



Leicestershire Police

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:	Candle Rooms
Address of premises:	25 Gravel Street Leicester LE1 3AG
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 type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as a licensing officer for the Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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."</p>

The applicant has made no reference in their application of the Cumulative Impact Zone and it must be assumed that the licensing policy has not been fully consulted prior to submission. It would also appear that the applicant has failed to take into account the local problems and concerns.

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. The current application does not address this issue.

The proposed venue is located between two of the Cities largest clubs that have a combined capacity of over three and a half thousand.

The footfall is further increased by the capacity at licensed venues in the immediate area in excess of another one and a half thousand people.

The Gravel Street/Church Gate/Abbey Street area suffers on a weekly basis from incidents related to the night time economy. Many of these incidents are translated into reported crimes and are incidents of alcohol fuelled violence.

The applicant has previously applied for a premises licence which was refused and although this application has seen a substantial decrease in the licensable hours requested it is still requesting a licence to allow trade into the night time economy hours. Clubs and bars in the area normally open their doors from 2200hrs bringing an increase of revellers to the area and the potential for confrontation.

The applicant has provided some very basic information within the operating schedule to assist in the management of these premises however they have not supplied anything of substance. The lack of information indicates a lack of experience in operating licensed premises within a CIZ or that they are not fully committed to promoting the licensing objectives.

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.

It is the police view that granting this 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.

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

20th October 2017