



Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Vandana Lad
Your Address:	Pollution Control Officer Noise and Pollution Control Leicester City Council 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Donkey
Address of premises:	203 Welford Road
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I refer to the above mention application for a full variation premises licence for 203 Welford Road. The application includes changing the hours for live and recorded music indoors and overall opening hours.</p> <p>Hours Requested for Live Music Monday – 9:00-2:00am Tuesday -9:00- 02:00am Wed 9:00- 4:00am Thursday 9:00 – 4:00am Friday 9:00 -05:00 Saturday 9:00-05:00 Sunday – no change</p>

Hours requested for recorded music

Monday – 9:00-2:00am

Tuesday -9:00- 02:00am

Wednesday- 9:00- 4:00am

Thursday 9:00 – 4:00am

Friday 9:00 -05:00

Saturday 9:00-05:00

Sunday – no change

I have concerns regarding the playing of live and recorded music till early hours of the morning. The noise from live music acts and recorded music could affect the health of the residential nearby, with loud music and raised voices causing sleep deprivation. I wish to make an objection on the licencing objective of public nuisance.

The application does not state any other mitigation methods to manage the noise, other than the current condition of closing all doors and windows when there is regulated entertainment.

Additionally, the application states that a phone number would be available to residents in the vicinity to call at all times when the premises are open. This would be only a viable option for those people who are comfortable ringing to speak to a member of staff at the premises, as not everyone would be comfortable making a complaint regarding noise. Therefore, a more proactive approach managing public nuisance would be more beneficial.

Noise from on the street, as patrons are leaving is difficult to manage. Residents' sleep could be affected by patron shouting/singing, vehicles arriving and departing six days a week up until the early morning. The application has stated the premise would have notices displayed at the exits asking patrons to leave quietly. To prevent noise, however from experience this has limited effect on people when they are leaving.

The Noise and Pollution Control team have not witnessed noise nuisance since 2019. However, we have received initial complaints regarding amplified music from Donkey public house and unregulated amplified recorded and live music from the premises can affect the residents nearby. These complaints were from further away e.g. Howard Road/ Lorne Road than those properties adjacent to and close to the premises. This would indicate that noise disturbance, from the premises has potential to affect a large residential area.

I was informed that further sound insulation was being added to premises, by Savannah Courtenay (Flint Bishop Limited), to help reduce noise breakout. However, without an acoustic survey and pre and post noise assessment completed it would be difficult to identify the level of reduction this insulation has provided.

It is advised as a proactive measure to reduce the impact from of internal noise levels that a noise limiting device is installed at the premises and all regulated entertainment including live music is run through this device. Prior to opening, the noise limiting device shall be installed and the noise level set by the Noise and Pollution Control team.

It is very difficult to control the noise level from the on street activities as detailed

above. I would have serious concerns, in relation to any extension of hours beyond the current licensable hours for regulated entertainment. Therefore, I recommend refusal.

If the licence is granted it is requested the following conditions are added:

- Installation of a noise limiting device with the level set by the Noise and Pollution Control team
- Receiving of deliveries must only be conducted between 07:00hrs and 22:00hrs.
- Emptying, dispensing or disposing of bottles in outside bins must only be conducted between 07:00hrs and 22:00hrs.
- All external doors and windows shall be kept closed, other than for access and egress, in all rooms when events involving amplified/live music or speech are taking place.

*(Note to applicant this may mean that air conditioning is required

Return your completed form to:

By Post:

Licensing Section
Leicester City Council
York House
91 Granby Street
Leicester
LE1 6FB

By Email:

licensing@leicester.gov.uk



Representation in respect of a Variation Application

Licensing Act 2003

Details of person or body making representation:

Your Name:	Bobby Smiljanic
Your position/role:	Licensing Enforcement Manager

Details of premises representation is about:

Name of Premises:	The Donkey
Address of premises:	203 Welford Road Leicester LE2 6BH
Application No. (if known)	169503

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 type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of Public Nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of Children from Harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Authority Declarations:

I write in my capacity as Licensing Enforcement Manager for Leicester City Council Licensing Authority on the authority delegated to me.

Please take notice that I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the application would undermine the above stated Licensing Objectives and as such submit our representations.

Representations:

We would like to submit our representations for this premises application based upon the above stated licensing objectives.

The application is for a Variation of an existing Premises Licence LEIPRM0896 for the following activities:

Performance of live music (indoors): Mon-Tues 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs
Weds-Thurs 11:00hrs to 04:00hrs
Fri & Sat 11:00hrs to 05:00hrs

Playing of recorded music (indoors): Mon-Tues 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs
Weds-Thurs 11:00hrs to 04:00hrs
Fri & Sat 11:00hrs to 05:00hrs

Supply of alcohol for consumption both ON and OFF the premises:
Mon-Tues 11:00hrs 02:00hrs
Weds-Thurs 11:00hrs to 04:00hrs
Fri & Sat 11:00hrs to 05:00hrs

The premises opening hours will be: Mon-Tues 11:00hrs to 02:30hrs
Weds-Thurs 11:00hrs to 04:30hrs
Fri & Sat 11:00hrs to 05:30hrs

Seasonal variations have been applied for Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and all Sundays before a Bank Holiday, to add one hour to the scheduled licensable activity/ closing time.

There will be no change to the provision of late night refreshment.

In addition, the applicant has asked to add additional conditions to the premises licence under Annex 2 of the existing Premises Licence LEIPRM0896.

The premises is located in a detached building on the ground floor at 203 Welford Road in the Castle Ward of Leicester.

The Licensing Authority believes that some of the additional conditions will be inadequate with regards to the prevention of crime and disorder and the protecting children from harm, and we have proposed alternative conditions which we believes will better fulfil the licensing objectives.

On Monday 25th November Elizabeth Arculus approached the agent Savannah Courtenay of Flint Bishop Limited via email to explain the Licensing Authorities position on the conditions proposed. Ms Courtenay subsequently confirmed that the applicant agreed to change the relevant conditions and include those proposed by the Licensing Authority.

The Licensing Authority do have concerns about the premises and the effects it may have on the local community, both business and residential. This relates to the detail of the operating schedule that has been applied for.

We believe that with the amendments and additions shown below that the premises and applicant could promote the licensing objectives in line with conducting their business in a safe manner.

Conditions Details:

We believe the below additions/amendments of conditions in full, which we believe are reasonable, proportionate and enforceable, may assist the Licence Holder in upholding the licensing objectives.

We have detailed, for clarity, those that

- (a) We believe should be replaced from the applied operating schedule with our proposed wording
- (b) Those to be removed from the operating schedule and;
- (c) Those that are in addition.

Any wording on the operating schedule that is not detailed below to remain on any licence

(a) Conditions to be replaced from Operating Schedule

Wording contained within the applied operating schedule as copied below be replaced with Requested Condition/s:

Operating Schedule Wording:

- 3. A CCTV system shall be installed at the premises. The CCTV system shall be maintained in working condition and record the premises when they are conducting licensable activities.
- (a) All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition.
- (b) The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises and will include the external area immediately outside the premises entrance.
- (c) All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping.
- (d) Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31-day period.
- 14. Children are not permitted on the premises beyond 10pm unless attending a specific event or private function.

To be replaced with:

- The licence holder will ensure a high definition, colour HD CCTV camera system is installed, operational and recording whilst the premises is open to the public. The system must permit the identification of individual(s) in all lighting conditions.
- CCTV cameras must cover all areas that the public have access to, including the entrance, exit and pavement area immediately outside the premises.
- CCTV system images must be securely stored, display an accurate date/time stamp and retained for a minimum of 31 days.
- The licence holder will ensure that there is always a member of staff trained and available to download CCTV images/ footage immediately if requested by the police or the Licensing Authority.
- The licence holder will ensure that persons under 18 years of age will only be allowed to enter the premises under the supervision of a responsible adult.
- The licence holder will ensure that persons under 18 years of age will not be permitted to remain on the premises after 21:00hrs.

(b) Conditions to be removed from Operating Schedule

Wording contained within the applied operating schedule as copied below be removed:

- N/A

(c) Requested Additional Conditions

Condition/s wording below to be added in full to any granted licence:

- N/A

Appendix:

No Appendix

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Authority Signatures:

Bobby Smiljanic
Licensing Enforcement Manager
Leicester City Council
04/12/2024

Reporting Officer
Elizabeth Arculus

Licensing Authority Details:

Licensing Authority
Licensing Enforcement
York House
91 Granby Street
LE1 6FB

Tel: 0116 4540049
Email: licensingenforcement@leicester.gov.uk
www.leicester.gov.uk/licensing

Notice Sent to:

Please note that this representation has been sent to:

- (1) Licensing Authority Applications Team, Leicestershire Police Licensing, Noise Pollution Team, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- (2) Applicant and/or Agent

Agreement Notice Applicant (if applicable & only valid if signed)

Licensing Enforcement Agreement Confirmation (if applicable & only valid if signed)

Notification to Local Authority of Agreement regarding Licensing Authority Enforcement Representation

Dear Licensing Authority,

I write in my capacity as the Licensing Enforcement Manager for Leicester City Council.

Discussions have taken place between the Licensing Enforcement Team and with the applicant about the concerns raised in the representation.

We have current representations submitted with yourselves that the following should be placed upon the new licence:

I direct you to the above notice of agreement signed by the applicant and/or agent.

If this is acceptable, I do not consider that a hearing is necessary, however this is not a withdrawal of the representation.

If a hearing is conducted due to other representations or non-agreement with the committee, we must be invited to the hearing (within normal protocols) in order to answer any questions from members regarding our representation and subsequent agreement.

Yours faithfully,

Bobby Smiljanic
Licensing Enforcement Manager
Leicester City Council
Date: 12/12/2024

Victoria Marshall

From: Cllr Patrick Kitterick
Sent: 09 December 2024 09:27
To: Licensing
Cc: 'Paul Crewe (2240)'; Cllr Liz Sahu; Cllr Mick Gregg
Subject: Objection to Licensing Hours for Donkey Public House, Welford Road, Leicester

I wish to object to the licence application for The Donkey Public House on the grounds of Public Nuisance and Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

The effects of the later hours will be to disturb local residents not just in terms of noise directly from the pub itself but also the coming and going of patrons arriving by cars and taxis with slamming doors and revving engines in what is a quiet residential area after midnight. The Donkey's Patrons are also likely to disturb residents by noisy conversations and rowdy behaviour into the small hours coming and going from the pub by foot.

The fact that this pub will be a late outlier in terms of licensing hours means it may well attract people who have been asked to leave other premises so will present an accumulation of people who will have, in all likelihood, consumed too much alcohol already leading to increased chances of alcohol fuelled crime as well as noise.

I believe these late hours are utterly inappropriate given the residential nature of the area it sits in, so would wish for the hours of operation of The Donkey to be substantially reduced.

Kind regards,

Patrick Kitterick

Our Ref: LIC661891190

Date: 12/11/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[Redacted Customer Details]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
[Redacted Address Details]							

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
203 Welford road	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: If the extensions to the licensing hours are granted for live and recorded music it will cause noise pollution that will disturb local residents.

The extension of hours is also likely to lead to an increase in crime and disorder with longer hours leading to members of the public consuming more alcohol and causing disorder. There will also be

an increased risk of illegal substance abuse unless sufficient and significant licenced security is a requirement of the licence.

There will be an increase in littering and specifically broken glass which poses a risk to pets and children in the area.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : Longer hours, new business, unproven target demographic.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:12am Sunday-Thursday
1am Friday - Saturday

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: Yes

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Victoria Marshall

From: Joanne True [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:58 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Opening Hours at The Donkey

Dear sir/madam,

I'm writing as a resident of Howard Road, directly across from The Donkey, to express my strong opposition to the proposal for extended hours to 2am Mon&Tue, 4am Wed&Thur, 5am Fri& Sat. Given our close proximity, I know firsthand how late-night noise and activity from the pub already affect the area, and these additional hours would significantly impact our quality of life.

My main concerns are:

1. **Increased Noise and Disturbance:** Even under current hours, the noise can be disruptive late at night. Extending hours into the early morning would only amplify this issue, as sounds carry easily in our neighborhood, especially during those quieter hours and the summer with windows needing to be open.
2. **Public Safety and Late-Night Behaviour:** With extended hours, we'd likely see more people lingering around the area in the early hours, increasing the risk of loud or disruptive behavior. This could make the area feel less safe, especially for families and children, (of which we are one).
3. **Overall Quality of Life for Residents:** Many of us rely on peaceful nighttime hours to rest. Extending The Donkey's hours seems out of step with the residential nature of our community and would put undue stress on neighbours.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you prioritize the needs of our community and deny this proposal for extended hours. I'm more than willing to discuss further or offer any additional input that would be helpful. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Our Ref: LIC662727427

Date: 15/11/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[Redacted]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
[Redacted]							

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
203 Welford Road	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The Donkey is in a densely populated residential area and the hours requested to play live and recorded music (till 2am and 4am) will cause considerable disruption and nuisance at night for local residents.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : As a local resident we can hear music played at the Donkey very clearly from our garden and sometimes when inside our house.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Music to be played inside the venue till 10pm and outside till 6pm

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: Yes

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 18 November 2024 09:14
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Variation of licence The Donkey, Welford Road

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2024 5:21 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Variation of licence The Donkey, Welford Road

Dear sir/ /madam

We would like to strongly object to the additional late night opening of the above premises.

The area is already heavily populated by students.

We are situated within the close vicinity of the public house and are already victims of noise disturbances on occasion. With the increased hours we potentially could be subject to unbearable amounts of noise nuisance and vandalism.

This is a heavily populated area that is not well positioned to sustain a late night drinking establishment.

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 18 November 2024 09:20
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey Pub Welford Road Variation of Licence

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 10:58 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey Pub Welford Road Variation of Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was concerned to see the notice at The Donkey concerning the proposed extensions to the licensing hours.

These proposals are not in keeping with the area which is largely residential and already suffers from late night noise. The proposed hours will encourage customers from a much wider area leading to further public nuisance and crime and disorder over a longer period of time.

I trust you will take these concerns into account when making your decision.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Our Ref: LIC663249891

Date: 18/11/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: Wanting to open so late throughout the week and even later on weekends in such a heavy residential area will cause noise pollutions for families and professionals within the area. It was also incur more crime as people will be drunk and disorderly which is unacceptable

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : The donkey is a music venue which is already loud, if it is allowed to open till the proposed hours this will cause sufficient noise pollution to the residents throughout unsociable hours within the area, those of which many are professionals with small children. The venue also sells alcohol, historically there has been little misconduct due to drunk and disorderly patrons, with the proposal of the opening hours being extended to those of a nightclub throughout the week and even longer on the weekend, this is would change dramatically and has the possibility to incur sufficient damage around the residential area due to vandalism or other drunk and disorderly conduct.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Closing at 11/12 midnight all nights - like every other music venue outside of the city centre.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 18 November 2024 17:32
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Donkey Pub late license

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Donkey Pub late license

Good afternoon

I would like to object to the late license that The Donkey Pub on Welford Road has applied for.

In a residential area the late license of 2am, 4am is completely against the well being of those living nearby,

Clarendon Park and West Knight, Knighton Fields is not a student village, it is a mixed community with ever decreasing levels of respect, this will add to noise and traffic pollution at unreasonable times.

Please accept this email as my complaint and objection,

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Our Ref: LIC663303258

Date: 18/11/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE26BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known): LEIPRM0896

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:
 Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The applied for opening hours will see ehe Donkey pub, based in a residential area of Leicester, operating City Centre night club hours, leading to noise and potentially anti social behaviour, creating a public nuisance which will significantly impact the quality of life for nearby residents. As the only public house outside of the city centre operating these hours it is likely to attract patrons from across the city, arriving and

leaving the premises through out the night whilst local residents are trying to sleep,

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives :

The Donkey public house has for many years created a public nuisance for local residents with its existing licensing hours and operation, playing loud music outdoors at weekends during the summer. Loud music can also frequently be heard in nearby properties when bands are playing inside at the venue during evening up until closing.

In the application the applicant describes the Donkey as 'a large music venue' this is worrying as it suggests that either the applicant has never actually seen the venue or they know nothing about the music industry, as the Donkey is certainly not a large music venue (and I say that as a personal licence holder and former DPS of various music venues in the East Midlands). The Donkey premises has no sound insulation meaning that sounds bleed out impacting dozens of nearby properties.

With the new University of Leicester 'student village' and the adjacent terrace housing, the Donkey is situated in arguably the city's highest density residential area. In addition the Council has just approved planning permission to create 54 student studio flats at 186 Welford Road, immediately opposite the Donkey.

The Donkey should have the same licensed operating hours as other Clarendon Park public houses, such as 'The New Road Inn', The Craddock and the Clarendon.

As a premises which was already causing a nuisance for local residents, this will only be multiplied many times by noise emanating from 'live and recorded music' playing until 2am, 4am and 5am on various nights. This will impact residents ability to sleep, especially in the summer when their windows may be open.

On top of this there will be the noise of patrons arriving and departing the venue throughout the night, some walking noisily through adjacent streets, other by cars and taxis, again increasing the noise levels in a residential area.

These proposed opening hours, suggest that the 'new' Donkey will have a very different operating model, aimed at a different client demographic.

The attraction of a pub outside the city centre with night club opening hours is likely to attract a range of customers from across the city and to attract the type of antisocial behaviour and crime and disorder associated with the city centre late night scene.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2024 07:25
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW:

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:52 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject:

The Donkey Public House

I understand that the owners of the above premises have requested a license to provide alcohol and music up to 2.00am on Monday and Tuesday; up to 4.00am on Wednesday and Thursday and up to 5.00am on Friday and Saturday.

I wish to object to this application on the grounds that the Donkey is situated in a residential area and the proposals will be very disruptive to normal family living.

For many years (20++) I have objected to the outdoor high volume music which happens regularly during the summer months. Local residents already find the sheer volume of this music disruptive.

Additional hours of such entertainment would be most unwelcome and I hope the application will be refused.

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Amy Day
Sent: 20 November 2024 16:41
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: OBJECTION - NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE submitted by: Star Pubs & Bars Limited in respect of premises known as: The Donkey, 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECTION - NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE submitted by: Star Pubs & Bars Limited in respect of premises known as: The Donkey, 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH

20th November 2024

Licensing Department
Leicester City Council
City House,
115 Charles Street,
Leicester.
LE1 1FZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally **OBJECT** to the
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE submitted by:

**Star Pubs & Bars Limited in respect of premises known as:
The Donkey, 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH.**

As a local resident, I am greatly concerned about the potential negative impact this extension may have on our community. My objections are based on the following grounds:

1. Increased Noise and Disturbance

The extension of alcohol sales hours will likely lead to increased noise levels in the early hours of the morning, especially as patrons leave the premises. This would disturb the peace and quiet of our predominantly residential

area, particularly affecting those of us who live nearby. It is well-documented that late-night drinking can contribute to rowdy behavior, loud conversations, and even altercations, all of which disrupt the rest and well-being of local residents. I am well aware that there have already been multiple "noise complaints" concerning this establishment and ask for these to also be taken into consideration.

2. Public Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour

Allowing the pub to serve alcohol beyond its existing hours may encourage anti-social behavior, including public drunkenness, vandalism, and littering. The presence of intoxicated individuals in the streets late at night is likely to increase the need for police intervention, putting further strain on already stretched public resources. This could also lead to a decline in the sense of safety and security within our neighborhood.

3. Impact on Local Amenities

Extending the hours of alcohol sales could negatively affect local businesses and amenities. Increased noise and anti-social behavior could deter customers from visiting nearby shops, restaurants, and services, ultimately harming the local economy. Additionally, there may be a detrimental impact on property values due to the perceived decline in neighborhood quality.

4. Health and Wellbeing

The local community includes many families, elderly residents, and individuals with health conditions who require a quiet and peaceful environment, especially during night hours. Extending the hours of alcohol sales, live and recorded music events will definitely adversely impact the health and wellbeing of these residents due to increased noise, disruption of sleep, and potential anxiety related to safety concerns.

5. Existing Licensing Hours

The current licensing hours are more than adequate to serve the needs of patrons while maintaining a balance with the rights of local residents. I believe that the existing hours should be either maintained or even REDUCED, to preserve the quality of life in our community.

In light of the above concerns, I strongly urge the Council to **REJECT** the application for the extensions proposed. I am confident that preserving the current licensing restrictions, or even reducing them, will help maintain the safety, tranquility, and character of our neighborhood.

Thank you for taking my objections into consideration. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this objection and updates on the progress of this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of the author.

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 22 November 2024 16:06
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey extended hours

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 3:07 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey extended hours

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share my concerns with the request for extended opening and alcohol licensing hours at the Donkey pub in Clarendon park.

It is already very loud over the summer when music is playing all day and evening - the sound drifts across Clarendon park, especially loud on the roads nearer including lorne road. I worry that this would be much worse with the longer hours - lots of us have young children and babies in the area and getting them to sleep is difficult enough without constant background noise.

We also do not need a music venue with longer hours in the area, town is very close by and there are lots of music venues there that are open until late. I also worry the amount of antisocial behaviour will increase, there has been a

rise of this in the Clarendon park area recently and increasing alcohol and later opening hours will only add to the problem.

Overall, I feel the extended hours and licensing will increase noise in the local community and bring with it more antisocial and drunk behaviour

Kind regards,



Our Ref: LIC665214789

Date: 25/11/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
The donkey	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children From Harm

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Our Ref: LIC665217919

Date: 25/11/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[REDACTED]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
[REDACTED]							

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
Donkey	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 November 2024 08:38
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey Extended Hours

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:39 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey Extended Hours

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share my concerns with the request for extended hours at The Donkey pub on Welford Road.

The noise pollution from the pub is already evident during the summer months, where live music can be heard all day most Sundays. This is at least during typically non-working hours, but extended opening hours would risk noise pollution during the weeknights, either from the pub itself or its clients leaving at closing.

There are plenty of music venues in the city centre which have late licenses and are not in a residential area. Clarendon park has lots of families with young children/babies who I feel would be adversely affected by the potential implications of this proposed change.

I strongly oppose the request for extended hours and licensing at The Donkey pub.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 November 2024 11:42
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Extended Opening/New License for the Donkey Venue

Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Extended Opening/New License for the Donkey Venue

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed license extension for Donkey Venue. While I sympathise with the venue owner's efforts to make their business viable in these challenging times, I must express my concerns regarding the impact this may have on the neighbourhood, particularly in terms of noise disturbances.

As you are aware, Clarendon Park is a densely populated residential area, and residents already contend with significant noise issues. While I acknowledge that the venue may primarily attract an older clientele, which is less likely to contribute to disturbances, a later license risks changing this dynamic. It could attract a younger customer base, potentially increasing the frequency and severity of noise nuisances during the night and extending disturbances into the early hours.

I kindly urge you to consider the views and well-being of Clarendon Park residents when reviewing this application. Balancing the needs of local businesses with the right to a peaceful environment is crucial for the harmony of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 November 2024 12:18
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: THE DONKEY extending opening hours

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 12:17 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Patrick Kitterick <Patrick.Kitterick@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: THE DONKEY extending opening hours

Hi,

As a resident of Victoria Park Road for the past 20 years I would like to object to the new proposed closing times at the Donkey pub venue.

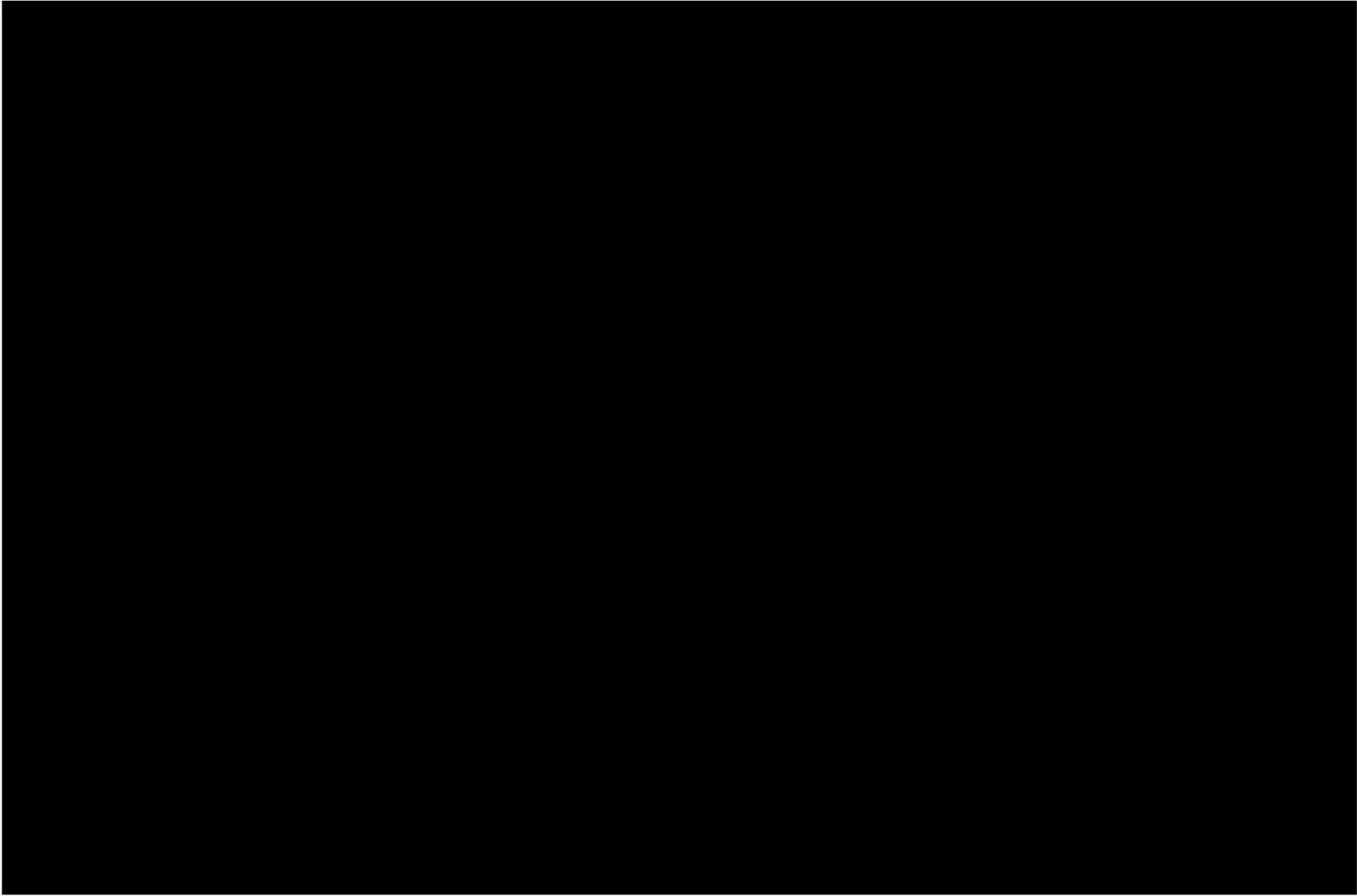
These new later hours will encourage more anti social behaviour which there is already in the area and bring more noise pollution to the area.

Living on Victoria park road we are unable to have double glazed windows im told due to our block being in an area of heritage. This means we already have to put up with the traffic and noisy antisocial students which will only increase if you extend the closing hours. Any time after 1am is just not acceptable and I would like to object against this.

The surrounding area of Clarendon Park is a lovely however this will make it awful and make families want to move out of their homes. You will totally ruin the area if you decided to do this.

Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss more.

Thanks



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 November 2024 15:10
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey Welford Road - objection to request to extend opening hours and music

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey Welford Road - objection to request to extend opening hours and music

Hi licensing

I would like to object as a resident local to this venue regarding the current request to vastly extend the opening hours and music licence.

The local area is a residential area and already has to cope with noise late at night from people walking through the area returning drunk or just loud from Leicester city venues that open beyond 12 pm.

This already disrupts the peace and amenity of the area.

An example of this is every Weds residents have to put up with extra noise and disturbed sleep from people traditionally going out and returning walking or in taxis being loud, shouting and screaming along the local streets up to 5 am. This is from venues with very extended hours .

The residential area in which the Donkey is located has enough noise and disruption to cope with. We do not need a precedent setting where licencing is grossly extended causing more of this.

Retaining the residential area as a place for peace and amenity for families , workers and students alike should be the policy.

Already there are limits on HMOs to try and retain a residential community and to increase homes available for people to live in and families. Extending licences to The Donkey would not be in keeping with this policy.

There is already enough vehicle traffic and pedestrian noise at night and this would just disrupt this residential area and disturb residents further as people make their way to and from it very late at night/ early morning.

I would not want further issues in my area of noise,litter, rowdy shouting and waking residents up.

Please do not turn this residential area into a nightclub and set a precedent.

Things have improved with parking permits and less HMOs so that families feel that this is a viable residential area.

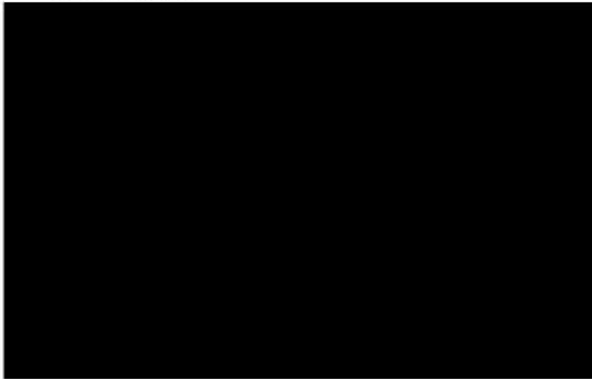
We know there is seasonal disruption during fresher's week and end of year but this is not the majority of the time. The request from The Donkey would be the all year round.

If this request was in another residential area ie in the county it would not get passed. Please consider the local residential area as a village with distinct characteristics, not just part of the city nightlife.

This is first and foremost a residential area and should not be treated as an extension of the town pub/ nightclub scene.

I fully object to this license extension and the detrimental effect it would have on my neighbourhood from antisocial behaviour, litter and noise. Having disturbed sleep is already an issue in the streets and area please don't add to this.

Kind regards



Victoria Marshall

From: Amy Day
Sent: 27 November 2024 15:10
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Extended opening hours for the Donkey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 1:21 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Extended opening hours for the Donkey

Dear Licensing Team,

I would like to raise concerns I have over the application to extend opening hours at the Donkey, and in particular the aspect of playing live or recorded music.

I live half a mile from this pub, so not even a direct neighbour. In the summer months, the volume of music coming from the Donkey is already very disruptive and goes on far too late. The newly proposed hours are, in my view, completely unacceptable for such a highly populated and residential, area, and where there are many families with school aged children, and adults who have to get up for work.

As much as I do support our local businesses, I would strongly request that you deny this application.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 November 2024 07:19
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey - Objection

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey - Objection

Good afternoon

I would like to object to the proposed extension of the Donkeys licensed hours on welford road. As a local resident, I know first hand how disruptive the music can be when it is excessive. The pub does not have a good record of maintaining noise within the legal limits so why would this change once the license is extended? Premises with extended opening hours including music especially live music should not be situated in residential zones. There are a number of properties nearby which would be directly affected and would disturb the peace. The proposed extension to the license includes weeknights when children have to get up early for school and people to work. The noise would be unacceptable in a densely packed residential area. I strongly object to this license extension.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 November 2024 07:26
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey Pub - Complaint re. Extended Hours Application

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 10:45 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey Pub - Complaint re. Extended Hours Application

Hello.

I would like to lodge a complaint regarding The Donkey pub at the end of Westbury Road / Welford Road application to extend its opening hours until early morning. This includes sale of alcohol, live music & recorded music.

Opening Hours are already currently;
Monday & Tuesday until 02:00am,
Wednesday & Thursday until 04:00 am
Friday & Saturday until 05:00 am.

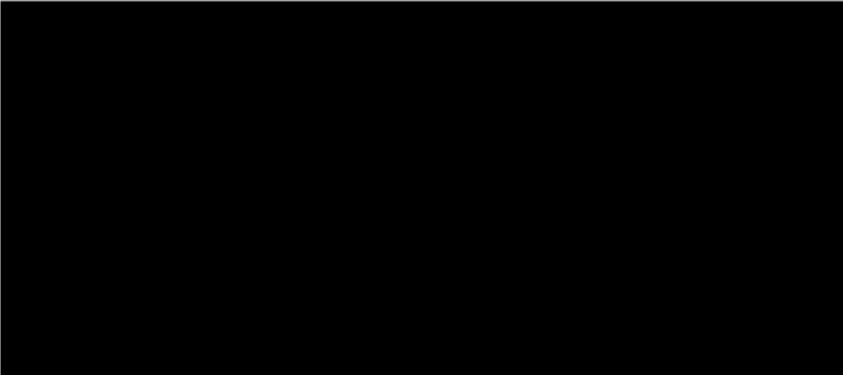
The extension includes the establishment looking to extend the opening hours to sell alcohol, live music and recorded music. Closing times are an additional half hour past the times above.

The establishment is located on a residential street in a residential area.
The already extreme opening hours have a detrimental affect on the neighbouring residential properties through;

- Noise pollution from the establishment
- Noise pollution from the people that attend the establishment.
- Car parking, there is little to no onsite car parking which places additional parking pressure on the nearby residential streets. To the point that the people who live there do not have sufficient on street parking.

The current opening hours are already excessive and this extension is totally unnecessary.

Please do for once, listen to reason and to local residents on this issue.



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 November 2024 07:27
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey. 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:00 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: The Donkey. 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH

Hi,

My details are:

[REDACTED]

I am protesting on behalf of my mother [REDACTED]

Having lived at Westbury Road myself and also a frequent visitor, I have first hand experience of the noise pollution, parking issues that impact this area, as a result of the existing opening hours and activities at the Donkey. Any extensions to the existing opening hours or changes to the licensing agreement would be detrimental to the residents in this area.

Regards [REDACTED]

Regards [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

> On 27 Nov 2024, at 15:55, Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Hi

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> We will need your full details including your address to accept a representation

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> Please see the website for further information <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/entertainment-food-and-drink-licensing/alcohol-entertainment-and-late-night-refreshment/premises-licences/>

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> Thank you

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> How do I object to an application?

> The responsible authorities and 'any other person' may make representation about an application for a new premises licence or club premises certificate, or an application to vary an existing licence or certificate. They may also apply for an existing licence or certificate to be reviewed, if one or more of the licensing objectives are not being met. Representations must be made in writing and may be made via our representation in respect of premises

licence form, by post or by email: licensing@leicester.gov.uk.

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> Sarah

> Licensing

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Alphaena Gordo [REDACTED]

> Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 3:49 PM

> To: Licensing <licensing@leicester.gov.uk>

> Subject: The Donkey. 203 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 6BH

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> To whom it may concern, I write in reference to the application by The Donkey to extend its opening hours until early morning. The location of this pub is in a residential area, mainly surrounded by houses. Their weekend music events usually attract a lot of people which results in numerous cars parked along Westbury rd, Welford rd and surrounding streets. The music can be heard in the surrounding area and the cars quite often cause a nuisance, parking on double yellow lines, blocking entrances and along westbury road has blocked the street preventing traffic movement.

> Whilst this might be manageable during the weekend, during the day, it is inconceivable that this should be allowed to happen during week days and also finishing in the early hours of the morning on multiple days. As stated before, this is a predominantly residential area, when are working people meant to sleep? The residents will be dealing with loud music, car doors banging and people talking loudly, plus anti social behaviour associated by people who have had too much to drink. The frequency of the late nights suggested in the application and potential disturbance to residents sleep is unacceptable and is not conducive with good mental health. I hope you take this into consideration and please reject this application.

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> Regards Local resident

> Sent from my iPhone

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 November 2024 15:43
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Protest over The Donkey Pub extending hours.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 2:16 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Protest over The Donkey Pub extending hours.

As a very close resident to this pub (50 yards) away i must protest to the application to you of its proposed extension of its opening hours.

- 1) we live in a residential area and the noise level from this pub will increase in the early hours substantially.
- 2) we already have to remove bottles, glasses and other rubbish from our front garden and feel this would increase with the extra hours.
- 3) People leaving at the moment and walking home after closing time are noisy now and goodness knows what it would be like at 5.30 a.m.
- 4) If this application is granted it would possibly create a precedent for the pub next door to also apply for an extension license.

The licensing hours have been ok for the past 50 years with little or no problems in this area. Please keep them as they are, i am sure there are premises in the city centre and not in a residential area who would welcome the extra trade.

Regards

Our Ref: LIC666418337

Date: 29/11/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[REDACTED]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
[REDACTED]							

Name of premises: The Donkey Pub

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: I believe the proposal to extend licensing hours to 2,4 and 5am is unreasonable in such a residential area which is not situated in the town centre. The noise created from the venue being open until the early morning will cause issues in the neighbourhood. The intended live and broadcast music at these times is a cause of concern. Customers arriving and leaving the premises in the middle of the night will cause a public

nuisance and a potential rise in crime and anti social behaviour in the direct vicinity . Longer hours would attract potentially disruptive behaviour from people out of area.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : As a well known establishment and the positioning of the venue on a main route and the proximity to student village will encourage customers drinking until the early morning in what is a built up residential area with families, professionals and students who will be disrupted by the noise and activity .

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:A more reasonable set of proposed opening hours . Midnight on Monday- Thursday and 1 am on Friday and Saturday. Or stick to normal hours throughout the week of 11:30pm close. Beyond these times would be unusual for an out of town venue. The applications changed to the opening hours are too drastic.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: Yes

Our Ref: LIC666965847

Date: 01/12/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[REDACTED]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
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Name of premises: The Donkey PH

Location:

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Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The proposed extension of the Hours during which the sale of alcohol and live and recorded music can be played is inappropriate as it will cause disturbance and distress to residents from the customer base that the applicants will be seeking to attract.

The residential population of the Clarendon Park Area is primarily of 'middle class' families, and

students, all of whom have a sleep pattern inconsistent with the type of venue that the applicants are seeking to provide.

Therefore customer base will necessitate vehicular traffic resulting in additional noise and disturbance. The local roads are already saturated with parked cars and the necessity to locate a parking space or illegally park during times when there is no enforcement resource and the attendant noise generated by car drivers and passengers when walking to and from the premises could cause altercations with residents and lead to Breaches of the Peace.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : It is well known that illegal drug abuse is rife within licensed establishments. The provision of door security, spiking of drinks, vulnerability of customers, especially with the high levels of young, impressionable students, at times when police and ambulance resources are at their lowest levels. This can only lead to additional vulnerability for those who are attracted by any opportunity of seeking alternative experiences, which the granting of this application would provide.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: No

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Leicester City Council Licensing Authority
Leicester City Council City House
115 Charles Street
Leicester
LE1 1FZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed variation of premises licence at The Donkey 203 Welford Road:

- Extension of hours for sale of alcohol, live music and recorded music on Mondays and Tuesdays until 2am, on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 4am and on Fridays and Saturdays until 5am.
- Extension of hours of opening on Mondays and Tuesdays until 2.30am, on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 4.30am and on Fridays and Saturdays until 5.30am.
- Extension of new non-standard timings for Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and Bank Holiday Sundays.
- Additional conditions to the premises licence under Annex 2

I am completely against any extension of hours at The Donkey.

Noise from the Premises. We can clearly hear music from The Donkey inside our house. At present, we can tolerate this because it ceases at the end of the existing normal licensing hours. It would be completely unacceptable to us to have to put up with this until the extraordinary hours proposed.

Anti-Social Behaviour. We currently tolerate a certain amount of rowdy behaviour from some Donkey customers making their way home past our house after the pub has shut. We understand that people who have had a drink will be in high spirits. It would be completely unreasonable to ask us to put up with this at 2.30am, 4.30am and 5.30am.

Inappropriate Location. This is a residential area. People need to have a decent sleep undisturbed by noise in order to get up and go to work early in the morning. People have to get up to tend to their babies if they are woken in the night by noise. People who are sick or elderly struggle to get back to sleep if they are woken by noise. The welfare of all of us residents and the necessity of sleep to health, welfare and productivity should not be put at risk by a reckless extension of hours at the Donkey.

Alternative Venues. Surely the city centre of Leicester would be a more appropriate location for an establishment with the opening hours proposed.

I hope that you will take my objections into account.

I would be glad to have an acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,





24/11/2024

Regarding the alteration of licensing hours for The Donkey, 203 Welford Road.

I wish to register my objection to the proposed change of hours for the Donkey.

Essentially, a local pub is being turned into a nightclub. This is completely inappropriate for this area, for several reasons:

Noise. Music from the Donkey can be clearly heard inside properties on Howard Road and surrounding streets. The terraced houses serve, if anything, to increase the noise level, as the sound reflects from the buildings as it travels down the streets. While this is acceptable during the day and early evening, it would cause serious disturbance during the proposed hours.

Anti-social behaviour. It is reasonable to assume that people who have been drinking into the early hours will be intoxicated. They will be noisy and disruptive when leaving, and making their way through streets of family homes. This will seriously affect the quality of life of local residents.

Inappropriate location. Clarendon park is a residential area, housing working families with children, older, long-term residents, and in many cases people with disabilities. There are residential properties all around this venue whose occupants will be distressed at having to live next to a nightclub.

Local character. The busiest street in this area, Queens Road, has plenty of restaurants and bars which operate at normal licensing hours. These premises cause no problem to residents, and enhance the character of Clarendon Park. It's a nice place to be in the evening. The introduction of an all-night venue will have the opposite effect, destroying a quiet respectful area.

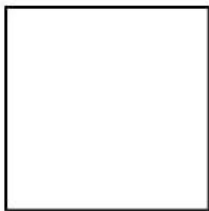
Alternative venues. The city centre has abundant night-life opportunities. We don't need more of them here. Please consider these matters when making your decision.



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 04 December 2024 09:50
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Objection to The Donkey's application for extended opening hours

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Cc [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to The Donkey's application for extended opening hours



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by The Donkey pub to extend its opening hours each morning. As a resident and a member of a family with young children, I have several significant concerns regarding this proposal.

1. Increased Disruption and Anti-Social Behaviour:

Currently, we are already frequently disturbed by individuals engaging in anti-social behaviour during the night, particularly students returning from late-night venues. This often results in noise disturbances that wake my family, including young children. Extending the pub's opening hours to such an early time will likely exacerbate this issue, prolonging disturbances into the early morning hours and severely impacting the quality of life for families in the area.

2. Shift from Pub to Nightclub:

This move risks transforming The Donkey from a local pub into a de facto nightclub operating with a late license. Such a change would fundamentally alter its character and its role within the community. It would likely attract a different demographic of patrons, bringing with it additional noise, congestion, and associated problems. This is not in keeping with the needs of a residential, family-oriented neighbourhood.

3. Public Nuisance:

The area already experiences instances of public nuisance, including property damage such as vandalised cars and damage to private property. Extending the pub's hours would likely increase foot traffic during unsocial hours, amplifying the potential for such issues to occur more frequently.

4. Crime and Disorder:

With increased activity during the early hours, there is a higher likelihood of escalating crime and disorder. This creates a risk not only to property but also to public safety. Such developments could contribute to a sense of insecurity within the community.

5. Impact on the Local Community and Family Life:

The proposed change would alter the fabric of our neighbourhood, making it less suitable for families and long-term residents. It risks deterring families from staying in or moving to the area, eroding the family-friendly environment we value so much.

In summary, while I understand the desire for businesses to thrive, I strongly believe that extending the pub's hours to this degree would have significant negative consequences for the local community. I urge the council to reject this application to safeguard the quality of life, public safety, and community cohesion in our area.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Our Ref: LIC668079131

Date: 04/12/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
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**Address:**

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Name of premises: THE DONKEY PUB

Location:

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203 WELFORD ROAD	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: These proposals are simply outrageous. This will cause considerable problems to the neighbourhood in respect of drunkenness, car parking and noise going on seven 7 nights a week with no respite . It should not be allowed to happen, all they are doing is catering for the students in the area but there are people who have lived here for many years.

No other pub in Leicester which is situated in a residential area has licensing hours such as this. There has to be some common sense here. Late nights at the weekends is one thing but 7 nights a week until early morning is simply not to be tolerated

Thank you..

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : Problems will occur because of the student population around WESTBURY ROAD. We all know what students are like and longer drinking hours will exasipate their behaviour.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Late nights maybe at weekends (Friday/Saturday) but not during the week when people go to work and children go to school.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 04 December 2024 16:59
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Re licence application for The Donkey public house

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:54 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Re licence application for The Donkey public house

Dear Sirs

It was with great disappointment that we, as locals residing on Howard Road since 1978, learnt of the imminent closure of The Donkey on Welford Road and an application by the new owners for a change to its licence.

In common with many other locals, my family & I are most unhappy about the terms of this new application. As we live close to The Donkey [REDACTED] we are likely to be among those most impacted if the application is approved.

THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA. The fact that The Donkey is itself situated on a main road should not be entertained as an argument that it is not in, and does not affect, a residential area. The proposal to extend the alcohol sale hours and use of recorded & live music until 2.00 am (Mon & Tues), 4.00 am (Weds & Thurs) and 5.00 am (Fri & Sat), with corresponding opening hours of 2.30 am, 4.30 am and 5.30 am, is outrageous and totally unacceptable within this residential community. We already have regular instances of night-time noise and public nuisance in this area. This is largely associated with the student population. There is a high risk of such noise & nuisance becoming exacerbated by such extended opening hours.

The Donkey was a much-loved local amenity with quality musical entertainment (...I know, I've played there myself!) within sensible hours. If the intention is to turn it into a city centre type bar/venue, it is likely to have a highly detrimental effect on the area. Loud music after midnight and potentially antisocial behaviour are not acceptable to local residents. There seems to be a move towards trying to turn the entire area into a student village. Approval of this planning application would simply reinforce that situation. In any event, no public house in a RESIDENTIAL AREA (irrespective of local population makeup) can justify such late opening hours.

I urge you to reject the application. With the exception of special events and public holidays, opening hours beyond midnight are inappropriate and unacceptable in this RESIDENTIAL AREA.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 December 2024 09:38
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: objection to extended hours The Donkey 203 Wellford Road, corner of Westbury Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:52 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: objection to extended hours The Donkey 203 Wellford Road, corner of Westbury Road

Dear Licensing team,

Re: The Donkey - extension of opening hours

1) Consideration for the residents - Protection of residents well being, including children and elderly

The extension of operating hours until the early hours of the morning is deeply concerning for residents of our street, Westbury Road. These changes would significantly disturb the peace and quiet required by our community, which consists of university students, schoolchildren, elderly residents, and working professionals. These individuals rely on undisturbed sleep to prepare for early starts and busy schedules.

2) Noise Pollution - Public nuisance in a residential area

We already experience notable sound pollution during the summer months due to outdoor gatherings, loud music and extended activities at the pub. While we typically tolerate this out of respect for the holiday season and the enjoyment of others, a year-round increase in noise levels until as late as 2.00 and 5:00 am is unreasonable and detrimental to our well-being. This new licence application is making us regret not complaining about the live loud music of the summer months. Which does not allow us to entertain or enjoy a quiet time in our own home and garden in the summer. It begs the question, Do Star Pubs and Bars have any regard for residents? It appears the answer is "No" as they have put in such an application in a residential environment.

A residential area means majority of people sleep through the night and work and study during the day, this is the case on Westbury Road. Both my children are in higher education and have early starts as do I and my wife. My neighbours have 3 primary school age children. One neighbour has a toddler and another has 2 children of Primary school age. We have a number of university students as neighbours.

Particular consideration needs to be given to our respected elderly who have lived on this street for decades in peace. They would like to continue to live and sleep in peace. I have two elderly neighbours who have lived on this street over 30 years.

3) Parking

Parking is already a considerable issue on Westbury Road, with limited spaces for residents. We already have inconsiderate parking making it difficult to drive out of the street or in deed allow any large vehicles (e.g. ambulance or fire truck to) to get to the end of the Cul de sac. Parking is an issue due to patrons over

the weekends, especially in the evenings. Extending the operating hours is likely to exacerbate this problem, as patrons are likely to occupy these spaces late into the night and early morning, further inconveniencing residents.

4) **Antisocial Behaviour - crime and disorder**

I am very concerned about the potential for increased antisocial behaviour, particularly during late-night hours, which would pose safety and security risks to our community. Prolonged hours of operation may lead to higher instances of loud gatherings, littering, and general disruption, which would place unnecessary strain on both residents and local services.

While we understand the value of businesses like The Donkey Pub to the community, any changes to its operations must strike a fair balance between commercial interests and the quality of life for local residents. **As such, we strongly urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application in its current form.**

Thank you for considering our concerns,

Yours faithfully,



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 December 2024 09:38
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Objection to License - The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester and corner of Westbury Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:34 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to License - The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester and corner of Westbury Road

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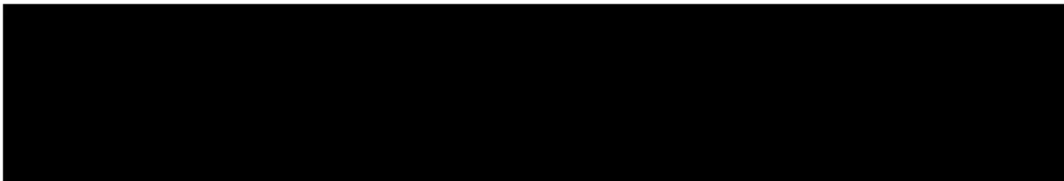
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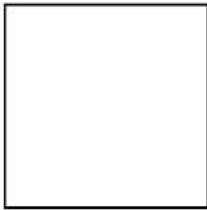
Yours faithfully,

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 December 2024 15:15
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey, Welford Road
Attachments: 2017-04-09.jpg Donkey from Google Earth.jpg

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 2:32 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey, Welford Road



The Donkey, Welford Road, variation of premises licence

I **object** to this variation on the grounds it will be against the licensing objectives to prevent public nuisance or crime and disorder.

- Contrary to what is said in the application I have heard many local people complain about noise, particularly music noise, from The Donkey. Even though I live nearly half a mile away as crow flies, in recent years I could hear music noise from them in summer, which is only irritating here, but adds to the many sources of such noise we get. Music from there can be clearly heard on Victoria Park
- Noise levels would be much louder in the terraces and flats close by The Donkey. Recently a new student development was allowed on appeal - directly opposite at 186 Welford Road. This is aimed at those such as post-grad students, who may want a quieter environment than the large student block experience. Though residents in the extensive multi-storey student housing around Putney Road have themselves complained about noise from The Donkey, principally music noise, from both inside and outside.
- Before it closed, The Donkey had last orders at 11pm, and was generally closed by around midnight for the weekday live music events. They didn't use the full extent of their licenced hours. Which means that the variation is even more of a change than it might appear.
- 'All-nighters' have their place, but need to be carefully sited, well away from dense housing. Public nuisance comes not just from the premises, but from people leaving and returning home at unsocial hours and often very drunk. It is a different style and customer base and known that people drinking for long periods expect music volume to increase as the night wears on. Such drunkenness can go beyond nuisance and turn into crime, committed by and to customers. This is not an appropriate location so close to dense housing. We already have the O2 and student union to cater for the late hour need locally, well away from housing.
- I cannot think of any conditions that could make the proposed extension in hours acceptable.
- However if any extension was granted it's important to apply conditions to close the outside yard at earlier hours. Until this licence application I didn't realise that The Donkey's current licence only allows music indoors. However in reality the yard was used for regular outdoor music events as can be seen in the attached photo taken from Google Earth. Living near to a number of licensed

premises I know how much disturbance can come from outdoor activity - even when it is just conversation with its sudden bursts of laughter and squeals. There are homes adjoining the yard. This application is also only for indoor music – however experience suggests that may be difficult to enforce, and that the indoor music noise levels would be unacceptable without further controls even at more reasonable hours.





Victoria Marshall

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2024 17:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to the Donkey licensing submission



Hello,

I am a resident of Lorne Road and have very strong objections to the proposed change in licensing hours for the Donkey.

The Donkey already causes significant disruption and public nuisance by playing extremely loud music on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. It is especially disruptive on a Friday during working hours when it is clearly audible from inside the house with the windows closed. The volume is such that there's no point listening to music in my own home as it's drowned out.

The idea of this behaviour being extended by the Donkey opening all night is absolutely outrageous. This is a residential area inhabited by many families and older people.

We have a school-aged child who has just started high school. This is a very important stage of her education which runs the risk of being completely derailed if she is disturbed by late night revellers every single night of the week.

Granting this sort of license directly impacts her safety from harm in terms of simply getting a decent night's sleep on a school night. Not to mention drunks roaming the streets at all hours dropping takeaway litter, breaking glass bottles and starting fights.

We also have two adults with full time jobs who need a decent night's sleep. We definitely do not need a night club within earshot 7 nights a week.

I strongly object to this proposal. Regular pub hours are more than enough disruption in a residential area where people are raising families and older people are trying to live a peaceful existence.

This proposal directly impacts the community around the venue from the point of view of increased disorder, public nuisance, and the harmful impact on children who live closeby.

Please do not grant this license or any extension beyond normal pub hours.

Many thanks



Our Ref: LIC668466307

Date: 05/12/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
203 Welford Road	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:
Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The music emanating from The Donkey is audible from as far away as Adderley Road. As residents living in much closer proximity, we often find it necessary to keep our windows closed during these periods due to the excessive

noise levels. This becomes particularly challenging during the summer months. Extending the permitted hours for music to be played would further compromise the ability of nearby households to enjoy peaceful sleep.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : It is evident that approving this application would result in an increase in music and noise levels due to the proposed extension of operating hours.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2024 11:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Objection to Licensing Application Donkey, 203 Welford Road Leicester , LE2 6BH



Dear Licensing,

Further to my email below may I draw your attention to planning application 19971252 for an extension to the pub which was then built. Please note condition 2 - photograph attached below. Whilst the condition was loosely written at the time, the Council would now impose more time limited restrictions of generally 11pm maximum. It should also be noted that disturbance described below is via live and amplified music which is currently undertaken at the venue both inside and outside. I would argue that they are already in breach of this planning condition given the current level of noise disturbance.

Many thanks,



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HOUSE (AMENDED PLANS)

2 - PARTICULARS OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The City Council grants Planning Permission for the carrying out of the development described in Part 1 above in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following **conditions**:

The development shall be begun within five years from the date of this permission.
(To comply with Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.)

There shall be no live or amplified music or voice played which would be detrimental to the amenities of occupiers of nearby properties.
(In the interests of the amenities of nearby occupiers.)

At the same time as the remainder of the development, all parking areas shall be surfaced and marked out in accordance with details to be agreed in writing with the City Council as local planning authority, and shall be retained and not used for any other purpose.
(To ensure that parking can take place in a satisfactory manner.)

A turning space to enable vehicles always to enter and leave the site in a forward direction, shall be kept available within the site.
(In the interests of highway safety.)

This consent shall relate solely to the amended plans received by the City Council as local planning authority on 17th October, 29th October and 7th November 1997
(For the avoidance of doubt.)

K. N. Webster
Proper Officer of the Council

Date: 26th November 1997

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6 December 2024 at 09:14:21 GMT
To: licensing@leicester.gov.uk
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application Donkey, 203 Welford Road Leicester , LE2 6BH

Objection to Licensing Application Donkey, 203 Welford Road Leicester , LE2 6BH

Dear Licensing,

I am writing to you to object strongly to the proposals for the above premises to extend the hours for the sale of alcohol, live music and recorded music.

We live, as a family with children on [REDACTED] Lorne Road, alongside other families with young children in the immediate vicinity. We have lived here 12 years and during

the summer months, in particular, we experience the loud music from the Donkey which is disruptive and audible from the inside our house, but at least we know this will cease at a reasonable time. We are not the closest home and I have no doubt many more homes experience this disruption now.

Frankly, the proposal put forward in extending the hours on every day of the week 2.30am, 4.30am and 5.30am, except Sunday, is ridiculous in what is primarily a residential area. Based on our experience to date of the noise disruption we experience this should not be accepted.

I am equally concerned by the aspects of the proposal, alongside music, to include selling alcohol until 2.30am, 4.30am and 5.30am which is not dissimilar to the hours of a nightclub opening. This will certainly increase disruption with people coming into the neighbourhood aware of this from all parts of the city as a destination, including public nuisance, noise and potentially antisocial behaviour.

Whilst we acknowledge and accommodate the current level of disruption (by being reasonable citizens), the current proposal is disproportionate to what should be acceptable within a residential neighbourhood and shows complete disregard and disrespect for the residents and families and the neighbourhood they are located in. The Donkey is not located in an isolated part of the city, adjacent to non-residential uses and if this application was approved this would set a worrying precedent for other venues in similar locations.

You should also be aware of a recent planning approval for a student development directly opposite the site which will also add to the number of people potentially experiencing disruption.

Please keep me informed of the outcome.

Many thanks,



Victoria Marshall

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2024 10:44
To: Licensing
Subject: The Donkey Public House Welford Road Leicester



Hi

I am writing to oppose the extension of licensing hours to the Donkey pub.

I live opposite the pub and already clearly hear the music and singing up to 11:00pm. Then as everyone leaves they collect on the corner of Howard Road where I live to say their good byes(Loudly) before going their separate ways. This is just about acceptable upto about midnight but after that in a residential area, with us needing to get up for work the next day and extension to 2:00am, 4:00am or 5:00 and chucking out after that is NOT OK. The anti social behaviour would increase and this is not the middle of town but a residential area full of families and homes.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 08:26
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Concerns regarding the application for an extension of opening hours - The Donkey Pub, Welford Road.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 12:00 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Concerns regarding the application for an extension of opening hours - The Donkey Pub, Welford Road.

Dear Leicester City Council,

I am not supportive of the new owner's application to extend the pub's opening hours and I am lodging an objection to these plans, my reasons are below. I am objecting under the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance, and the Protection of Children from Harm.

- If the opening hours are allowed to be extended as requested, this would lead to an increase in noise near to my home which would include music, plus loud talking, laughing, shouting, and shrieking from people in the beer garden or arriving at/leaving the pub, car doors slamming, and cars playing loud music when they arrive/before they are driven away. The noise would make it difficult for my family (and other nearby residents) to sleep and this a concern as we need to get up early in the morning to go to work, and to school. My children would not be able to sleep through the above pub-related noise and it would not be fair to inflict this on them, as would have a detrimental effect on their ability to learn at school due to them being tired and potentially stressed.

- The noise of the people in the bar garden sounds incredibly loud late at night. On previous occasions I have been unable to sleep or open my bedroom window on a hot evening until they disperse, but as this would happen around midnight-ish, I could manage this. If the extension is granted, the noise of the beer garden could disturb me until up to 2.30am or 4.30am during the week and this is unthinkable as I need to get up at 6.30am the next day to get ready for work, and my children get up at 7am to get ready for school.
- I would be very concerned that the music would not be kept within agreed levels, and this can lead to the noise of the loud vibrations of the pub windows reverberating around my house. I have also physically felt the vibrations of loud bass while in my home.
- There could be an increase in pub-related rubbish left in the street, including glasses, bottles, and vomit. The glasses and bottles are likely to get smashed, so would result in broken glass on the street which is a danger to residents, especially for the children who walk past the pub on the way to school. Those who catch a school bus at the stop near the Donkey would be subjected to seeing whatever detritus had been left there from the late night drinkers the night before.
- There is the possibility that violent altercations could occur late at night/early in the morning between drunken people which would be loud, unsettling and scary for nearby residents, particularly the children.
- Intentional or unintentional damage to cars and properties could occur, with people leaving the pub very early in the morning. People could use the entries/side passages of the nearby houses as toilets when leaving the pub, or urinate up the walls of houses.
- Due to the design of the streetlights, Westbury Road is only well lit directly under the streetlight and in between them it can be quite dark. I would feel unsafe if I returned home in the early hours of the morning and I knew that people who had potentially been drinking for a long period of time could be in the area, due the late opening hours of the pub. I would feel more at risk of being assaulted.
- I would be worried about drugs becoming a problem near my home, either because of people taking them, or because people would come here to sell them. There could be potential for drug related paraphernalia to be scattered around the street (e.g. nitrous oxide cannisters). I live here with children and I do not want them to be exposed to that.
- To be able to open one hour later on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and the Bank Holiday Sundays would be unfair on the local residents as we would want to enjoy those stated days too, and if any of the points I made above were to happen it could ruin the day (e.g. loud music played too late).
- If the music is too loud late at night, I am unable to do anything about it there and then and have to suffer it, until the pub landlord decides to turn it off.
- Not all of the people who will go there to drink until the early hours will respect that this is a residential area and act appropriately, even if the pub landlord tells them to.
- I currently hear large groups of students cheering on a Wednesday night (University sports Wednesdays), however they are not nearby. If they were to convene in the Donkey because they knew that they could stay there until 4.30am, the noise they would make could not be limited or "turned down". This would not be acceptable in a residential area.

Many of the concerns I have mentioned above are based on my previous experiences of living near the pub, including points raised re the noise in the beer garden and in the street, the rubbish that I have seen left outside the pub, arguments and fights heard, drugs being sold, people urinating (or worse) in the street and entries/side passages of the houses.

The requested opening hours are simply not suitable for a venue which is in a residential area.

I'd appreciate your support in addressing my concerns with the licensing authority. Thank you for your support.



Our Ref: LIC668961685
 Date: 08/12/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
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Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	The address is not listed	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
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Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

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Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:
 Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children From Harm

Please summarise your concerns about this application: If the extended hours are granted, it will be more like a nightclub. Families live locally and the noise into the early hours will seriously

disrupt family life. Children need to sleep and be ready for school next day. It's not just the noise of music but the anti social behaviour which is likely to follow. This is not the best place for a practically all night venue.

I object because my daughter and her family of three small children live very close by.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : The plan is to have late night gigs into the early hours and alcohol served until 5am. Is this fair on the families living close by. They bought or rented their houses next to a pub with strict opening hours not an all night club.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Very limited extended hours and only on Friday and Saturday nights. No outside music after a certain time.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 08:33
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey 203 Welford Rd., Leicester, LE2 6BH

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2024 7:32 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey 203 Welford Rd., Leicester, LE2 6BH

To whom it may concern.

I understand that Star Pubs & Bars Ltd. Have applied for a variation of a Premises Licence in respect of the above named property. I formally object to this as a public nuisance i.e the excessive noise pollution, parking issues, disruption to a residential area, where children and elderly are trying to sleep, crime possibly from alcohol abuse and disorderly conduct including abusive language. Welford Road is a very busy road and public safety may become an issue, especially for residents that use local shops very close to the Donkey.

I wish you to take this objection seriously as Clarendon Park welcomes all cultures and tolerates all students, of whom there are many, but I feel the hours suggested by the new owners are totally unacceptable.

This public house is notorious for ignoring volume restraints, no matter who has owned it, How can you evidence this not be the case in this instance.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Howard Road resident.

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 08:35
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey. Welford Road.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2024 6:34 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey. Welford Road.

[REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of the licence application by The Donkey pub 203 Welford Road.
I would like to lodge my concern about this application. The hours suggested by the applicant are unacceptable for the following reasons...

- The noise from such opening hours are not acceptable in a residential area.
- The possibility of such hours would lead to an increase of public order offences and crime. Leading to a lack of security for residents.
- There are a large number of children in the area who would be affected by these issues as well as adults.

I would therefore insist that this application be turned down.

Thank you.

Our Ref: LIC668909216

Date: 08/12/2024

Leicester
City Council**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE26BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: This is a residential area consisting of young families and the elderly, my wife is disabled. We can see the front door of the Donkey from our house. We used to hear the music on any given Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. The prospect of events being held up to 2.30am on Monday and Tuesday, 4.30am on Wednesday and Thursday and 5.30am on Friday and Saturday is completely unacceptable.

The noise from the events will not be contained, we could hear it loud enough before. More alarming will be the number of intoxicated people leaving the premises in the very early hours of the morning which will mean that the noise levels in our quiet residential area will equate with a city centre. Our houses, cars and streets will not feel safe from potential damage. People leaving for work early will be faced with drunken revellers. In addition the area cannot sustain any more additional parking nor taxi's pulling up, waiting and driving off. Overall this is a quiet residential area that cannot sustain the very late licensing proposition due to the damage it will make to our neighbourhood, the noise, the impact on our safety and the severe increase in footfall at highly unsociable hours.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : Because this is a pub that will attract students who will be turned out onto our streets at highly unsociable hours.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Normal pub licensing hours, 11.00pm on weekdays, midnight on Saturdays, early closing Sunday.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: Yes

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 08:38
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Objections to the Licensing Application for The Donkey Pub

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2024 1:38 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objections to the Licensing Application for The Donkey Pub

Dear Licensing Team,

Re: The Donkey – Extension of Opening Hours

I am writing to object to the proposed extension of operating hours for The Donkey Pub on behalf of myself and my family, who reside on Westbury Road. We have serious concerns about the impact this will have on our neighbourhood and its residents.

1. Consideration for Residents – Protection of Wellbeing, Including Children and the Elderly

Our community is home to schoolchildren, university students, elderly residents, and working professionals, all of whom depend on uninterrupted sleep for early starts and busy schedules.

As someone who is in higher education, I rely on sufficient rest to perform well in my studies. I also suffer from migraines, as does my sister, and insufficient sleep significantly worsens our condition. My parents, who work full-time, and my elderly neighbours, who have lived on this street for decades, also need their rest. Extending pub hours to such late times would drastically disrupt the peace and quiet we need for our wellbeing.

2. Noise Pollution – Public Nuisance

Noise pollution from the pub is already a problem, particularly during the summer months. While we have tolerated loud music and gatherings during this time out of respect for others' enjoyment, extending these disturbances throughout the year and late into the night (as late as 5:00 a.m. on weekends) is unacceptable.

The new licence application makes me question whether Star Pubs and Bars consider the impact on residents. This is a residential area, where most people sleep during the night and work or study during the day. The balance between business operations and community wellbeing is clearly being ignored.

3. Parking Issues

Parking on Westbury Road is already a significant problem, particularly in the evenings and weekends. Cars often block driveways, and the congestion makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to access our cul-de-sac. Extending the pub's operating hours will worsen this situation, as patrons park their vehicles here well into the early morning, creating further inconvenience for residents.

4. Antisocial Behaviour – Crime and Disorder

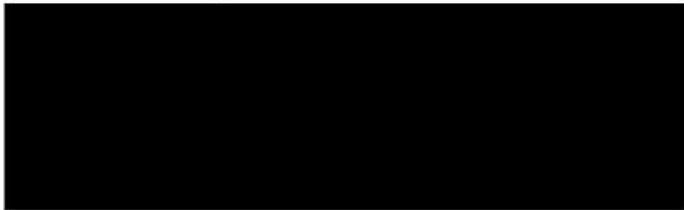
Longer operating hours raise the risk of antisocial behaviour, including noise, littering, and disturbances late at night. This not only impacts the safety of residents but also puts additional strain on local services. The proposed hours will make the neighbourhood less secure and more stressful for those living here.

Conclusion

While I understand the value of The Donkey Pub to the local community, this should not come at the expense of residents' quality of life. The proposed extension of operating hours is unreasonable and detrimental to the wellbeing of our neighbourhood.

I strongly urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application in its current form. Thank you for considering these concerns, and I am happy to provide further information if needed.

Yours sincerely,



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 09:06
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Objection to The Donkey licensing application

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 7:22 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to The Donkey licensing application

Dear sir/madam,

We are residents at [REDACTED] and we would like to lodge an objection to The Donkey pub on Welford Road licensing application.

The request to extend the opening time to the early hours of the morning would cause serious issues in the heavily residential area. In particular the noise pollution from amplified music and customers will disturb all the surrounding residents. We have young children and the request to extend the hours will exacerbate the difficult situation of noise and public disorder from students and others during the night, particularly in the summer.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 09:10
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey pub

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 5:33 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey pub

Dears Sirs,

I am writing with great concern about the new, proposed licensing hours at The Donkey Pub on Welford Road.

My family and friends who live in the area are extremely unhappy about the new proposals in this residential area. We have always loved The Donkey as a music venue which always had "normal" pub opening times, finishing at 11pm or the latest midnight.

I really fear that the new proposed opening times will heavily impact us, neighbouring families, some with young children & babies and also the elderly residents, some who have medical issues which would be made worse by the stress of longer hours of noise & the strong possibility of such noise and nuisance becoming exacerbated by such extended hours!

This is a RESIDENTIAL AREA so how on earth can anyone even think that these proposed, preposterous new ideas to change The Donkey are fair on local residents!- it's extremely upsetting.

I urge you to reject the application please.



Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 09:16
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: THE DONKEY PUB: Comment of Objection to the Proposed Extended Opening Hours of The Donkey Pub

From: leigh cracknell <leigh_cracknell@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: THE DONKEY PUB: Comment of Objection to the Proposed Extended Opening Hours of The Donkey Pub



7th December 2024

Licensing Department
Leicester City Council

Re: Objection to the Proposed Extended Opening Hours of The Donkey Pub

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for extended opening hours submitted by The Donkey Pub. As a resident living in close proximity to the pub, I strongly oppose the proposed

changes due to the significant and detrimental impact these extended hours would have on the local community, including myself and my family.

The Donkey Pub is situated in a predominantly residential area, and the proposed later closing times would exacerbate noise disturbances during unsociable hours. This is especially concerning for families with young children and residents who require a quiet environment at night. I am currently in the late stages of pregnancy, expecting my first child in the early new year. The prospect of increased noise late into the night and very early hours of the morning is causing me considerable anxiety, as I worry about the detrimental impact on my own well-being, as well as that of my newborn and my partner. Rest and a peaceful home environment are vital for a healthy pregnancy, recovery, and adjustment to life with a new baby.

Moreover, the potential for increased antisocial behaviour and other forms of crime and disorder associated with late-night drinking is a serious concern. Experience shows that extended opening hours often lead to higher incidences of loud behaviour, vandalism, and public disturbances, all of which would further harm the local area and its residents. The risk of such behaviour is not hypothetical; it is a pattern observed elsewhere, and there is no reason to believe The Donkey Pub would be an exception.

It is also worth noting that other nearby establishments such as the Clarendon Inn and the Craddock Pub, which are similarly located in residential areas, have not been granted such extended licensing hours. These pubs adhere to standard alcohol licensing times, ensuring a more balanced approach to the needs of businesses and the surrounding community. There is no justification for The Donkey Pub to be treated differently or granted preferential treatment that disproportionately impacts local residents.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Licensing Department to reject this application for extended opening hours. The proposed changes would result in unnecessary and harmful disruptions to the lives of the many families living nearby, including mine, and set a damaging precedent for other local establishments.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further details.

Yours faithfully,

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Our Ref: LIC668745796

Date: 07/12/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[REDACTED]					

Address:

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[REDACTED]							

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:
 Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The hours which the Donkey is applying to open for are extreme. This will lead to clientele coming and going in an intoxicated state at all hours of the night, every night, in what is a residential area which contains some students but also many working families.

Since moving to Fleetwood Road in April, we have experienced typically low-level noise by people passing through but occasionally significant noise disturbance at anti-social hours (e.g. a group of around 20 drunk students congregating outside a house on Lytham Road / students setting off fireworks next to the planter directly outside of our home). The creation an almost 24/7 nightclub in the vicinity will without question increase the amount of noise nuisance suffered in this area and there is nothing that the venue operators could do to prevent that. The hours suggested are more obviously suitable to a city centre venue than a suburban one.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : Students from the local area and beyond will be attracted to the venue and will spill out into the nearby residential streets in states of high intoxication at extremely anti-social hours, on every night of the week. The extreme nature of the opening hours raise the strong possibility that some of those people will be using not just alcohol but also illegal drugs (e.g. ecstasy, amphetamines, cocaine) in order to stay up so late.

From our back garden, we can very clearly hear any gigs that take place at The Donkey - loud nightclub music would similarly be a problem unless significant measures were taken to mitigate this. Anti-social noise pollution would be a particular problem on warm summer nights, when we need windows open to keep the temperature down for our young children.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 December 2024 09:38
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: Objection to Notice of Application for Variation of a Premises Licence - The Donkey 203 Welford Road Leicester LE2 6BH

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 9:48 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Notice of Application for Variation of a Premises Licence - The Donkey 203 Welford Road Leicester LE2 6BH

Please accept this as a formal objection to the above application, this is on the following grounds i.e. extension of opening hours will cause:

- serious disruption to a residential area
- late night / early morning excessive noise in quiet streets
- closeness of pub to residential properties
- increased potential for public nuisance / disturbance

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Our Ref: LIC668698992

Date: 06/12/2024



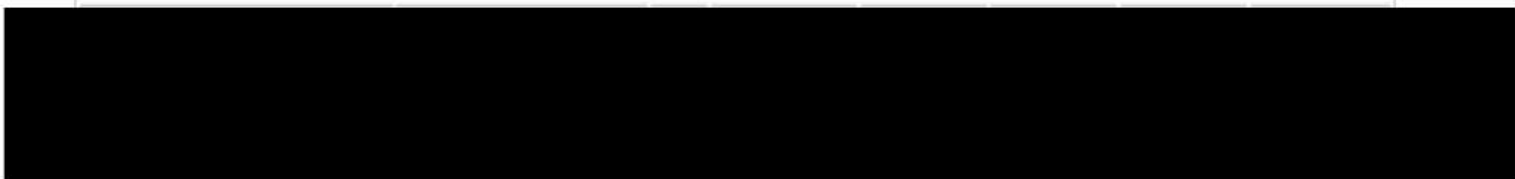
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Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

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LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The opening hours being extended to 02.30 / 04.30 and 05.30 is an absurd idea in a residential area. The council has a responsibility to its residents and these opening hours will inevitably lead to noise and nuisance at hours when most residents and their children will be asleep. There has historically been noise from the pub when bands play there. I can hear the noise of the bands over my stereo INSIDE my house and

there are many houses closer than mine. Howard Rd and others are thoroughfares between Welford Rd and Queens Rd / London Rd which already have loud footfall up to midnight. this is understandable but anything after that should not be tolerated and to expect quiet from people leaving a pub at 2/3/4/5am is just not realistic. For the sake of residents please deny this application.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : As above, Howard Rd and others are thoroughfares between Welford Rd and Queens Rd / London Rd which already have loud footfall up to midnight. this is understandable but anything after that should not be tolerated and to expect quiet from people leaving a pub at 2/3/4/5am is just not realistic. To suggest that there would be no adverse effect with regards to noise is just ridiculous. Also, what will actually be happening in the pub until this time? Live music? A dancefloor /disco? Or just prolonged alcohol drinking? Either way, noise will be the result. It is just not a reasonable application.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2024 13:09
To: Licensing
Subject: The Donkey, Welford Road, change to licensed hours



Dear Licensing Team,

I am emailing to lodge my objections to the new management of The Donkey's application to extend their hours for both music and alcohol. The posted proposal is to extend to 2.30 am Mon and Tues, 4.30am weds and Thurs, and 5.30am Fri and Sat.

For alcohol service alone, these hours concern me. The area is not a nightlife area, and the Donkey's proposed hours would likely make it the only venue open beyond midnight. There will be insufficient police presence in the area to respond to trouble associated with excessively drunk patrons. Beyond the security concerns, there is little reason for a pub to stay open until 5.30am other than for the purposes of excessive drinking. It will be disruptive to nearby residents.

The Donkey has traditionally been associated with live music. It is a very noisy pub. We live nearby but don't neighbour it, and yet we often hear performances from our house. An extension of their license, especially if it includes extended hours for recorded and live music, will be disruptive to the neighbouring population, and as with the late opening hours - not compatible with what is a largely residential area. I have no confidence that the Donkey will limit their noise (they have not done so previously) and the longer operational hours will mean that they're even less bound by sensible cutoffs and curfews.

In my opinion the extended hours are wholly incompatible with a residential neighbourhood, and the Donkey's patrons and staff have no previous track record of consideration for their neighbours.

Regards,



Our Ref: LIC669177184

Date: 09/12/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
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**Address:**

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Name of premises: Donkey Pub

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children From Harm

Please summarise your concerns about this application: NOISE. Concerned with the already too long hours and noise from the pub. The music (especially when outdoors or door left open) bounces off walls and sounds as if it were in our back garden and front garden at the same time! It is TORTURE! Cannot sleep when music is on, so having the hours extended would make the

situation untenable.

In particular, my friend owned a property opposite the Donkey Pub. She told me children were unable to sleep due to the regular noise from the Donkey Pub. Of course, sleep is necessary for all humans, especially children!

PARKING. Parking is an issue whenever there is an event on at the pub and locals coming home late from work may not be able to park their car anywhere near their home. There could be discontent among the locals if this becomes even more of an issue.

CAR DAMAGE. Over the years, too much damage caused to cars parked near the Donkey pub. I know of at least 6 cars whose side doors were badly damaged, in what looks like damage from someone reversing into their side door, likely at night, and this is more likely to happen if the driver had had a drink (or more than one).

PUBLIC SAFETY: my subjective feeling is of reduced public safety if the opening hours were extended. (This includes worries about drug use in the surrounding area).

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : NOISE. Unable to sleep, stress from excess noise from the pub, particularly at night: both music and noise from loud people walking. This is already an issue, imagine with longer licensing hours extending into the early morning! How can people safely go to work next day? What about children that need their sleep?

PARKING. In short supply; even more likely that locals' cars will be damaged while parked.

PUBLIC SAFETY: my subjective feeling is of reduced public safety if the opening hours were extended.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:REDUCING the current opening hours.
MORE SAFEGUARDS to reduce noise - but this has not been prioritised for the last 20 years, so not sure it would be done now.
AVOID parking issues: perhaps shuttle people to and from the pub?

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: No

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Our Ref: LIC669304449

Date: 09/12/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: I am extremely concerned about the noise, littering and general disturbance that the proposed music licensing hours and opening hours of this pub. Currently, they mainly play music loudly on a Sunday afternoon, which can still be heard (and felt) in my room over 200m away with the double glazed windows closed. Whilst this is annoying, this would be completely unbearable until 3, 4 and 5am almost every night of the week

for me, but also for the many families, children and people working regular hours who live in close proximity to the establishment. Not only is the noise a problem currently (it really is so loud often it can be heard down the street), but also extending the alcohol license so late would result in drunk people going down the street at all hours of the night, who often will be singing or shouting loudly causing disturbance to those sleeping, but also are prone to vomiting on pavements and breaking glassware in the street, which is unpleasant and dangerous for dogs and cyclists, of which there are many due to the highly residential nature of this area of Clarendon Park and Knighton.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : I believe the problems outlined above are likely partly due to a high local student population who would be likely to use the establishment during the early hours of the morning as proposed, and because the late opening hours and alcohol license will encourage drunkenness and disorderliness in a way that normal hours of pubs do not, at least not outside the times of Friday and Saturday nights with a big football game which tend to die down by the time people are putting their kids to sleep. Additionally, because of the inability of the establishment to contain the noise as already stands.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Normal pub opening hours would be fine if they want to play live music on other days, with very strict rules on noise such that it would be inaudible outside the premises with the doors closed, and strict decibel limits inside the building if that is necessary to achieve that aim.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: No

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Victoria Marshall

From: Licensing
Sent: 10 December 2024 08:11
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: FW: The Donkey, 203 Welford Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:18 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: The Donkey, 203 Welford Road

Hi Licensing,

Re: Variation Application 169503 for Premises Licence WITH Alcohol at The Donkey, 203 Welford Road

On behalf of Friends of Clarendon Park, I **object** to this application on the grounds of:

- 1) Prevention of Public Nuisance
- 2) Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Current Licence

The Donkey's current Premises Licence WITH Alcohol LEIPRM0896 includes the following licensable activities:

- Performance of live music (indoors only)
- Playing of recorded music (indoors only)
- Provision of late night refreshment (indoors & outdoors)
- Supply of alcohol (ON and OFF the premises)

The regular licensed opening hours are until: 1:30am Mon-Wed, 2:30am Thu-Sat & 1:00am Sun

In addition to the mandatory conditions, the licence includes two conditions consistent with the operating schedule:

- All external doors and windows must be kept closed, other than for access and egress, in all rooms when events involving amplified music or speech are taking place.
- No food or drink shall be consumed outside of the premises after 23:00 hours.

Variation Application

This variation application proposes extending the licensed opening hours to: 2:30am Mon-Tue, 4:30am Wed-Thu & 5:30am Fri-Sat. The application states that “The premises currently operates as a live music venue and has done for multiple years” and the signwriting on the front of the premises says “Live music since 2005”. However, prior to this, when many residents would have moved in, the premises operated as a regular pub without live music. The application also states that “We are not aware of any complaints received against the premises and the venue has always worked with local neighbours to ensure that no nuisance is caused”, but this is completely at odds with the long history of complaints from residents living in the vicinity of The Donkey.

Comparison

Similar premises to The Donkey in the Clarendon Park area are The New Road Inn (201 Welford Road), The Clarendon (7-9 West Avenue), The Old Horse (198 London Road) and The Cradock Arms (201 Knighton Road), which have licensed opening hours until:

The New Road Inn: 1:00am Sun-Wed & 2:00am Thu-Sat

The Clarendon: Midnight-midnight Mon-Sun

The Old Horse: 12:30am Sun-Thu & 1:30am Fri-Sat

The Cradock Arm: Midnight Sun-Thu & 1:00am Fri-Sat

Despite the licensed opening hours, the actual opening hours for these premises are:

The New Road Inn: 12:00am Mon-Sun

The Clarendon: 11:00pm Mon-Sat & 10:30pm Sun

The Old Horse: 11:00pm Sun-Thu & 11:30pm Fri-Sat

The Cradock Arm: 11:00pm Mon-Sat & 10:30pm Sun

In addition, The Donkey’s actual opening hours (according to [WayBackMachine](#)) have been until:

22/05/2022 onwards: 11:00pm Mon-Sat & 10:00pm Sun

18/05/2023 onwards: 11:00pm Tue-Thu, 12:00am Fri-Sat & 10:00pm Sun

18/05/2024 onwards: 11:00pm Wed-Sat & 10:00pm Sun

Objection

Unlike the city centre pubs, clubs and music venues, The Donkey is situated in a residential area, surrounded by terraced houses and student flats, with a new block of 50 student flats recently granted planning permission directly across Welford Road. The Donkey’s existing premises licence already allows it to open more than late enough for any pub in a residential area. The variation would allow it to open later than many city centre pubs, clubs and music venues, including Firebug, which are in non-residential areas. Despite actually closing at 11:00pm or 12:00am in recent years, there are regular complaints about the noise from The Donkey when they have music indoors and even more complaints when they have (unlicensed?) music outdoors, which can be heard all over Clarendon Park and Victoria Park. In addition to the direct noise nuisance of the music having an adverse impact on local residents quality of life, this is compounded by the noise from people leaving the venue late at night and early in the morning and the anti-social behaviour that inevitably occurs when large numbers of drunken people are making their way home. Extending the existing hours will only exacerbate this with people not just leaving but also arriving on foot and by cars and taxis during the normal sleep hours of 11:00pm to 7:00am. The requested opening hours suggest that The Donkey wants to operate the premises on a different business model, one that may be suited to the city centre but not to a residential area.

Mitigation

The Donkey was not built as a music venue and as such has no sound insulation or double glazing. Both of these measures could help to reduce noise escaping from within the premises but would not address the noise of outdoor music. It may be possible to impose a limit on the noise levels permitted outside the venue but experience of this venue suggests it is unlikely that these would be complied with or that they would be enforced. Realistically, the only way to reduce or remove these concerns is to limit the licensed hours for live and recorded music to those compatible with The Donkey’s location in a densely populated residential area.

Best regards,



Our Ref: LIC669266891

Date: 09/12/2024

**Customer details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode

Name of premises: The Donkey Public House**Location:**

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
LE2 6BH	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known): LEIPRM0896**Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:**

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: I have a concern about noise nuisance on weekdays as the license application is requesting opening hours till 2.00am on Monday and Tuesday and 4.00am on Wednesday and Thursday. This is a residential area and any

disturbance will affect working people and school children. In the past the noise has carried from the location to as far as Clarendon Park Road but as it had been the odd occasion and on a weekend it had not caused a bother however with the request to extend the hours into the working week I see this as becoming an issue.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : The issue is with the license request for live music to the requested hours. If it was just for the sale of alcohol any disruption would likely be minimal with people on their way home. If live music is being played then the sound can be expected to cause a nuisance until such time as it has ended.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Change the licensing request for Monday to Thursday to allow the sale of alcohol and not to include live music till the stated times.

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed outcome?: Yes

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Our Ref: LIC669223148

Date: 09/12/2024



Customer details:

Title	First name	Surname	Phone number	Mobile number	Email address
[Redacted Customer Details]					

Address:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
[Redacted Address]							

Name of premises: The Donkey

Location:

Enter the postcode or street name	Please select the address	Flat	House number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
le2 6bh	The Donkey 203 Welford Road, Leicester	The Donkey	203	Welford Road	Leicester	Leicester City	LE2 6BH

Application No. (If known):

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please summarise your concerns about this application: The Donkey pub is in a residential area, with houses in a close proximity. Clarendon Park is quiet residential area with a mixture of residents where families with young children and older residents, including pensioners, live along side a relatively large student population.

Given the location of the pub, in a residential area, make the opening hours applied for totally unacceptable. The closing hours applied for 2, 4 and 5 am would make the Donkey a late night drinking venue and clearly this would raise serious concerns regarding :

Late night noise from customers arriving/leaving the pub

Antisocial behavior and crime from customers arriving/leaving the pub

Concerns regarding safety of local people and customers.

The potential for the pub to attract criminal activity in relation to drugs etc.

If a pub is open to the hours applied for it is inevitable that customers are going to be highly likely to have excessive amounts of alcohol and this will cause all of the above issues. (They are not going there to have a coffee and a chat with their mates !)

It is already noticeable in Clarendon Park that excessive late night noise and antisocial/criminal behavior occurs when there are student "events" on and students go out/come home "under the influence" . Given the location of the Donkey it would appear that students are a significant part of the targeted customer base and the opening hours applied for make the likelihood of this happening six days a week.

If this application is approved it will significantly impact on local residents and has the potential to drive families out of the area and leave Clarendon Park with an imbalance of residents. This has an impact on local services , shops, schools etc.. Is it not an objective of the City Council to protect the area from this ?

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives : The Area it is located in - residential, huge potential disruption to the local community .

The opening hours make this a late night venue and inevitably that sort of venue causes issues re noise, nuisance, criminality and sadly violence .(are you going to have city center policing in Clarendon park to control this ?) These issues could be both on site and in the wider local residential area.

The opening hours applied for are so ridiculous for a residential area one can only assume that this is an application made with the expectation that it will be turned down , hoping that amended opening hours will be granted.

The Donkey must not be allowed to become a late night drinking establishment in a residential area.

Are there any changes that could be made to the application that would reduce or remove your concerns?: Yes

Please explain what changes you think would help:Maintain fairly standard opening times for a pub in a residential area. No opening after 11.30

If appropriate, would you be willing to take part in mediation to try to reach an agreed

outcome?: Yes

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Victoria Marshall

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2024 15:18
To: Victoria Marshall
Subject: Re: Objection to Variation of Premises Licence for The Donkey, 203 Welford Road



From: Grace Sutton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 8:08 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Variation of Premises Licence for The Donkey, 203 Welford Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Objection to Variation of Premises Licence for The Donkey, 203 Welford Road

I am writing to formally object to the application for a variation of the premises licence for The Donkey pub at 203 Welford Road. The proposed extension of operating hours, particularly the sale of alcohol and live music until 5:00 AM on weekends and 4:00 AM on weekdays, raises significant concerns for the local community.

Firstly, extending these hours will likely result in increased noise disturbances during the early morning hours. Clarendon Park is a residential area, home to families with young children, elderly residents, professionals, and students. The impact of late-night patrons leaving the venue, coupled with amplified music, will create an intolerable environment, negatively affecting the quality of life for residents and disturbing their sleep up to six nights a week. Furthermore, the plans for noise proofing the venue will not effectively mitigate the external noise generated by people gathering

outside to socialise or smoke, especially during the summer months when outdoor activities tend to increase.

Additionally, the foot traffic associated with a late-night establishment could lead to safety concerns and an increase in anti-social behaviour, issues for which The Donkey will not be held accountable to. Our streets are not designed to handle the volume of late-night patrons, placing residents' safety, as well as the security of their properties and vehicles, at risk. There has already been an increase in vehicle damage in the area, including keying, damage to wing mirrors and wiper blades, and other vandalism. These issues strain local police resources, and we are concerned that further disturbances, such as public urination, shouting, and littering (including broken glass), will follow. The proximity of Avenue Primary School (just 0.4 miles away) exacerbates these concerns, especially regarding the safety and well-being of local children. The presence of intoxicated individuals also poses a hazard to residents, particularly those travelling to and from shift work or students using the 24-hour library at Leicester University.

The Donkey should be subject to the same licensing conditions as other local venues, such as The Clarendon (which closes at 11:00 PM) and neighbouring venue The New Road Inn (which closes at 12:00 AM), both of which do not feature live or recorded music. Extending The Donkey's hours to the proposed times would likely attract already intoxicated individuals from city centre venues, such as the nightclub MOSH, which closes two and a half hours earlier than the proposed hours for The Donkey.

The applicant's assurances of a robust security and management plan are insufficient to mitigate the risks associated with such extended hours, especially given the lack of detail on how potential issues will be addressed. Moreover, the absence of complaints to date does not necessarily reflect the future impact of the venue's operation on the neighbourhood. As the area evolves, it is likely that such disturbances will increase.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge the licensing committee to carefully consider the potential negative impact of this application on the local community. The proposed changes are not in the best interests of residents and could lead to significant disruptions.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust the committee will act in the best interests of the community by rejecting this application.

Yours sincerely,

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