Application for a new premises licence

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken by: Licensing (Hearings)

Sub-Committee

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Lead director/officer: Rachel Hall

Useful information

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1. Summary

1.1 This report outlines an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence for Uncle J's Kitchen, 166 Evington Road, Leicester and summarises the representations received. It also highlights the licensing objectives and the relevant parts of both the statutory guidance and the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

2. Determination to be made

- 2.1 Having considered the application and representations, Members must consider whether to
 - Grant the licence without modification
 - Grant the licence subject to conditions
 - Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities
 - Refuse to accept the proposed premises supervisor
 - Reject the application

3. Application and promotion of the licensing objectives

- 3.1 An application was received on 11 March 2025 from Uncle J's Limited for a new premises licence for Uncle J's Kitchen, 166 Evington Road, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Proposed hours
Late night refreshment	Monday to Sunday 23.00 – 03.00
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday 12.00 – 03.00

- 3.3 The steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section 18 of Appendix A).
- 3.4 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.



4. Representation(s)

- 4.1 A representation was received on 17 March 2025 from Planning. The representation relates to the prevention of public nuisance. The representee is concerned that the premises was granted planning permission for its current use under application 20192113. Condition 5 states "The use shall not be carried on outside the hours of 07:30 to 23:00 daily. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B1.
- 4.2 A representation was received on 21 March 2025 from a member of the public. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. The representee is concerned that the late hours of the application will adversely affect nearby residents by the nuisances of late-night noise, smells and littering. They are also concerned this application will add to the existing parking problems in the area, especially customer's cars and mopeds, e-bikes and pedal bikes used by delivery drivers who gather in clusters along Evington Road waiting for orders. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B2.

- 4.3 A representation was received on 21 March 2025 from a member of the public. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The representee is concerned that the late hours will increase, noise, litter and anti-social behaviour in the area. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B3.
- 4.4 A representation was received on 08 April 2025 from the Police. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The representee is concerned that the premises is located in an area of special interest and the applicant hasn't made any reference to this on the application and hasn't imposed any practical conditions/proposals to ensure the premises is managed safely in the night-time economy. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B4.

5. Conditions

5.1 The conditions that are consistent with the application are attached at Appendix C.

6. Statutory guidance and statement of licensing policy

6.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the government has issued guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The parts of the guidance that are particularly relevant in this case are as follows:

Section	Heading				
1.2 – 1.5	Licensing objectives and aims				
1.15 – 1.16	General Principles				
1.17	Each application on its own merits				
2.1 - 2.6	Crime & Disorder				
2.7 - 2.14	Public Safety				
2.15 – 2.21	Public nuisance				
2.22 - 2.31	Protection of children from harm				
3.12 – 3.20	Late night refreshment				
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives				
9.11 – 9.12	Role of responsible authorities				
9.31 – 9.41	Hearings				
9.42 – 9.44	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the				
	licensing objectives				
10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general				
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions				
10.10	Proportionality				
10.13 - 10.15	Hours of trading				
13.10 – 13.11	Giving reasons for decisions				
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing Hours				

6.2 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

Section	Heading
4	Promotion of the licensing objectives
5	General Principles
6	Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates
8	Areas of Specific Interest and Consultation

7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the party / parties making the representation have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

By the applicant

- 1. Whether the applicant considers that the concerns outlined in the representations are valid, and if not why not.
- 2. In the light of the representations made, whether the applicant wishes to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

By the party making the representation

- 1. Whether they have any additional information to support the representation they have made.
- 2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

8. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

8.1 Financial implications		
None.		

8.2 Legal implications

Legal advice specific to the application will be provided at the meeting by Legal Officers.

8.3 Equalities implications

None.

8.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are unlikely to be any significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report and the licensing process. Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 28 3384.

8.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None.		

9. Background information and other papers:

None

10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – Representations

Appendix C – Conditions consistent with the application.

11. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

12. Is this a "key decision"? If so, why?

No