



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:	Restaurant & Lounge Secret Garden Ltd
Address of premises:	66 Braunstone Gate Leicester LE3 5LG
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>Leicestershire Police wish to submit a representation to this application, as it would undermine all four licensing objectives if granted.</p> <p>The premises current Leicester City Council Premises Licence number LEIPRM1427 permits the following:</p>

The premises current operating hours to the public are:

The Supply of Alcohol (both on & off the premises)

Sunday to Thursday from 11am until 12:30am.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 2am.

Playing of Recorded Music & Live Music (Indoors)

Sunday to Thursday from 11am until 12:30am.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 2am.

Opening Hours of the premises to the public.

Sunday to Thursday from 11am until 1am.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 2:30am.

The applicant's major variation proposes the following amendments:

The Supply of Alcohol (both on & off the premises)

Monday to Thursday from 11am until 2am = + 1 ½ hours.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 4am = + 2 hours.

Sunday from 11am until 4am = + 3 ½ hours.

Playing of Recorded Music & Live Music (Indoors)

Monday to Thursday from 11am until 2am = +1 ½ hours.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 4am = + 2hours.

Sunday from 11am until 4am = + 3 ½ hours.

Opening Hours of the premises to the public.

Monday to Thursday from 11am until 2:30am = + 1 ½ hours.

Friday & Saturday from 11am until 4:30am = + 2 hours.

Sunday from 11am until 4:30am = + 3 ½ hours.

As the premises is not currently licensed for late night refreshments (LNR) this is a newly requested licensable activity and the proposed operating hours are:

Monday to Thursday from 11pm until 2am.

Friday to Sunday from 11pm until 4am.

Similarly, the applicant has also applied for further new licensable activities including (a) The performance of dance (indoors) and (b) Anything of a similar description (indoors) from:

Monday to Thursday from 11am until 2am.

Friday to Sunday from 11am until 4am.

The premises is located on Braunstone Gate which links the west part of the city with the city centre.

The premises operates as an alcohol led, stand up bar.

The area consists of a mix of retail, high density residential properties and licensed premises.

The premises is located within the "Braunstone Gate area of special interest" as referred to in Leicester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy dated 2022-2027.

The policy places extra emphasis on applicants to consider the wider environment when submitting applications. The application does not mention the policy, so is it unclear if the applicant has taken this into consideration.

The application is vague and does not provide details about how the applicant will promote and uphold the licencing objectives.

The applicant wishes to increase the premises operating hours in the night-time economy but does not propose any additional measures in order to mitigate potential risks / reduce the likelihood of alcohol related crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour both at and in proximity to the premises.

The applicant wishes to remove and amend some existing licence conditions which act as existing safeguards. These include amending Challenge 21 policy to Challenge 25 and removing the existing condition referring to the last entry.

In the last 12 months, the premises has twice come to the attention of Leicestershire Police resulting in official warning letters being served on the applicant.

On Wednesday 4th December 2024, a pre-planned meeting was held at the premises with the applicant. Also present was PC Pritchard from Leicestershire Police, Elizabeth Arculus from Leicester City Council Licensing and the applicant's brother.

Whilst at the premises, several major internal and external alterations were observed and not consistent with the premises current premises plan. Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement later served a letter on the applicant and the original application was withdrawn.

Similarly, a large extension had been built to enclose the rear external beer garden which was not consistent with the premises plan at the time of the visit. The applicant stated the work was completed in October/November 2023, however a planning application for the extension had only recently been submitted.

Given that alcohol related violent crime and disorder increases in the night-time economy, combined with issues arising from the application, previous issues associated to the venue and events of 4th December 2024 gives Leicestershire Police reason for concern.

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

PC2093 Jefferson Pritchard

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Representation dated – Tuesday 17th December 2024