

Leicester
City Council

LICENSING (HEARINGS) SUB-COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Meeting Room 1.24, First Floor, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 9BG

Members of the Sub-Committee

Councillors Barton, Cank and Cassidy

Members of the Sub-Committee are summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Monitoring Officer

Officer contact:

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INTRODUCTORY PHASE

The meeting will be held in public unless stated otherwise in the report.

Present at the hearing will be Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee (minimum 3 Members), Officers from the Licensing Authority, a Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee, an Officer from Governance Services.

1. Participants at the meeting will introduce themselves as follows:
 - a. Members and Officers
 - b. Statutory Consultees (if any)
 - c. The Applicant and any representatives
 - d. Persons who have made representations
2. The Chair will check that the Applicant has received a copy of the Officer report.

INFORMATION GATHERING

(*Please Note – for the purposes of a hearing to determine an application in a Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), the Applicant will present their case first)

3. The Licensing Officer presents the report (previously circulated)

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Statutory Consultees (if any)
Persons who have made representations
Applicant and Representative(s)
4. Depending on the nature of the report, Statutory Consultees present their comments.

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers
Persons who have made representations
Applicant and Representative(s)
5. Persons who have made representations

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers
Statutory Consultees (is any)
Applicant and Representative(s)
6. *Applicant's Case

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers

Statutory Consultees
Persons who have made representations

7. Summing up in the following order

Officers
Statutory Consultees
Persons who have made representations
*Applicant and Representative(s)

8. The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to advise the Sub-Committee in the presence of the Applicant, Representatives, Officers, Statutory Consultees, and persons who have made representations on relevant issues the Members need to be aware of when they come to make their decision.

DECISION MAKING

9. Apart from the Sub-Committee Members and the Governance Support Officer everyone will be asked to withdraw from the meeting The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee may be called back to the meeting to advise on the wording of the decision the Sub-Committee Members will have made during private deliberation.
10. The Applicant will be advised that the decision made by the Sub-Committee will be made public within 5 working days of the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

FIRE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION

If the emergency alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building immediately by the nearest available fire exit and proceed to the area outside the Ramada Encore Hotel on Charles Street as directed by Governance Services staff. Further instructions will then be given.

1. Appointment of Chair

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

4. Application for a New Premises Licence - 261 Express, 261 Hinckley Road, Leicester

[Appendix A](#)
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The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report for an application for a new premises licence for 261 Express, 261 Hinckley Road, Leicester.

5. Any Other Urgent Business

Application for a new premises licence

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken by: Licensing (Hearings)
Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken on/Date of meeting: 04 February
2026

Lead director/officer: Bobby Smiljanic

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Fosse
- Report author: Amy Day
- Author contact details: 0116 454 3054
- Report version number: 1

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence for 261 Express, 261 Hinckley Road, Leicester and summarises the representations received. It also highlights the licensing objectives and the relevant parts of both the statutory guidance and the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

2. Determination to be made

- 2.1 Having considered the application and representations, 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. Application and promotion of the licensing objectives

- 3.1 An application was received on 15 December 2025 from 261 Express Ltd for a new premises licence for 261 Express, 261 Hinckley Road, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Proposed hours
Late night refreshment	Monday to Sunday 23.00 – 00.00
Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Sunday 08.00 – 00.00
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday 08.00 – 00.00

- 3.3 The steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section 18 of Appendix A).
- 3.4 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3.5 Location Plan



4. Representations

4.1 Three representations were received between 7th and 9th January 2026 from members of the public. The representations relate to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The representees are concerned that this premises will increase the existing noise, litter and anti-social behaviour issues from street drinkers. Copies of the representations are attached at Appendix B1-3.

5. Conditions

5.1 The conditions that are consistent with the application are attached at Appendix C.

6. Statutory guidance and statement of licensing policy

6.1 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:

Section	Heading
1.2 – 1.5	Licensing objectives and aims
1.15 – 1.16	General Principles
1.17	Each application on its own merits
2.1 – 2.6	Crime & Disorder
2.15 – 2.21	Public nuisance
3.12 – 3.20	Late night refreshment
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.11 – 9.12	Role of responsible authorities
9.31 – 9.41	Hearings
9.42 – 9.44	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives
10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions
10.10	Proportionality
10.13 - 10.15	Hours of trading
10.25 – 10.66	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
13.10 – 13.11	Giving reasons for decisions
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing Hours

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

Section	Heading
4	Promotion of the licensing objectives
5	General Principles
6	Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates
8	Areas of Specific Interest and Consultation

7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the party / parties 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, whether the applicant wishes 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.

8. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

8.1 Financial implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Jade Draper Principal Accountant
19th January 2026

8.2 Legal implications

Legal advice specific to the application will be provided at the meeting by Legal Officers.

8.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report. However it is important to consider issues of accessibility to the application process and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal); The criteria used during determination of an application and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal).

Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer
Dated: 19th January 2026

8.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are unlikely to be any significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report and the licensing process.

Duncan Bell, Change Manager

8.5 Other implications

None.

9. Background information and other papers:

None

10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – Representations

Appendix C – Conditions consistent with the application

11. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

12. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No



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Application for a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

261 Express Ltd

* Family name

261 Express Ltd

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

Yes

No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

16876967

Business name

261 Express Ltd Ltd

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

-

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Private Limited Company

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Applicant's position in the business	Director		
Home country	United Kingdom	The country where the applicant's headquarters are.	
Registered Address		Address registered with Companies House.	
Building number or name	261		
Street	Hinckley Road		
District			
City or town	Leicester		
County or administrative area	Leics		
Postcode	LE3 0TH		
Country	United Kingdom		
Agent Details			
* First name	Anthony		
* Family name	Close		
* E-mail			
Main telephone number		Include country code.	
Other telephone number			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone			
Are you:			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader	A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.		
<input type="radio"/> A private individual acting as an agent			
Agent Business			
Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.
Is your business registered outside the UK?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Business name	AC Consultancy		If your business is registered, use its registered name.
VAT number	-		Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.
Legal status	Sole Trader		

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Your position in the business	Proprietor	
Home country	United Kingdom	The country where the headquarters of your business is located.
Agent Business Address		
Building number or name		
Street		
District		
City or town		
County or administrative area		
Postcode		
Country		

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name	261
Street	Hinckley Road
District	Evington
City or town	Leicester
County or administrative area	Leics
Postcode	LE3 0TH
Country	United Kingdom

Further Details

Telephone number	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	11,750

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company / limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.

Non Individual Applicant's Name

Name

261 Express Ltd

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

16876967

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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private limited company

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

* Date of birth

* Nationality

Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start? / /
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, / /
when do you want it to end dd mm yyyy

Provide a general description of the premises

For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

Main road premises trading as a Convenience Store with a range of products catering for family shopping. The premises has previously held a licence which was forfeited by the old owner.

There will be 1 full time and 2 part time staff. All members of staff are trained and are aware of their personal responsibilities with regards to sales of alcohol. Challenge 25 Notices are to be displayed with "valid proof of age required" message and a refusal of service book will be in operation.

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Security is provided by 10 high resolution cctv cameras, visible monitor and recording system

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

Yes No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

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Will you be providing performances of dance?

Yes

No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

Yes

No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

Yes

No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

Start

End

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Indoors

Outdoors

Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

To supply drinks from the coffee machine

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of late night refreshments at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

Yes

No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

Start

End

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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WEDNESDAY

Start	08:00	End	24:00
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

THURSDAY

Start	08:00	End	24:00
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

FRIDAY

Start	08:00	End	24:00
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

SATURDAY

Start	08:00	End	24:00
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

SUNDAY

Start	08:00	End	24:00
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

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Name

First name Mustafa

Family name Kareemi Sharam

Date of birth [REDACTED]
dd mm yyyy

Enter the contact's address

Building number or name [REDACTED]

Street [REDACTED]

District [REDACTED]

City or town [REDACTED]

County or administrative area [REDACTED]

Postcode [REDACTED]

Country [REDACTED]

Personal Licence number
(if known) LEIPRS2798

Issuing licensing authority
(if known) Leicester City Council

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known) [REDACTED]

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

None

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

Start

End

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

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Start

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THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

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End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Nothing beyond existing Health and Safety/Fire Safety requirements and the existing rules, regulations and responsibilities of a Licensee. The premises will promote the licensing objectives in accordance with Section 182 guidance. All members of staff will be formally trained in their roles and responsibilities

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A 10 camera multiplex CCTV system will be in operation with visible monitor and due warning signs displayed to the public of its use within the premises. One interior camera is positioned to focus on the entrance and exit doorways to help with the prevention and detection of crime and help with the protection of customers' and staff safety. Recording data will be timed, dated and have a minimum 31 days records. The Police and Local Authority Officers may have access to the system at any reasonable time and downloadable recordings on request. A refusal register is to be kept to record any incidents.

c) Public safety

Fire safety equipment includes alarms, 2 fire extinguisher which are regularly maintained. All electrical equipment is safety checked (pat tested). Fire exit signs are displayed and the staff instructed in emergency evacuation procedures

d) The prevention of public nuisance

A waste bin is provided. The front pavement is swept daily or more frequently if littered. Notices displayed requesting customers to leave the premises as quietly as possible

e) The protection of children from harm

A maximum of 3 unaccompanied children are allowed in the shop at any one time. Challenge 25 and "Pass" approved Notices displayed requesting valid proof of age for any age restricted products. "No I.D - No Sale". All staff are trained to serve alcohol and age sensitive products under the guidance of the DPS

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- any page containing the holder's photograph;
- any page containing the holder's signature;
- any page containing the date of expiry; and
- any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Fees are dependent on the business rate band of the premises. Further information is provided at the link below: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/entertainment-food-and-drink-licensing/alcohol-entertainment-and-late-night-refreshment/policy-and-guidance/>

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

ATTACHMENTS

AUTHORITY POSTAL ADDRESS

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

 United Kingdom

DECLARATION

[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I

* understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or

* her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

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This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

* Capacity

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/leicester/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). • The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)
Signature	
Date	
Capacity	Agent for applicant

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	11-12-2025
Capacity	Agent for applicant

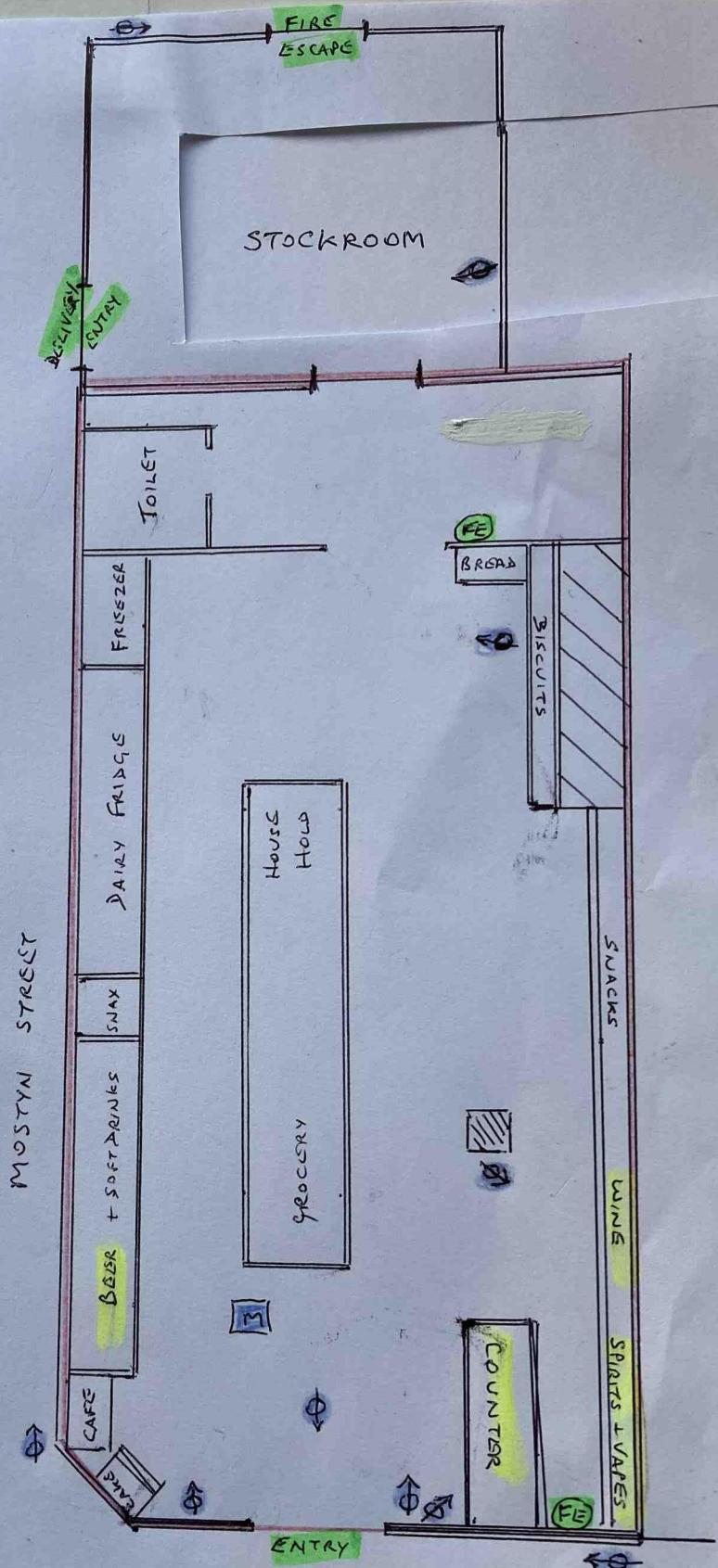
Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14) AC Consultancy - Tony Close [REDACTED]			
Post town		Postcode	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) [REDACTED]			

Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:

- CCTV CAMERA
- MONITOR
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER

SCALE 1:150



261 HINCKLEY ROAD, LEICESTER LE3 0TH

Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor

Mustafa Kareemi Sharam

I [full name of prospective premises supervisor]

[home address of prospective premises supervisor]

hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for

New Premises Licence

[type of application]

by

261 Express Ltd

[name of applicant]

New

relating to a premises licence

[number of existing licence, if any]

for

261 Express
261 Hinckley Road
Leicester
LE3 0TH

[name and address of premises to which the application relates]

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

261 Express Ltd

[name of applicant]

concerning the supply of alcohol at

FILE EXPRESS
261 Hinckley Road
Leicester
LE3 0TH

[Name and address of premises to which application relates]

I also confirm that I am entitled to work in the United Kingdom and am applying for
intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out
below.

LEIPRS2798

[Insert personal licence number, if any]

Personal licence issuing authority

Leicester City Council

[Insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any]

Signed

Mustafa Kareemi Sharam

Name (please print)

08-12-2025

Date

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2026 10:56
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: 261 express ltd ; 261 Hinckley road Leicester

Dear sirs

Please find my objections for the license application for 261 express ltd The extra noise with cars parking on Moyston Street, cars doors being open and closed late at night this is a residential street with people who work shifts myself including.

People drinking in the street standing around talking late into the night.

We have a number of schools nearby with children walking to and from school morning and afternoon.

We already have a mosque next door to our premises which impacts on our sleep pattern with them coming to early morning prayers,which creates extra traffic in the area .

With the problem we have with fly tipping in the area this would also create extra rubbish with people leaving empty bottles and cans in the street.

We already have a problem with people sitting on Hinckley Road drinking which sometimes makes it very intimidating for women walking past.

I hope you consider these objections

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2026 11:09
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>; Cllr Sue Waddington <Sue.Waddington@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: 261 Hinckley Road

RE: 261 Express Ltd, 261 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TH

To whom it may concern,

I object to an alcohol licence for this shop, the selling of late night refreshments and the late opening hours.

I am also concerned that the notice on the shop does not include the email address of the licensing department for objections to be sent to.

In my opinion there will be increased noise, litter and anti-social behaviour in what is largely a residential area.

There are already plenty of shops very close by that sell alcohol. There are 4 within a few hundred yards along this stretch of Hinckley Road.

Responsible drinkers are unlikely to be buying alcohol so late at night.

This area is already home to a number of street drinkers and the associated nuisance that that causes (noise, violence, litter, anti-social behaviour). People hang around on the corner drinking at night (making noise, urinating and leaving drink cans and food containers for residents to clear up). Yet another shop selling alcohol (and late night food) will likely worsen existing problems, and being able to buy alcohol so late at night certainly will not help those with alcohol problems.

People also regularly drink in groups outside the parade of shops on Hinckley Road, and this can be intimidating to walk past. I fear that having alcohol available so late will worsen this problem.

I cannot see why a shop at the end of a residential street should stay open so late. As a [REDACTED] resident I am already disturbed by the comings and goings at very early and late times of the day from the nearby place of worship. Some people can be noisy leaving the restaurant on the opposite corner, but at least that doesn't stay open until midnight. I object to such late hours for the shop regardless of whether alcohol is sold or not. I'm not looking forward to being woken up by the noise of the shutters being closed after midnight on a daily basis.

If this license is granted it will be another thing that makes life for local residents just a bit worse.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2026 15:26
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: 261 Hinckley Road



This message needs your attention

- This is a personal email address.
- This is their first email to your company.

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To whom it may concern,

I want to object to the new shop 261 Express selling alcohol and being open so late. I don't want to see and hear more drunk people on my street or nearby. Also there is already too much traffic on the street because of the mosque. There are already lots of bottles and cans left around and other rubbish which make the area very messy. This would mean more litter.

Regards



CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE
A 10 camera multiplex CCTV system will be in operation with visible monitor and due warning signs displayed to the public of its use within the premises. One interior camera is positioned to focus on the entrance and exit doorways to help with the prevention and detection of crime and help with the protection of customers' and staff safety.
Recording data will be timed, dated and have a minimum 31 days records. The Police and Local Authority Officers may have access to the system at any reasonable time and downloadable recordings on request. A refusal register is to be kept to record any incidents.
A waste bin is provided and the front pavement is swept daily or more frequently if littered. Notices displayed requesting customers to leave the premises as quietly as possible.
A maximum of 3 unaccompanied children are allowed in the shop at any one time.
Challenge 25 and "Pass" approved Notices displayed requesting valid proof of age for any age restricted products. "No I.D -No Sale".
All staff are trained to serve alcohol and age sensitive products under the guidance of the DPS.

Hearing Notes for Monday 2nd February 2026

Please accept my apologies for my absence today, as I am on holiday.

Introduction to the Application: Copies were submitted to the relevant authorities, blue notices displayed on the premises for 28 days until the final day of January 12th. A public notice was placed in the December 19th edition of The Leicester Mercury as per the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The premises will promote the licensing objectives in accordance with Section 182 guidance. The criteria for the licensing objectives have been met and there are no representations from any responsible authority.

Review Objections: With response to the three public objections, I note that the letters are of a very similar nature and content and are mainly outside the scope of The Licensing Objectives. With regards to the concerns, firstly the litter issue, a large bin is to be positioned at the front door of the shop. Notices displayed requesting customers to leave the premises as quietly as possible. Any anti-social behaviour can be seen on the cctv cameras and dealt with accordingly. Known street drinkers will not be served. Notices to be displayed supporting the Challenge 25 Policy. Experienced staff are trained to understand their social responsibilities. A modern CCTV system is installed with 10 high resolution cameras to pick up and record any incidents.

In Conclusion: The application meets all statutory requirements. The Operating Schedule gives details of how the premises will promote the Licensing Objectives. Previously, this empty shop has been completely refurbished to become a lifestyle convenience store. A few years ago, three nearby licensed premises were lost to the area when they were fire bombed and the unsafe buildings demolished

This business is independently run to offer a wide range of food and drink with best practices in management to encourage people to shop locally.

With your consent these premises will offer a fair alternative choice to shoppers in Hickley Road and become a welcome partner in the community. I commend this application to you today

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Anthony Close – AC Consultancy – agent for applicant

