



Leicestershire Police

Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in Respect of a Major Variation Application.

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

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Mabel Lounge (Arsad Café Ltd)
Address of premises:	161 Belgrave Gate Leicester LE1 3HS
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Leicester City centre's alcohol licensing officer for Leicestershire Police, with delegated authority from the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this major variation application is based upon all four licensing objectives, as per the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The application would undermine all four licencing objectives if granted. Those being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) The prevention of crime and disorder.(2) Public Safety

(3) The prevention of public nuisance.

(4) The protection of children from harm.

This is a major variation application for an existing licensed premises to increase its operating hours, add additional licensable activities and remove an existing licence condition.

In April 2024, the applicant/Arsad Café Ltd applied for a “shadow licence” for the same premises, which was later rejected by Leicester City Council, after a hearing in June 2024.

The applicant elected not to appeal the local authority’s decision.

In late September 2024, the original premises licence (Leicester City Council Premises Licence number LEIRPM1772) was transferred to the applicant/Arsad Café Ltd.

In October 2022, the same premises licence was subject of a review application brought by Leicester City Council Noise & Pollution Team. Admittedly, this was when the business was under different ownership. This same person is now believed to be the applicants/Arsad Café Ltd’s landlord.

Between 4th October and 20th November 2024, seven temporary event notices were submitted for various dates, with the last being Saturday 7th December 2024, in which regulated entertainment was requested until midnight.

The premises existing and proposed opening hours and licensable activities are:

Existing Opening Hours to the Public

Monday to Sunday from 10am until 2am.

Proposed Opening Hours to the Public

Monday to Sunday from 7am until 2:30am.

Therefore, an additional 3 hours at the start of the day and additional 30 minutes at the end.

Existing Supply of alcohol hours (On & Off the premises)

Monday to Sunday from 10am until 1am.

Proposed Supply of alcohol (On & Off the premises)

Monday to Sunday from 10am until 2am.

Therefore, an additional 1 hour at the end of the day.

Live & Recorded Music = Not currently licensed.

Proposed Live & Recorded Music (Indoors only)

Monday to Sunday from 5pm until midnight.

Performance of Dance & Anything Similar = Not currently Licensed.

Proposed Performance of Dance & Anything Similar (Indoors only)

Monday to Sunday from 5pm until midnight.

(No seasonal variations for any licensable activities have been proposed).

The applicant wishes to remove an existing licence condition stipulating that a Security Industry Authority (SIA) front line door supervisor will be employed at the premises after 11pm when alcohol is being served. And that there will be one SIA door supervisors for the

first one hundred customers than an additional one after that.

The application itself lacks specific details about how the applicant will promote and uphold the licensing objectives, given that it will be operating later in the night-time economy when alcohol related violent crime rises.

Leicestershire Police are also concerned that the applicant wishes to remove the existing security provision condition, due to the increased risks to both customers and general public.

On Saturday 14th December 2024, Leicestershire Police completed a visit during the consultation period and identified five breaches of its existing licence conditions, as well as the premises licence not being displayed as per Section 57 of the Licensing Act 2003. As result of the above, a warning letter was served upon the responsible persons.

Leicestershire Police believes operating a licensed premises in the night-time economy requires strong management. Leicestershire Police has previously raised concerns about the applicants lack experience, as well as other concerns and do not believe sufficient time has passed in order to prove themselves as a responsible operator.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police respectfully requests the application is rejected as it fails to promote all four licencing objectives.

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Representation dated – Tuesday 17th December 2024