

**Subject: Response to Representation Regarding Licence Variation –
Moonshine Leicester, 91 High Street, LE1 4JB**

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing in response to the recent objection submitted in relation to our application to vary the premises licence for Moonshine Leicester, located at 91 High Street, LE1 4JB.

Having reviewed the representation made, I feel that many of the points raised are based on assumptions rather than evidence. There appears to be a lack of understanding of what we actually intend to do with the space, and it seems the objection is judging our application based on unrelated experiences with other venues in the area.

It is also disappointing that the objector has declined to attend the hearing. If the concerns expressed were genuinely significant, one would expect their attendance to explain and support their claims. Furthermore, we have only received one formal objection, yet the representation references the views of “other people” who have not submitted individual objections themselves. If those individuals were truly concerned, we believe they would have followed the appropriate process to make their views known.

Specific allegations of shouting, aggression, or other disturbances have been made without any supporting evidence. In today’s environment, where most people have access to recording devices or CCTV, such claims could easily be substantiated if accurate. There has been no such evidence provided.

The mention of noise and disruption, as well as cars parked outside, is also puzzling. Our premises are situated on double yellow lines, so parking is already restricted. In addition, the existing noise referenced by the objector has no direct relation to our application, if noise is already occurring, our proposed changes will not be introducing it.

With regard to the use of the outdoor space, we are currently only requesting a licence until 12am despite already holding a 5am premises licence for indoors. This is a modest and reasonable request. The outdoor space is already in use as a smoking area, and we have been encouraged by the police specifically Jeff Prithard to make use of the space in a managed and responsible way.

Other nearby venues, including The Tree, Queen of Bradgate, King Richard III, Brussels, Après Lounge, and Turtle Bay, regularly operate outdoor spaces well beyond the time we are requesting. In comparison, our request is moderate and controlled.

Regarding waste management, our bins are collected and returned responsibly. The evidence provided shows the bins in the designated area for collection and not obstructing the road whatsoever. Further to this the bins are returned after collection. Any green bags mentioned are not from our premises and appear to be the result of fly-tipping, which we are not responsible for.

The assertion that the use of our garden area would increase drug use is completely unfounded. We operate with a zero-tolerance drugs policy. In fact, during a recent spot check a few months ago, our venue returned a 0% result for drug activity we were told this is rare among city venues. This speaks volumes about the professionalism and safety standards we maintain.

The owner of the venue has been part of Leicester's hospitality community for over 50 years, and the person who now holds the premises licence for Moonshine has over 20 years of experience. We have maintained strong, positive relationships with both the police and the council throughout this time.

Moonshine Leicester is a unique venue that brings a different offering to the city one that appeals to a more mature, sophisticated audience who appreciate live jazz and creative culture. We provide a platform for emerging artists, and since opening, we have not had any major incidents.

Looking ahead, we plan to host inclusive events such as parties for disabled adults (something we have already done for children), daytime swing and jazz sessions, gaming tournaments, street food events, and festive community markets. These are events designed to enrich the city's cultural life, not diminish it.

The claim that our proposal would be detrimental to the area is completely unsubstantiated. In fact, if our variation is not approved, we may be forced to consider relocating outside of Leicester which would be a loss to the city's evolving cultural and nightlife scene.

To conclude, the objection appears to be based on speculation and unrelated comparisons, rather than facts or evidence. We remain fully committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and professionally run venue that benefits the city and its communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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Moonshine Leicester