



## Leicestershire Police

### Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of a new grant application.

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC Jefferson Pritchard
Your Address:	Force Licensing Department, Mansfield House Police Station, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. LE1 3GG

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Gate 65 Leics Ltd
Address of premises:	63-65 Church Gate Leicester LE1 3AN
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 Leicester City centre's alcohol licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, with delegated authority from the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this new premises licence application is based upon the licensing objectives, as defined by the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The application in its current format (if granted), would undermine all four licensing objectives, in relation to:</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) The protection of children from harm.</li></ol>

This is an application for an existing licensed premises (LEIPRM1944) known as S.M Lounge aka Deon Lounge. The venue operated as a shisha lounge/café and bar and this application is for a similar type of venue. As the existing licence still exists this a shadow licence with some differences.

This new application wishes to increase the operating hours in the night-time economy.

The premises is situated on Church Gate in the heart of the city centre. Church Gate acts as a primary pedestrian route which links St Margarets bus station with the city centre.

The area consists of a mix of retail, leisure and residential properties. Church Gate also has a high concentration of licensed premises, many of whom who supply alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, as well as other venues who provide late night refreshments. Unfortunately, this does on occasions result in alcohol related anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder in the area as members of the public move between licensed premises or simply pass through the area.

Unfortunately, late night refreshment venues and licensed premises which supply alcohol, often act as magnets for members of the public under the influence of alcohol and other illegal substances. This does sometimes result in anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder.

**The applicant has applied for the following licensable activities:**

**The provision of record music (indoors only)**

**Monday to Wednesday from 4pm until midnight.**

**Thursday to Sunday from 4pm until 4am.**

**The supply of alcohol (on the premises only)**

**Monday to Wednesday from 4pm until midnight.**

**Thursday to Sunday from 4pm until 4am.**

**Opening hours of the public**

**Monday to Wednesday from 4pm until midnight.**

**Thursday to Sunday from 4pm until 4am.**

The application is vague but hints at some mitigating measures. Overall, the application lacks specific details about how the venue will promote and uphold the licensing objectives.

The applicant has not requested any late-night refreshments between 11pm and 5am, which would suggest the supply of alcohol will be the primary licensable activity after this time and until closing to the public.

Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Enforcement visited the premises and met the applicant and his manager on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

A further meeting was held with the applicant and his manager at Mansfield House police station on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to discuss the application further.

An agreement form was emailed to the applicant for signing on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 after he had earlier indicated that he would be willing to agree to the proposed conditions.

Leicestershire Police have some concerns about the application but believe the inclusion of some additional conditions will reduce the likelihood of crime and disorder in the future and help promote and uphold the licensing objectives.

Those conditions being:

- (1) The premises opening hours to the public:  
Monday to Wednesday from 4pm until midnight.  
Thursday from 4pm until 2:30am  
Friday & Saturday from 4pm until 3:30am.  
Sunday from 4pm until 2:30am.
- (2) The licence holder shall ensure the supply of alcohol ceases no later than thirty minutes prior to closing to the public.
- (3) The licence holder shall ensure recorded music ceases no later than thirty minutes prior to the closing to the public, when open after midnight.
- (4) Members of the public will not be permitted to remain on the premises between closing to the public and 8am.
- (5) The licence holder will ensure the primary use of the premises is as a shisha lounge, bar/café.
- (6) The licence holder will ensure a high-definition resolution, coloured CCTV system is installed, operational and recording whilst the premises is open to the public. The system must permit the identification of individuals in all lighting conditions. Cameras must cover all areas that the public have access to, including the entrance/exit and pavement area immediately outside the front of the premises.
- (7) The licence holder will ensure CCTV images are securely stored, display an accurate date/time stamp (BST/GMT) and retained for a minimum of 31 days.
- (8) A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system must be on the premises when the premises is open to the public from 8pm until close to the public. This staff member must be able to show an officer from a responsible authority data/footage with minimum delay when requested.
- (9) The licence holder will ensure viewable CCTV images are provided in a downloadable format to an officer from a responsible authority within fourteen days of a request.
- (10) The licence holder will employ a minimum of one Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors at the premises on Friday from 8pm until all customers have left the premises and a minimum of two Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors on Saturday from 8pm until all customers have left

the premises. They must remain on the premises during their deployment.

- (11) The licence holder will complete a monthly security review and if necessary and/or if directed in writing by Leicestershire Police Licensing Department, employ Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors or additional Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors at the premises.
- (12) The licence holder will ensure all Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisor(s) used at the premises record their full name, full SIA registration number and the dates/time deployed at the premises. A record must be kept on the premises for six months and made available for inspection to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.
- (13) The licence holder shall ensure that all Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisors or other persons engaged at the premises for the purpose of supervising or controlling queues or customers (paid or not) wear high visibility tabards and/or high visibility SIA badge armbands whilst on the duty and whilst the premises is open to public between 8pm and closing to the public.
- (14) The licence holder will promote and ensure that all front of house staff and Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisors employed at the premises are trained in public safety campaigns such as "Ask for Angela" or other similar schemes. A record of training must be retained for at least twelve months, repeated every six months, kept on the premises and made available for inspection by an officer from a responsible authority upon request.
- (15) The licence holder will ensure a full fire risk assessment is completed, reviewed and implemented in line with Fire Safety legislation annually.
- (16) The licence holder will ensure safety checks are carried out daily before the premises opens to the public and all checks will be recorded, retained for six months and made available for inspection to an officer from a responsible authority without delay.
- (17) The licence holder shall ensure that the premises is a member of Leicester City Watch and possess an operational retail radio when open to the public from 8pm until close to the public.
- (18) The licence holder will ensure that at least one operational audio and visual body worn camera is deployed at the premises and worn by either a member of security or staff, whilst the premises is open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 9pm until close to the public.

- (19) The licence holder will ensure body worn camera footage in both an audio and visual format is retained for a minimum of 31 days and made available to an officer from a responsible authority within fourteen days of a request.
- (20) An incident and refusals log will be kept on the premises and retained for a period of 12 months from the date of the incident. The log will be made immediately available for inspection on request of an officer from a responsible authority. The incident log must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and record the following:
- (a) All crimes reported to the premises.
  - (b) Any ejections of patrons.
  - (c) Any complaints received concerning crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
  - (d) Any incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour associated to the premises.
  - (e) Any faults in the CCTV system.
  - (f) Any refusal of age restricted products.
- (21) A Challenge 25 policy will be adopted with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence or identification carrying a PASS logo. A training record must be kept on the premises, retained for twelve months and produced to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.
- (22) Children will not be permitted on the premises.
- (23) The licence holder shall take reasonable steps to prevent public nuisance being caused by customers outside the premises and display prominent notices requesting customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
- (24) The licence holder shall ensure no drinks supplied by the premises are taken out of the premises, unless within a specified authorised street café / pavement licenced area.
- (25) The licence holder shall ensure customers smoking outside the front of the premises are supervised.
- (26) The licence holder shall ensure live sports are not shown on television screens at the front of the premises, where passing members of the public could congregate / view.

No further conditions

Leicestershire Police respectfully request that the application in its current format is refused and, should the committee decide to grant the licence respectfully request that the above proposed conditions be attached to the licence, as they are appropriate and proportionate and promote all four licensing objectives.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard

Leicestershire Police – Leicester City Centre Alcohol Licensing Officer.

Representation dated – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024