



APPENDIX B1

## Leicestershire Police

### Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Licence application.

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Paul Hardwick
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Rising Sun Foods Limited (King Mario's Pizza)
Address of premises:	1 Linton Street, Leicester, LE5 5JB
LA 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Licensing Officer for the Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this grant is based upon all four of the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003. Those being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The prevention of crime and +-disorder.</li><li>(2) Public Safety.</li><li>(3) The prevention of public nuisance.</li><li>(4) Protection of children from harm</li></ol> <p>This is an application for a fast-food takeaway (currently trading as King Mario's</p>

Pizza) with a customer collection area with a counter and also a back door for delivery access for drivers. There is no seating present.

It is seeking the following operating hours.

Monday to Wednesday 11am-11pm

Thursday 11am-2am

Friday 2pm until 3am

Saturday 11am until 3am

Sunday 11am until 2am.

### **Area of Special Interest**

The premises location is on Linton Rd / junction with Evington Rd in Leicester and is in an **area of special interest** as described in the Leicester council statement of licensing policy.

Within Leicester, there are several such areas where the environmental factors may require further considerations by the applicant in order to uphold the objectives. Some examples of these can be some or all, yet not exclusively, any of the below: • Number of existing licensed premises • Types of licensed premises • Sensitive premises • Density and locality of residential premises • Traffic or pedestrianised sensitive areas • Conservation and cultural areas, children/young person's facilities, etc • Alcohol related public health concerns (see public health information section within policy and website) • Areas of alcohol related crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour including Noise Pollution concerns.

### **Police High Harm area**

This specific location is also one of Leicestershire police's **highest harm locations** with hotspot analysis showing significant reports of serious violence and disorder affecting public safety over many months. Significant incidents have involved offenders under 18 years old putting children at risk of harm.

### **Local policing concerns**

The area in which the premises is located is already saturated with premises of a similar nature. This causes a large proportion of vehicle and foot traffic when premises are open, and this increases especially during the period of Ramadan annually.

Weekends are a particular peak period also. Since November last year following a **double-shooting on Evington Road not far from Linton Street**, the local authorities have been working together to try and limit the impact on local residents to include late night refreshment.

Patrons attending the location later at night has a direct impact on the local residential community, who suffer with noise nuisance and parking issues as a result. This is regularly reported to the Police and local councillors along with objections to more premises of a similar nature being allowed to open. A ward meeting last November has led to a multi-agency approach with Highways, Licensing Enforcement, City Wardens, local Councillors, Planning, and Traffic Enforcement.

Also, in March 2024 a patch walk was conducted with the local **Member of Parliament**, numerous **council departments** and **the local police** to work on a strategy to tackle ongoing issues of serious crime and disorder, public safety, public

nuisance and protection of children from harm from this location. Any additional demand being generated by additional opening hours or new premises could become unmanageable.

Previous experience of the local Police team is that disorder often occurs in the area during the proposed opening times, and this spikes with the increase in traffic in the area (vehicle and foot traffic). Parking issues also cause extra demand on the Police and impact on the ability for emergency services vehicles to traverse through the area when responding to emergency calls.

Recently In March 2024 there have been several incidents involving disorder, all of which have occurred near to or inside of licensed premises, including reports of **weapons offences, public order offences and serious assaults**. This has placed a significant demand on Police resources which would increase if further licences were granted, and in turn would have a cost implication to the Police and lessen their ability to respond to emergency service calls.

**Based on these concerns the police request that this new premises licence is refused.**

Paul Hardwick  
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