

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003 & pavement licence under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form, please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**I** ..... **Police Constable Jefferson Pritchard** .....

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Rum & Spice 2 King Street Leicester LE1 6RH	
<b>Post town</b> Leicester	<b>Post code (if known)</b> LE1 6RH

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b>
Mr Merenre Millett (sole director of Rum & Spice Ltd – Companies House number 15101631)

<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b>
Premises Licence - LEIPRM0791 & Pavement Licence - LEISC5746

**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) - **YES**

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr            Mrs            Miss            Ms            Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

Please tick ✓ yes

**I am 18 years old or over**

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address

Police Constable / PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard  
Leicester City Centre Police Licensing Officer  
Licensing Department  
Leicestershire Police  
Mansfield House Police Station  
74 Belgrave Gate  
Leicester  
LE1 3GG

Telephone number (if any)

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[jefferson.pritchard@leics.police.uk](mailto:jefferson.pritchard@leics.police.uk) & [licensing@leics.police.uk](mailto:licensing@leics.police.uk)

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder - **YES**
- 2) public safety - **YES**
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance - **YES**
- 4) the protection of children from harm **YES**

**Please state the ground(s) for review** (please read guidance note 2)

This is a premises licence and pavement licence review application for Rum & Spice, 2 King Street Leicester. LE1 6RH. The venue was formally known as That's Amore.

Leicester City Council Premises Licence number LEIPRM0791 and Leicester City Council Pavement Licence number LEISC5746.

Rum & Spice Limited (Companies House number 15101631) was incorporated in August 2023 and Mr Merenre Millett was appointed as the sole director of the company.

The premises licence was initially granted in 2009 but was transferred to Mr Millett in November 2023.

Between November 2023 and April 2024, the premises underwent a major refurbishment with the grand opening being advertised as the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Despite a major refurbishment, no minor variation has been received for the significant alterations to the ground floor and the inclusion of the basement area. Whilst the first, second and third floors are now residential flats.

The licence was until 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, still in the premises previous name of "That's Amore".

In March 2024, a new designated premises supervisor (DPS) was appointed. I will refer to this person as "person A". In June and July 2024, several DPS transfer applications were submitted but all rejected due to administrative errors.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, an officer from Leicestershire Police contacted the venues alleged designated premises supervisor (DPS), thus person A in relation to assessing the venues CCTV system. This was in light of a criminal investigation connected to the venue. Person A informed the officer that he was no longer involved in the business and had not been so since July/August 2024. The officer attempted to contact Mr Millett but received no response.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024, PC Pritchard from Leicestershire Police also contacted person A. Person A, again confirmed he had left the business in July 2024, was no longer involved in the business in any capacity and was not in day-to-day control of the business as defined by the legal definition of a DPS as per the Licensing Act 2003. Person A stated he had twice withdrawn his consent in writing and was unsure why he was still showing as being the venues DPS.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024, a new DPS transfer application was submitted. However, the form was not signed and was not signed by Mr Millett and Mr Niblett until the 10<sup>th</sup> October, when a meeting was held with the police and council. During the meeting, Mr Niblett stated he was not physically going to start at the premises until Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024, due to existing work and holiday commitments.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police would argue that Mr Niblett has not been fulfilling his legal responsibilities as DPS, as defined by the Licensing Act 2003 as he has not yet physically started at the venue.

Leicestershire Police would also state that the venue has been operating illegally as it has been trading and providing licensable activities including the sale of alcohol without an “active” DPS between the end of July/start of August 2024 and the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The premises operates as restaurant and bar. However, the premises primary activity is as a late night, alcohol led, stand up bar as the venue regularly does not open until 11pm.

The premises opening hours to the public are:  
Monday to Thursday from 11am until 3am.  
Friday & Saturday from 11am until 6am.  
Sunday from 12 noon until 3am.

However, the premises has a specific licence condition under Annex 2 of the licence which states, ***“The licence holder will ensure no entry to the premises is allowed by customers after 4am”***.

The premises is suspected to have been in breach of this condition and operating after 6am on both Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

At 4:10am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024, an officer from Leicestershire Police observed customers still entering the premises. On challenging door staff, they stated they were unaware of this condition preventing entry after 4am. The officer proceeded to speak to a person who he described as being confrontational who also stated words to the effect of *“It wasn’t a problem last week or the week before”*.

At 4:25am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, a third-party security provider at the venue approached police officers stood nearby. The security provider stated his team was withdrawing from the venue due to public safety concerns as they could not guarantee customers safety, as the venues management and promotor had been allowing customers into the venue without being searched and was knowingly breaching its licence conditions but still allowing new customers into the venue after 4am.

As a result of the security team withdrawing from the venue, the police elected to close the venue early due to concerns about public safety.

In May 2024, the premises was granted a Leicester City Council Pavement Licence. (LEISC5746). The licence is also in the name of Mr Merenre Millett. The pavement licence permits the venue to place street furniture on the public highway, daily between 11am and 11pm. The pavement licence was granted on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and expires on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The pavement licence is subject to standard conditions set by the council and describes in detail what is classified as a licenced area and what is pavement licence furniture.

In simple terms, all the venues pavement licence furniture has to be removed from the public highway between the hours of 11pm and 11am.

Since the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the premises has breached its Leicester City Council Pavement licence conditions on at least ten occasions. Those being:

- (1) Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 7:15am
- (2) Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ approximately 7:20am.
- (3) Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 @ approximately 7am.
- (4) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 7:20am.
- (5) Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 9am.
- (6) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 7:15am.
- (7) Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 7:20am.
- (8) Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 9:20am.
- (9) Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 4:30am.
- (10) Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 @ 8:15am.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement Officers visited the premises. PC Pritchard spoke with Mr Millett on the telephone as he was not present and outlined the reason for the visit. Mr Millett was informed that a letter from the police would be left at the venue for his immediate attention. The letter raised serious concerns about the venue and invited Mr Millett to attend a meeting to discuss these concerns further in person.

Despite the above request, a meeting was not held until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Both Mr Millett and the newly appointed designated premises supervisor attended, as well as a representative from Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement. Mr Millett was again given a verbal warning by the police and council about the use of the pavement licence furniture on the public highway between 11pm and 11am. PC Pritchard stressed why it was important to adhere to this condition from a crime prevention and public safety aspect.

Despite this meeting, the pavement licence furniture remained on the public highway the following morning. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, PC Pritchard emailed Mr Millett a summary of yesterday's meetings and re-iterated the police's previous concerns/warnings.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Mr Millett was sent a further written warning about breaches of the pavement licence conditions. Mr Millett did not acknowledge this email, however that afternoon a person who had previously identified themselves as a general manager at the venue called PC Pritchard and asked for clarification.

Again, the general manager was instructed to adhere to all conditions of their Leicester City Council Premises Licence and pavement licence.

Despite events of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, further breaches occurred on a further three consecutive days over the weekend.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police requests a review of Rum & Spice's premises licence and pavement licence, as the premises is failing to promote all four licensing objectives and is putting customers at the risk of harm.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application** (please read guidance note 3)



**Please tick ✓ yes**

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before **NO**

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**If you have made representations before relating to the premises, please state what they were and when you made them.**

N/A.

Please tick ✓

yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard.  
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Date Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024  
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Capacity **Leicestershire Police - Leicester City Centre Police Licensing Officer – with delegated authority from the Chief Constable.**  
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<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application</b> (please read guidance note 6)	
<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	

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**Notes for Guidance**

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.