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Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of a major variation licence application.

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	PC Jefferson Pritchard
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	The 72 Bar & Restaurant
Address of premises:	72 Brazil Street Leicester LE2 7JA
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 Leicester City centre's alcohol licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, with delegated authority from the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this major variation application is based upon the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Leicestershire Police wish to submit a representation to this application, as it would undermine three of the four licencing objectives, if granted.</p> <p>The premises is located on the junction of Brazil Street and Burnmoor Street in Leicester.</p>

The premises is located on the first floor and can be accessed via a pedestrian door on Brazil Street and/or a vehicle ramp onto the roof top open air car park via Burnmoor Street.

The open-air car park is suspected to be owned by the applicant and overlooks Leicester Electricity Sports Cricket ground.

The immediate area consists of a mix of residential and commercial units. The nearest residential property is approximately twenty-five meters away on Burnmoor Street and slightly further afield on the other side of the cricket ground on Pavilion Close.

Leicester City FC's King Power stadium is located a short distance down Burnmoor Street on Raw Dykes Road.

On home match days, road closures are enforced outside the premises on the junction of Brazil Street and Burnmoor Street in order to prevent motor vehicle access. This is done so before, during and after the conclusion of the match for a period of time.

In May 2024, the applicant applied for a new grant resulting in representations being submitted by Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Noise & Pollution Control Team.

On the final day for representation's, the applicant's agent submitted an amended premises plan, in order to increase the size of the outdoor area. This would ultimately increase the size of the licensable area. The applicant was informed a new application would be required for the amendments, resulting in a further consultation period, so the proposal was withdrawn.

After the consultation period expired and ahead of the forthcoming hearing, the applicant via his agent agreed to reduce their operating hours, as well as agreeing to a number of additional measures in order to satisfy the police and council. Some of these were reflected in the police's signed agreements dated 12th June 2024.

On the 18th June 2024, the premises licence was granted for Kings Restaurant & Bar. (LEIPRM2053).

Therefore, the premises is currently licensed for the following licensable activities, with no seasonal variations permitted:

The performance of dance, playing of recorded music indoors only and supply of alcohol on the premises only:

Sunday to Thursday from 11am until 11pm.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until midnight.

Late Night Refreshments:

Friday & Saturday from 11pm until midnight.

Opening hours to the public:

Sunday to Thursday from 11am until 11:30pm

Friday & Saturday from 11am until midnight.

Less than three months since the licence was granted and less than two months since the start of 2024/2025 football season, this major variation application has been submitted requesting a daily increase in operating hours, seasonal variations and the removal of specific conditions only added three months prior. The applicant also wishes to increase the size of the external of area to accommodate more customers.

The applicant wishes to increase the premises opening hours to the public on Friday and Saturday night by a further 30 minutes. Thus until 12:30am the following morning.

The applicant also wishes to remain open to the public until 2am following Diwali New Year, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, with licensable activities including live music, recorded music, late night refreshments and the supply of alcohol being extended until 1:30am.

As of Monday 23rd September 2024, the premises has only opened twice to the public. This being Saturday 31st August and Saturday 21st September 2024.

On Saturday 21st September 2024, ahead of the Leicester City FC V Everton match at the nearby King Power stadium, PC Pritchard conducted a licensing visit at the premises. PC Pritchard spoke with the applicant and observed multiple breaches of its current premises licence. This was discussed further at the scheduled major variation application meeting on Monday 23rd September 2024.

Leicestershire Police believes the applicant has not built up a sufficient track record to prove themselves as a responsible operator as the licence was only granted three months ago and football season has only started less than two months ago.

Similarly, the applicant wishes to increase the size of the venue and increase the operating hours which ultimately increase the risks to the operator and the public whilst removing the majority of the safety measures only agreed to three months ago.

The application suggests that one member of security will be sufficient to control the premises, which consists of two entrances, inside and a large external area. The police strongly disagree with this proposal and consider this extremely dangerous and would ultimately put both customers and staff at risk of harm. Also, it is likely to result in crime and disorder both inside and outside the venue.

Leicestershire Police have some serious concerns about this application and respectfully request that the application is refused.

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard

Leicestershire Police – Alcohol Licensing for Leicester City Centre

Representation dated – Wednesday 2nd October 2024