

## **Hearing Notes for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Please accept my apologies for my absence today, as I am on holiday.**

**Introduction to the Application:** Copies were submitted to the relevant authorities, blue notices displayed on the premises for 28 days until the final day of January 12th. A public notice was placed in the December 19th edition of The Leicester Mercury as per the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The premises will promote the licensing objectives in accordance with Section 182 guidance. The criteria for the licensing objectives have been met and there are no representations from any responsible authority.

**Review Objections:** With response to the three public objections, I note that the letters are of a very similar nature and content and are mainly outside the scope of The Licensing Objectives. With regards to the concerns, firstly the litter issue, a large bin is to be positioned at the front door of the shop. Notices displayed requesting customers to leave the premises as quietly as possible. Any anti-social behaviour can be seen on the CCTV cameras and dealt with accordingly. Known street drinkers will not be served. Notices to be displayed supporting the Challenge 25 Policy. Experienced staff are trained to understand their social responsibilities. A modern CCTV system is installed with 10 high resolution cameras to pick up and record any incidents.

**In Conclusion:** The application meets all statutory requirements. The Operating Schedule gives details of how the premises will promote the Licensing Objectives. Previously, this empty shop has been completely refurbished to become a lifestyle convenience store. A few years ago, three nearby licensed premises were lost to the area when they were fire bombed and the unsafe buildings demolished

This business is independently run to offer a wide range of food and drink with best practices in management to encourage people to shop locally.

**With your consent these premises will offer a fair alternative choice to shoppers in Hickley Road and become a welcome partner in the community. I commend this application to you today**

Thank you for your time and considerations.

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