
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

- Ward affected: North Evington
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence for Dosti Pan Centre & Off Licence, 2c Uppingham 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 representation(s), 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

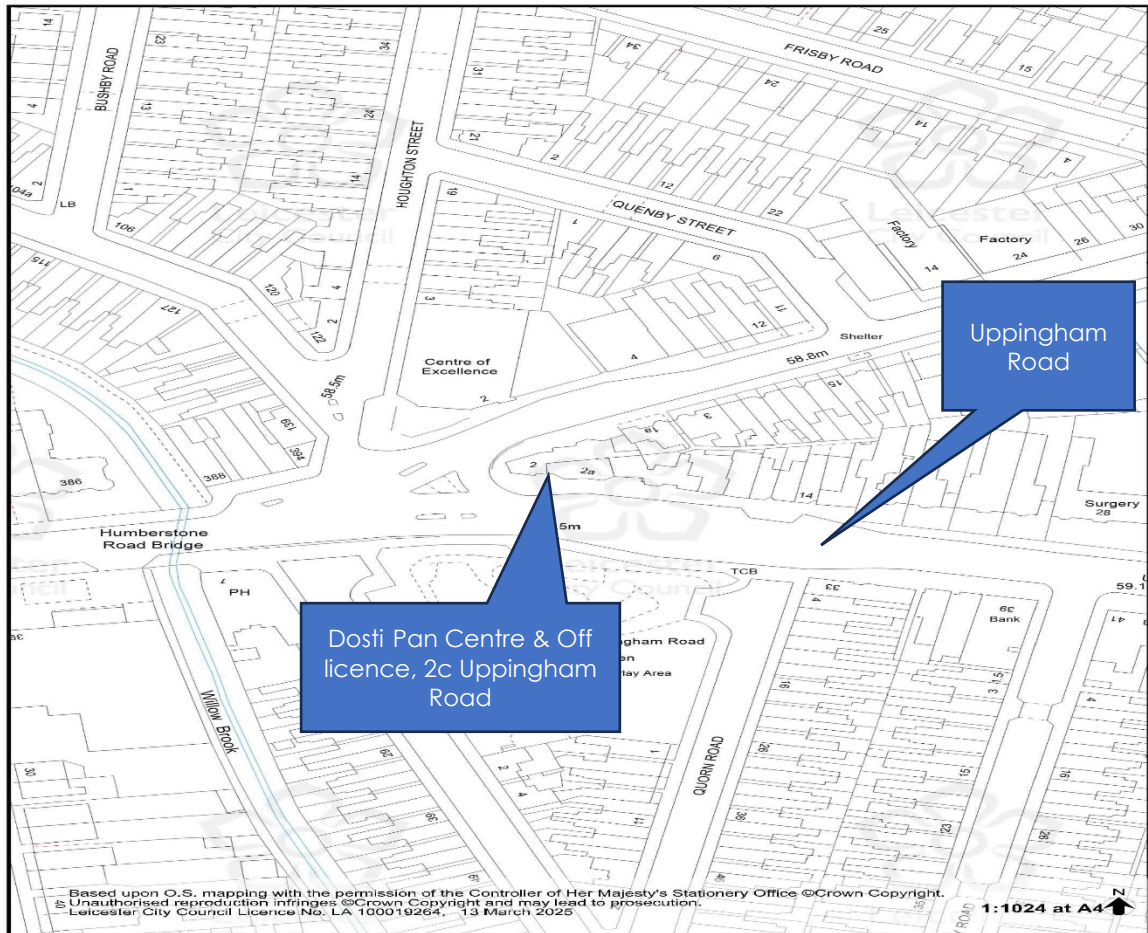
- 3.1 An application was received on 06 March 2025 from Mr Ajay Valgi for a new premises licence for Dosti Pan Centre & Off Licence, 2c Uppingham Road, Leicester. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.

- 3.2 The application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Proposed hours
Sale of alcohol (off)	Monday to Sunday 06:00 – 00:00
Opening hours	Monday to Sunday 06:00 – 00:00

- 3.3 The steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see Appendix A).
- 3.4 The applicant, Mr Ajay Valgi is in process of applying for a personal licence with Leicester City Council.
- 3.5 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3.6 Location Plan



4. Representations

4.1 Seventy-five representations were received from members of the public objecting to the application between 7 March and 3 April 2025. The representations relate to all four licensing objectives. The members of the public are concerned that:

- Granting the licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already so heavily populated with licensed premises that crime, disorder and public nuisance are higher than the national average.
- Residents in this area are already suffering from noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour at all hours of the day and night.
- Residents are scared to go out in the evenings due to the rising levels of anti-social behaviour, loitering and sexual violence crimes.

4.2 These representees also say that:

- The nearby children's park is constantly full of drunk people and is littered with broken glass and other dangerous paraphernalia. These individuals simply buy packs and packs of cheap alcohol from the large number of local Off-Licenses, head to the park opposite, and then consume en masse dumping their cans and other rubbish around the streets and quite disgracefully within the park.
- Crimes in the area in the past year include drugs, possession of weapons, anti-social behaviour offences, burglary and theft of vehicles and property, criminal damage and sexual violence with high rates of failure to prosecute by the police.

- The issues described above lead to genuine concerns around personal safety. The area is densely populated with many young families. Seeing gangs of men drinking all hours cause distress and fear. Women and children in particular feel anxiety and concern over their personal welfare.

4.3 The wording of these representations were identical, and a copy of one of these letters is attached at Appendix B1.

4.3 Four petitions were received objecting to the application, signed by a total of 152 people. The representations relate to all four licensing objectives. The wording of these petitions are attached at Appendix B2-B5.

4.4 100 representations were received from members of the public supporting the application. The representations state that:

- There is a good enough reason to open a store like this because the residents need more choice in the area.
- Opening this store would not have a negative effect on anything in any way.
- Workers need a store open for longer hours, due to their different work times.

4.5 The wording of these representations were identical, and a copy of one of these letters is attached at Appendix B6.

4.6 One petition was received in support of the application, signed by 30 people. The wording of this petition is attached at Appendix B7.

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
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.11 – 9.12	Role of responsible authorities
9.13 – 9.19	Licensing Authorities acting as responsible authorities
9.20 – 9.24	Health bodies acting as responsible authorities
9.25	Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) acting as a responsible authority
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
10.25 – 10.66	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
13.10 – 13.11	Giving reasons for decisions
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing Hours

4.3 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

There are no significant financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Jade Draper Principal Accountant
7th April 2025

8.2 Legal implications

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

8.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report. However it is important to consider issues of accessibility to the application process and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal); The criteria used during determination of an application and its associated activities (such as lodging an appeal).

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

Dated: 7th April 2025

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

N/a

9. Background information and other papers:

None

10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B1-B7 – Representations/Petitions

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