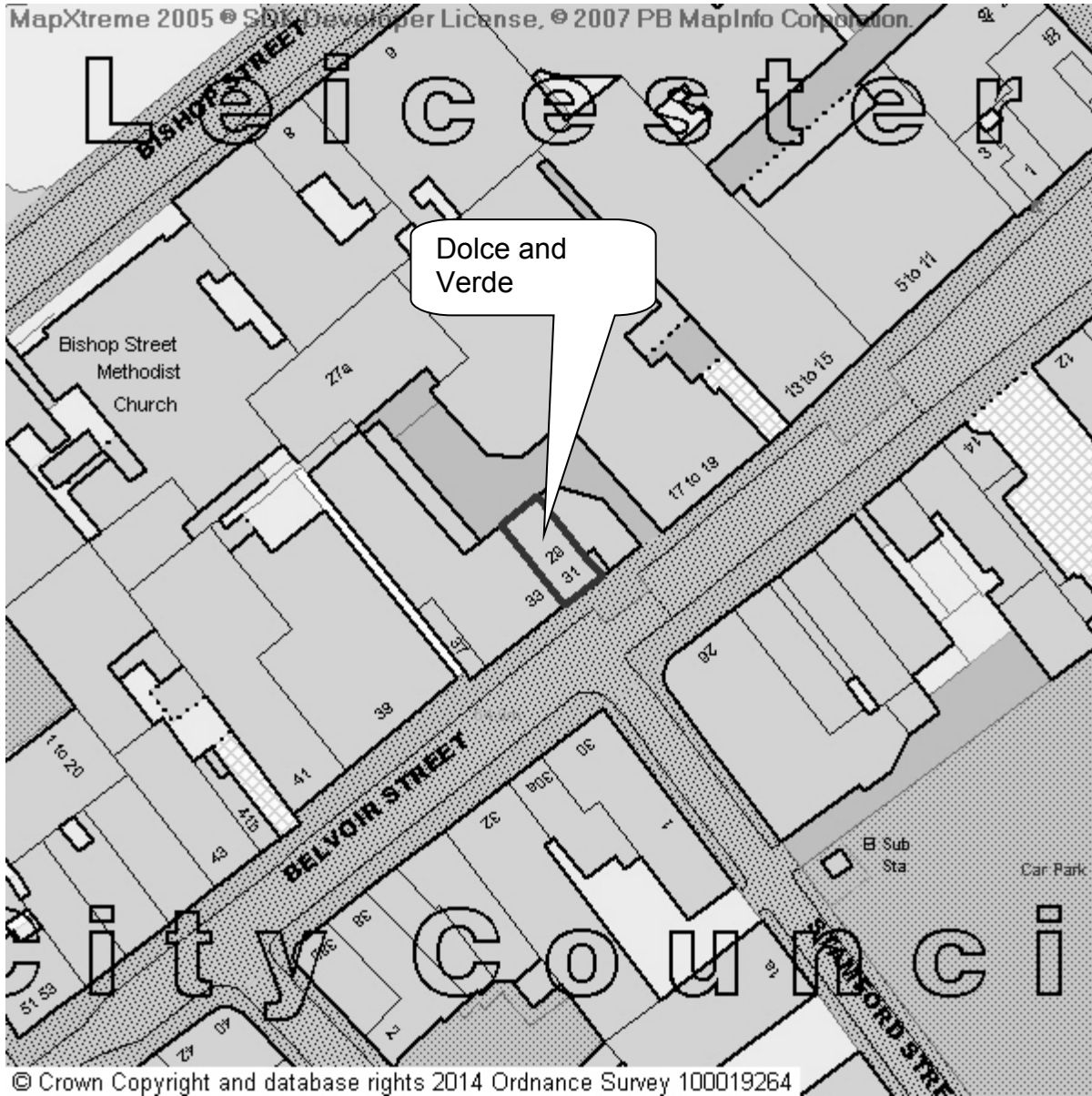
**2. Determination to be made**

- 2.1. Having considered the application and representation, Members must consider whether to
- Grant the licence without modification
  - Grant the licence subject to conditions
  - Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities
  - Refuse to accept the proposed premises supervisor
  - Reject the application

**3. Summary**

- 3.1 This report outlines an application for a new premises licence for premises within the Belvoir Street area Cumulative Impact Zone and summarises the representations received. It also highlights the licensing objectives, the relevant parts of the guidance and regulations, and the pertinent sections of the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

#### 4. Location Plan



## 5. Application

5.1 An application was received on 14 April 2016 from Dolce and Verde (Leic) Ltd for a new premises licence for Dolce and Verde in the Belvoir Street area Cumulative Impact Zone. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.

5.2 The application is as follows:

<b>Licensable activity</b>	<b>Proposed Hours</b>
Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Saturday 08.00 – 18.00 Sunday 10.00 – 17.00
Opening hours	Monday to Saturday 08.00 – 18.00 Sunday 10.00 – 17.00

## 6. Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives

6.1 The steps the applicant proposes to take to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact and promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section M of Appendix A).

6.2 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

## 7 Representation

7.1 A relevant representation was received on 9 May 2016 from Leicestershire Police. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. Leicestershire Police is concerned that the applicant has made no reference in their application of the Cumulative Impact Zone and has assumed that the licensing policy has not been fully consulted prior to submission. It is the Leicestershire Police view that granting the application will add to the existing late night problems in the City centre by increasing the capacity of licensed premises within the cumulative impact zone and failing to promote the Licensing Objectives. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B.

## 8. Cumulative Impact

8.1 In February 2005 Leicester City Council introduced a special policy on cumulative impact in the Belvoir street area which refers specifically to on and off licences. This creates a rebuttable presumption that an application for a new premises licence will be refused, unless the applicants can show that their premises are unlikely to add to the problems of saturation.

## 9. Statutory Guidance

9.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the government has issued guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The parts of the guidance that are particularly relevant in this case are as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Heading</b>
1.2 – 1.5	Licensing Objectives and aims
1.15	General Principles
2.1 – 2.5	Crime & disorder
2.14 – 2.20	Public nuisance
8.33 – 8.41	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.12	Representations from the Police
9.30 – 9.40	Hearings
9.41 – 9.43	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives
10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions
10.27 – 10.68	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
13.30 – 13.35	Effect of special policies
13.36 – 13.39	Limitations on special policies relating to cumulative impact
13.40 – 13.41	Other mechanisms for controlling cumulative impact
13.44 – 13.45	Licensing Hours

## **10. Statement of Licensing Policy**

- 10.1 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Heading</b>
2	Fundamental Principles
3	Cumulative Impact
4	Policy on Cumulative Impact
5	Licensing Hours
7	Prevention of Crime and Disorder
9	Prevention of Public Nuisance
11.4 – 11.5	Planning
12	Duplication
13	Standardised conditions

## **11. Points for Clarification**

- 11.1 The applicant and the party making the representation have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

*By the applicant*

1. Whether the applicant considers that the concerns outlined in the representations are valid, and if not why not?
2. In the light of the representations made, does the applicant wish to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives?

*By the party making the representation*

1. Whether they have any additional information to support the representation they have made?
2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives?

**12 Other implications**

<b>OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>YES/ NO</b>	<b>Paragraph/References Within Supporting information</b>
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	The premises is within a cumulative impact area
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder		Yes
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Impact	No	

**13 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972**

- a. None

**14 Consultations**

- b. The Licensing Authority is not obliged to consult any parties with regard to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003. However, the applicant is required to consult with the responsible authorities as set out in the 2003 Act.

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<b>APPENDIX</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
A	Application
B	Representation