



Leicestershire Police

Licensing Act 2003 Representation in respect of a major variation 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:	Tonne Bar
Address of premises:	1-3 St Martins Walk Leicester LE1 5DG
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	X
Public Safety	X
Prevention of public nuisance	X
Protection of children from harm	X

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>The application in its current format would undermine all four licensing objectives if granted.</p> <p>The premises is an existing licensed premise and has held a Leicester City Council Premises Licence (LEIPRM1674) since 2017.</p>

The premises is located within St Martins Square and next to Cank Street. Other licensed premises are located within close proximity within St Martins Square, Cank Street, Hotel Street, Peacock Lane and Loseby Lane.

The premises is situated on the ground but also has a first-floor area and a large external seating area immediately outside the front of the premises on St Martins Walk.

The premises operates as an alcohol led, stand up bar, despite seating being available.

The premises internal and external capacity is suspected to be in excess of one hundred persons, if customers were both sitting and standing.

The premises current operating hours / licensable activities are:

- Playing of recorded music (indoors) daily from 9am until 2am.
- The supply of late-night refreshment (indoors) daily from 11pm until 2am.
- The supply of alcohol for consumption (on & off the premises) daily from 9am until 2am.
- With the opening hours of the premises to the public being daily from 9am until 2am.

Therefore, the major variation proposes:

- (1) **To also include “Live Music” both inside and outside the premises on:**
Monday to Thursday from 1pm until 2am.
Friday & Saturday from 1pm until 3am.
Sunday from 1pm until 2am.
- (2) The playing of recorded music both indoors and **outdoors** daily from 12noon until 3am. **Therefore, an additional one hour from 2am until 3am.**
- (3) The supply of late- night refreshments daily from 12noon until 3am. **Therefore, additional one hour from 2am until 3am.**
- (4) The supply of alcohol for both on and off the premises, daily from 12noon until 3am. **Therefore, an additional one hour from 2am until 3am.**

Overall, the application is vague and does not provide specific details about how the operator will promote and uphold the licensing objectives. The application lacks specific details about the premises CCTV system, its coverage, retention period and how it can be accessed by the responsible authorities. Similarly, there is no reference to the venue’s security provision, given the potential risks of operating in the night-time economy, when alcohol violent crime in the city centre increases.

Given the high concentration of licensed premises in the area who also supply alcohol into the night-time economy / early hours of the morning, does unfortunately occasionally result in alcohol related violent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police do have some concerns about this application and believe that by granting the application in its current format, could result in an increase in issues in the area.

However, Leicestershire Police believes that the operator could reduce the likelihood of alcohol related violent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, if they were to adopt additional safety measures. Those being:

- (1) The supply of alcohol must cease no later than 2:40am.
- (2) 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 areas that the public have access to, including the entrance/exit and pavement area immediately outside the front of the premises. A specific camera must be installed to capture facial images of persons entering the venue.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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. This staff member must be able to show an officer from a responsible authority data/footage with minimum delay when requested and provide viewable downloadable footage within seven days of being requested.
- (5) The licence holder will conduct monthly security reviews and employ Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisor(s) at the premises if directed in writing by Leicestershire Police Licensing Department.
- (6) 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.
- (7) The licence holder will promote and ensure that all front of house staff and any Security Industry Authority (SIA) door supervisor(s) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) The outside area shall be monitored by staff and/or door supervisor(s) regularly when in use.

(No further conditions)

The original application had to be re-accepted after it transpired the variation had not been advertised in the local press as required by law.

Leicestershire Police emailed the applicant a proposal, however were unable to come an agreement, hence the representation.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police respectfully request the application is refused. However, if the committee elects to grant the licence to consider attaching the above conditions to the licence as they are appropriate and proportionate. The above conditions will ultimately help the operator to promote all four licensing objectives and ensure public safety.

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Leicestershire Police
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