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Appendix

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

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Details of pers	son or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC Jonathan Webb	
Your Address:	Force Licensing Department, Mansfield House, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester LE1 3GG	
Details of pren	nises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Harveys Bar and Grill	
Address of	43 Belvoir Street	

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Address of premises:	43 Belvoir Street Leicester LE1 6SL
Application No. (if known)	Abdul CARATELLA

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

## Please summarise your concerns about this application:

I write in my capacity as a licensing officer for the 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 the 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 policy requires the applicant to satisfy the Licensing Authority that the grant of the new licence will not add to the existing cumulative impact of licensed premises within the area.

These premises, which cover 3 floors, are situated on Belvoir Street in Leicester City centre. The footfall on Belvoir Street increases substantially on a Friday and Saturday night due to the number of licensed premises on this fairly short street and immediate area. It also suffers from a greater amount of anti-social behaviour and criminal offences where alcohol is a contributory factor during the hours of 2200hrs and 0600hrs.

Leicestershire Police currently Police the night time economy in the City through Operation Anthem. This allows for identified officers to work primarily within the City focusing on the bars, pubs & clubs and those customers who visit the City to partake of this entertainment. This operation ceases at 0400hrs by which time many officers will have been tied up with incidents which further reduces the number of resources available to Police the City.

The applicant has requested a substantial increase in the supply of alcohol past the present licence hours of 0200hrs until 0600hrs.

If granted this will allow those who have already consumed sufficient alcohol in other premises that are licensed until 0400hrs to continue their consumption in these premises therefore increasing their intoxication and increasing the likelihood of offences and incidents.

The applicant has further requested the removal of a condition which prevents the sale of alcohol for consumption 'off' the premises.

By removing this condition it would allow the premises to operate as an 'off licence' which would increase the probability of 'pre loading' and 'side loading' and discarded cans and bottles which may be used as weapons on the street.

Leicestershire Police are concerned that the increase in hours and the removal of this condition would allow this substantial premises to trade later, increase the footfall in the area during a time when police resources are reduced and will increase the probability of more crime influenced by alcohol to be committed.

It is in our opinion that granting this licence would be contrary to the intentions and objectives of the saturation policy that exists for this area and would 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.

We therefore wish to engage the discretion of the licensing authority in considering the Councils own policy in relation to this application and to refuse this application.

PC1790 Jonathan Webb

19<sup>th</sup> April 2016