


Objection to street trade licence for Raykdi Ltd

To whom it may concern,

I wish to raise an objection for the street trade licence for Raykdi Ltd for a food trailer to be placed for a period of 12 months on Canon Street.

Reasons for the objections are listed below:

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Canon Street, LE4 6NJ (see photos, please)

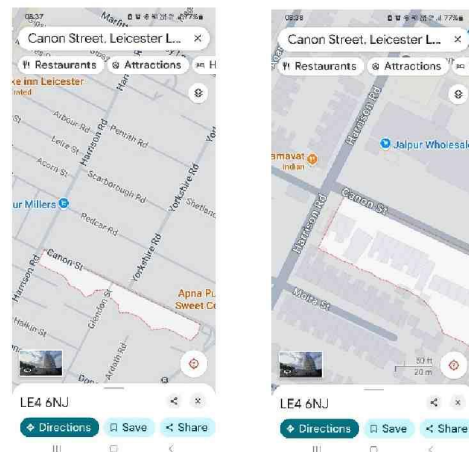
Business hours: Wednesday to Monday
14:00 - 22:00

Selling Indian Chaat

The trailer will not be facing the road, ensuring there will be no traffic or pedestrian obstruction. Additionally, this setup will provide a safer environment for our customers, away from any incoming traffic. There are also ample parking spaces available nearby for our potential customers.

The only restaurant in the vicinity of this location is Jamavat. We have already discussed this with the owner, and he is very enthusiastic about the prospect.

The location given on the application form in the box on the front page and the photo of the location on the application form with a blue circle are two different postcodes. The application form gives the postcode of LE4 6NJ and this postcode is the other side of the road. Below is the postcode location LE4 6NJ and is taken from Google Maps.



The location is a public green space/grass section of the pavement and putting the trailer on here will destroy the grass which is going to be under it and people will congregate on the grass area/pavement next to the trailer to eat their food which will destroy that grass area too. It will also destroy the habit for the wildlife that live and visit those grassy areas.

People congregating and purchasing food from the trailer will block the pavement for persons, pushchairs and wheelchairs passing by.

Please explain how your business may impact on public nuisance:: Our food truck will operate with a focus on minimizing public nuisance. We will use quiet generators, provide ample trash receptacles for customers, and ensure our service area is kept clean. We will also manage queues to avoid blocking pedestrian walkways. Our operating hours will be carefully considered to avoid peak congestion times.

The proposed location of the food trailer and the surrounding area is prone for littering and fly tipping. It is a regular occurrence and on a visit to the location on 24th May 2025 I observed litter and fly tipping in the area and took the below photos to show this.

There was a number of empty drink and alcohol containers, food containers and plastic cutlery and 2 fly tipped bags of clothes and rubbish.





There are two current food trailers on the Belgrave neighbourhood on Cobden Street on an industrial estate and there is always a number of cars parked at these with a number of people standing outside them on the pavement waiting for food to be cooked before eating it at the location or driving away with it.

If persons are visiting the trailer on Canon Street it is in a residential area and people waiting for food or eating food could impact the pavement with those blocking it for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs to get past.

Please explain how your business may impact on crime and disorder:: We will operate in well-lit areas and maintain a visible presence to deter any potential issues. Our staff will be trained to handle customer interactions professionally and respectfully. We will also cooperate fully with local authorities if any concerns arise.

The location is currently known as being a hotspot location by the local neighbourhood policing team for persons congregating and drinking alcohol on the street. They purchase their alcohol from [REDACTED] and either stand outside the off licence to drink the alcohol or at the proposed location site on the opposite corner. On 24th May 2025 an officer visited the location and found two males standing outside the off-licence drinking alcohol from an open can. In December 2024 neighbourhood officers found 5 males outside of the off licence drinking alcohol and eating snacks. The management of the off licence have previously been advised on visits to the location by officers about ensuring persons are not congregating in the area drinking alcohol and they have been found outside continuing to do so. The Belgrave neighbourhood team are completing ongoing patrols with this off licence and others on the Belgrave area for street drinking. Patrols have also been completed by neighbourhood officers and Turning Point to speak to the street drinkers and offer support to them.

Concerns are that with the food trailer being in situ it could attract even more persons to congregate near the trailer and buy alcohol from the shop to drink on the street while eating their food.

Residents [REDACTED] have been spoken to by a local officer on 24th May 2025 and the residents spoke to them about the fly tipping, Litter, ASB and street drinking occurring in the location and raised concerns to the officer about the trailer being in situ and the ASB/street drinking getting worse.

Police incidents report show August 2023 report of two males under the influence of drugs arguing at the location. September 2024 report of 10 males fighting at [REDACTED] January 2025 report of males arguing at the location.

On 25th May 2025 the Leicester East MP Shivani Raja spoke to a neighbourhood policing officer about the street drinking on the Belgrave neighbourhood and explained to the officer that it is a subject that is regularly reported to her by the local residents. The officer is arranging further work with the MP and the councillors on street drinking in the Belgrave area.

With the trailer being in the location and a number of persons congregating outside, other members of the neighbourhood could find it intimidating and walking past the persons congregating waiting or eating their food.

All of the above could increase the ASB that happens in the area and could raise the crime figures for ASB and theft from the trailer and also theft from person.

Please explain how your business may impact on road safety: : Our food truck will operate and park¹ ensuring it does not obstruct traffic flow or create visibility issues within the area. We will manage customer queues to ensure they remain within designated areas and do not impede traffic or pedestrian movement. Our operation will be conducted with consideration for the safety of both vehicles and pedestrians.

Canon street is one of the main thoroughfare's between Catherine Street and Melton Road and is always busy with traffic.

Vehicles park on both sides of Canon Street and with traffic going in both directions in the proposed location you have to find a space if one is available to let a car pass in the opposite direction.

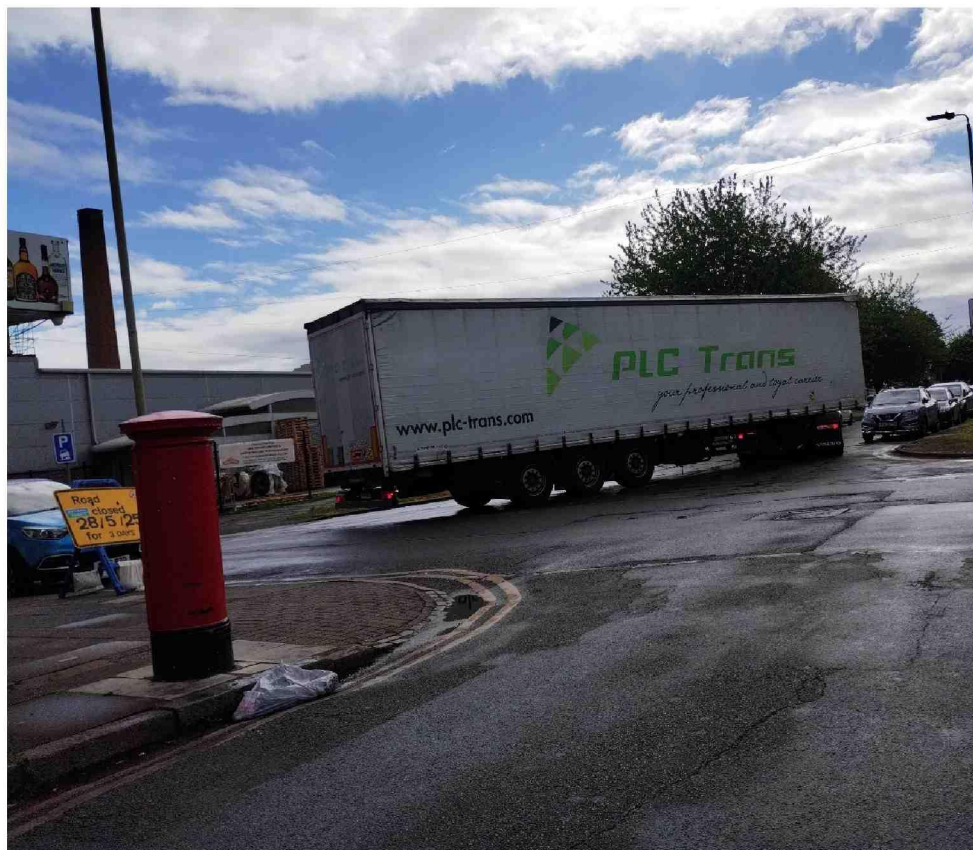
There are currently ongoing parking problems in the location with people parking on the corners of the crossroads junction next to the proposed location and on double yellow lines as seen in the photo below. This makes it very hard for people driving along Harrison Road and turning onto Canon Street as they have to drive into the middle of the road to see what is coming. Persons using the food trailer would also cross the road in between the vehicles parked if they don't use the dropped kerbs at the junction.



There is also the rear of Jalpur Millers as seen to the left of the photo and they produce herbs and spices which are distributed worldwide and as part of their business they have ongoing deliveries and collections from HGV's that park on Canon Street outside the premises. Extra parking for the food trailer would make it hard for the HGV's to drive and park on Canon Street.

On 25th May 2025 a HGV was watched by an officer trying to turn left into Canon Street from the direction of Harrison Road and a passenger in the HGV had to get out of the lorry to guide the driver in-between the cars parked to turn into the road.

A photo of this is shown below.



There is not ample parking in the location. It is a residential area with on street parking only, there are no car parks in the area.

Placing the trailer here would increase the number of vehicles using the road and parking on the street would take away on street parking spaces for the residents who live in the houses surrounding the location.

Placing the trailer on a grass verge next to the pavement, the users of the food trailer could block the pavement with people waiting and eating food.

Please explain how your business may impact on the health and safety at schools and for their pupils:: We understand the importance of healthy eating for pupils. We offer a range of chaat options that incorporate fresh vegetables and ingredients. We are committed to maintaining high hygiene standards and will comply with all food safety regulations. Our service will be conducted in a way that minimizes disruption to school activities and ensures the safety of pupils.

There are primary schools close by the location and two secondary schools a mile away from the location.

Please explain the likely demand for the goods that you intend to sell:: Leicester is a vibrant and culturally diverse city with a strong appreciation for international cuisine. While Indian food is well-represented in Leicester, there is a clear demand for authentic Indian chaat. Many existing options do not capture the true flavors and preparation methods of traditional chaat. We believe there is a significant demand for our authentic offerings, especially among those seeking genuine and diverse food experiences.

In India, chaat is traditionally enjoyed from street food stalls and carts, creating a lively and social atmosphere. Our food truck will bring this authentic cultural experience to Leicester by serving our chaat from a similar setting. This will not only provide delicious food but also offer a taste of India's vibrant street food culture, which we believe will resonate strongly with the community.

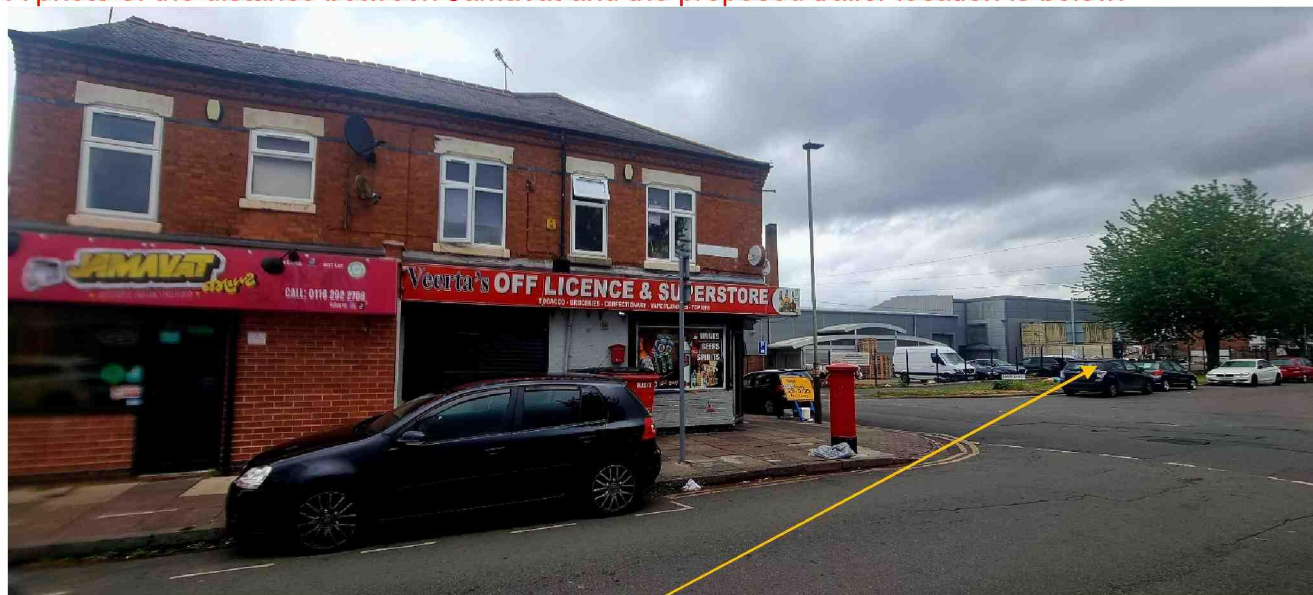
Belgrave is a neighbourhood that is known for Indian food and there are a large number of premises in the neighbourhood that offer street food such as Chaat and other foods. There are Indian food premises in close proximity to the proposed location and nearby on Melton Road, Belgrave Road and Catherine Street.

Are the goods that you intend to sell already available in other fixed premises nearby? If so, please give details : There are no other fixed premises nearby which sell the same goods (Indian chaat) that we intend to sell.

The food trailer application says there are no other fixed premises nearby which sell the same goods when there is a restaurant.

The restaurant and take away nearby, Jamavat, 66c Canon Street, Leicester, LE4 6NG is in very close proximity to the proposed trailer location being that you can stand on Canon Street on the opposite side of the road from Jamavat and you can see the proposed trailer location a stone's throw away.

A photo of the distance between Jamavat and the proposed trailer location is below:



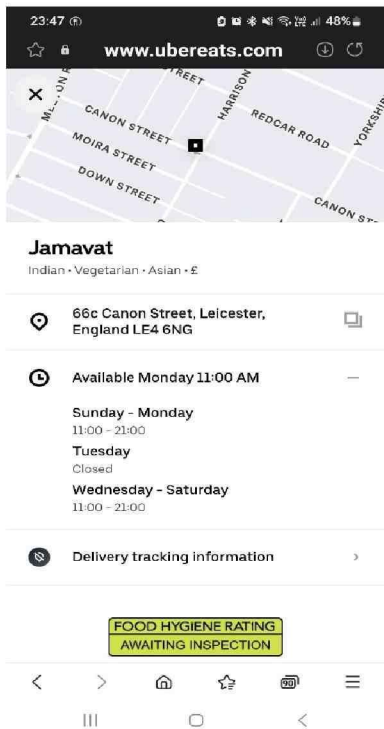
This is the location of the proposed food trailer



This is a photo of the front of Jamavat and as clearly shown on the sign outside it serves authentic Indian street food which includes Chaat which is what the food trailer wishes to sell as indicated by

their application and also states that there are no other fixed premises nearby which sell the same goods when there clearly is another premises nearby.

Jamavat is open Wednesday to Monday 11:00am till 9:00pm (Closed Tuesday). The times of the restaurant have been taken from their profile page on Uber Eats and Google and can be seen below. The proposed food trailer opening times on the application are Wednesday to Monday 2:00pm till 10:00pm (Closed Tuesday). The days of both premises open are exactly the same and the times of both premises are similar.



At the end of one direction of Canon Street is Melton Road and is also only a 5-minute walk away from the proposed location where there is a number of Indian food shops, takeaways and restaurants. At the other end of Canon Street and also only a 5-minute walk away is Catherine Street and there are a number of Indian food shops, takeaways and restaurants here too.

Please give reasons why your application should be granted as an exception to the council's general policy on street trading: Our business will significantly contribute to the cultural vibrancy and diversity of Leicester by introducing a unique and authentic Indian street food experience. We will operate responsibly, ensuring minimal negative impact and maximizing positive contributions to the community.

Here are specific benefits we will provide:

*** Community Benefits:**

- * We will offer a wider range of diverse and affordable food options, enriching the local culinary scene.
- * We will create a vibrant and engaging atmosphere, reminiscent of India's lively street food culture, fostering social interaction and a sense of community.
- * We are committed to using local suppliers whenever possible, supporting the local economy.
- * We will participate in community events and initiatives to further engage with and support the local area.

*** Benefits for the Council:**

- * We will contribute to the council's goals of promoting diversity and cultural enrichment within the city.
- * Our responsible operating practices will ensure compliance with all regulations, minimizing the need for enforcement action.
- * We will enhance the appeal of the area, potentially attracting more visitors and boosting local businesses.
- * We are committed to open communication and collaboration with the council, ensuring our operations align with local policies.

We are dedicated to operating in a manner that is not only responsible but also actively contributes to the betterment of the community. We will adhere strictly to all regulations and work proactively with the council to ensure our presence enhances the vibrancy of Leicester and serves the community effectively.

Further points:

The location is a public green space/grass section of the pavement and putting the trailer on here will destroy the grass which is going to be under it and people will congregate on the grass area/pavement around the trailer to wait for their order and eat their food which will destroy that grassy area too. It will also destroy the habit for the wildlife that live and visit those grassy areas.

The location where the trailer would like to be situated is on Leicester City Council land. Not private property therefore any damage to grassy areas, fencing or street furniture would have to be repaired by the council with a cost involved.

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