



Representation in respect of a New Premises 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:	Bar 26 Pool Table and Snacks
Address of premises:	Basement 148 Melton Road Leicester LE4 5EE
Application No. (if known)	171239

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"/>

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 new Premises Licence for the following activities:

- Provision of Live Music indoors from 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs Friday to Saturday.
- Provision of Recorded Music indoors from
 - 11:00hrs to 00:00hrs Sunday to Thursday
 - 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs Friday to Saturday.
- Sale/supply of alcohol on the premises from
 - 11:00hrs to 01:00hrs Sunday to Thursday
 - 11:00hrs to 02:00hrs Friday to Saturday.

The premises is open to the public from

- 11:00hrs to 01:30hrs Sunday to Thursday
- 11:00hrs to 02:30hrs Friday to Saturday.

Late Night Refreshment has not been applied for and no seasonal variations have been requested.

The premises is located in the basement of 148 Melton Road, the busy A607 road in Leicester in the Rushey Mead ward of the city. There is a wide paved area immediately outside of the premises.

The area consists mainly of retail shops, eating establishments, commercial businesses and residential properties.

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

148 Melton Road falls within a designated Area of Special Interest and Consultation under Leicester City Councils Licensing Policy under Section 8 - [licensing-policy-2022-2027.pdf](#) ([leicester.gov.uk](#)).

Attempts have not been made to address the policy or any of the general concerns.

It is imperative that all applicants fully consider the environmental factors of the area in which they are applying. Section 182 guidance states that applicants should proactively engage with the responsible authorities to ensure that a premises and their management uphold the licensing objectives.

There are several premises in the vicinity licensed for the sale of alcohol for both on and off the premises. There is also a separate banqueting hall on the ground floor. Planning permission has been granted for 9 flats to be built on additional floors in the building and the application mentions that sound proofing has been installed in the basement bar. It is expected that access for any residents will be at the rear of the premises at the Chicketts Road entrance.

The proposed area to be licensed is on the ground floor using the front door for both access and egress. The bar is located at an internal flight of concrete stairs. The premises will contain a dart board, space for 30-40 people sitting at tables, a bar and one or two snooker tables. Beyond the bar is a small storage area. There are currently only male toilets but the applicant will be converting them to add in separate female toilets.

Elizabeth Arculus, Licensing Officer from Leicester City Council visited the applicant Mr Rajesh Sharma at 10.00hrs on Monday 3rd February 2025. He was accompanied by staff member Mr Hardip Singh and his agent Anil Bhawsar from Greenhill Licences. The purpose of the facility was explained to her. They discussed the general operation of the premises and Mr Sharma was asked to explain some of the methods to counter some of the concerns that she raised.

Some of the specifics that Mr Sharma relayed were that he was the owner of the premises and is the designated premises supervisor, holding personal licence LEIPRS2529 with Leicester City Council. He plans to run the restaurant with the assistance of 2 additional members of staff.

There are 4 CCTV cameras installed internally and an additional camera will be fitted at the top of the stairs. The CCTV was of a high quality and included provision for clear facial recording. The applicant is able to access the recordings and footage on his mobile phone, and stated that both he and his colleagues would be able to access the recordings and images. The CCTV will be available for retrieval or download for 31 days.

Mr Sharma understood that he needed to ask for ID in line with the Challenge 25 procedure, which ID to look for, and how to check it was genuine. He also understood his obligations with regards to maintaining a refusals log for under age and proxy sales.

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 operation of the CCTV and also the detail of the operating schedule that has been applied for.

The operating schedule does lay out some of the intentions of the applicant however it is loose in outlining specifically how they would uphold the licensing objectives.

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:

- The premises shall install and maintain a digital CCTV system
- The CCTV system shall have sufficient hard drive storage capacity to store a minimum of 28 days.
- All RELEVANT staff shall be trained in the operation of the CCTV system to ensure rapid data retrieval & downloads of footage can be provided to the Police & the Local Authority Officer upon reasonable request in accordance with the Data Protection Act.
- Refuse collection will be collected in reasonable hours of morning.
- Customer to leave quietly posters to be displayed.
- All staff engaged in the sale of alcohol to be trained in Challenge 25. Training records shall be kept on the premises and produced to the police or an 'authorised person

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.
- Emptying, dispensing or disposing of bottles in outside bins must only be conducted between 07:00hrs and 22:00hrs.
- The licence holder shall take reasonable steps to prevent public nuisance being caused by customers outside the premises by displaying prominent Quiet notices requesting customers respect the needs of local residents.
- A Challenge 25 policy will be adopted with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence or identification carrying a PASS logo. A training record must be kept on the premises, retained for 12 months from the date of the incident and produced to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.

(b) Conditions to be removed from Operating Schedule

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

Operating Schedule Wording to be removed:

- N/A

(c) Requested Additional Conditions

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

- The Premises Licence Holder or a person nominated by them in writing for the purpose will employ SIA door staff on a risk assessed basis. The risk assessment shall be in writing

and shall be made immediately available on request to an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or the Police.

- The licence holder will ensure that a full fire risk assessment will be conducted and reviewed and implemented in line with Fire Safety Legislation annually.
- There will be regular safety checks of areas such as toilets and entrances/exits recorded in a logbook which will be kept on the premises and immediately available upon request from any authority officers.
- The licence holder will ensure that children and young people 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 children and young people under 18 years of age will not be permitted to remain on the premises after 21:00hrs.
- The Licence is subject to Leicester City Council's Standard Conditions for Places of Public Entertainment, published on the Licensing Authority's website www.leicester.gov.uk/licensing

Appendix:

Appendix 1	N/A
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Authority Signatures:

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Leicester City Council
10/02/2025

Reporting Officer
Elizabeth Arculus

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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)

Notification to Local Authority of Agreement regarding Licensing Authority Enforcement Concerns.

Dear Licensing Authority,

I write in my capacity as the applicant/agent in relation to the above matter & application.

Discussions have taken place with Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement in relation to their concerns and have been made aware of the above conditions that should be replaced/removed or added to any granted licence.

Please note:

I as the applicant/agent agree to all these conditions & amendments as detailed and do not, therefore consider that a hearing is necessary.

Signed 1:

Name in block capitals: ANIL BHAWSAR

Application Capacity: LICENSING AGENT C/O GREENHILL LICENCES

Date: 17/2/25

Signed 2:

Name in block capitals:

Application Capacity:

Date:

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