



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: <i>"There will be a presumption that applications for new premises licences or extension to the hours of licensing of existing premises in a cumulative impact zone will be refused. If the applicant can demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing problems in the cumulative impact zone, the application could be approved. Applicants will need to address this issue in their operating schedules."</i></p>

The policy requires the applicant to demonstrate to the Licensing Authority that their premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact of licensed premises within the area through the operating schedule of the application. The current application does not fully 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.

Greater footfall increases the potential for confrontation between intoxicated members of the public at fast food outlets and taxi ranks and can increase the impact on the emergency services

The Gravel Street/Church Gate/Abbey Street area suffers on a weekly basis from incidents of anti-social behaviour related to the night time economy. Many of these incidents involve alcohol fuelled violence which are subsequently translated into recorded crimes.

Leicestershire Police do increase resources on a Friday and Saturday night from 2300hrs until 0600hrs as this is the peak time for alcohol related problems through Op Anthem. These resources are limited and an increase in footfall for this area will impact on those resources

Emergency services resources during the week days are substantially less than at weekends and this application is to open 7 days a week.

This is the third application for a Premises Licence at this location submitted by Mr Madlani. Two previous applications have been refused in part due to the licensable hours requested encroaching on the "night time economy" hours. This present application is still applying to stay open until midnight, a time which sees a substantial increase in footfall and customers queuing to enter club premises.

The applicant has indicated within the operating schedule how they intend to manage the premises however they have not supplied details of their training or their policies. This information is required to ensure the licensing objectives are being promoted and to demonstrate the applicants methods of preventing the impact on the CIZ.

Leicestershire Police do have concerns regarding the experience of the applicant and his ability to promote 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 in its present form would be contrary to the intentions and objectives of the saturation policy

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

PC1790 Jonathan Webb
15th February 2018