
Application for a new premises licence

Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committee

Decision to be taken by: Licensing (Hearings)
Sub-Committee

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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 The Foresters Arms, 17 Frog Island, Leicester. LE3 5AG 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

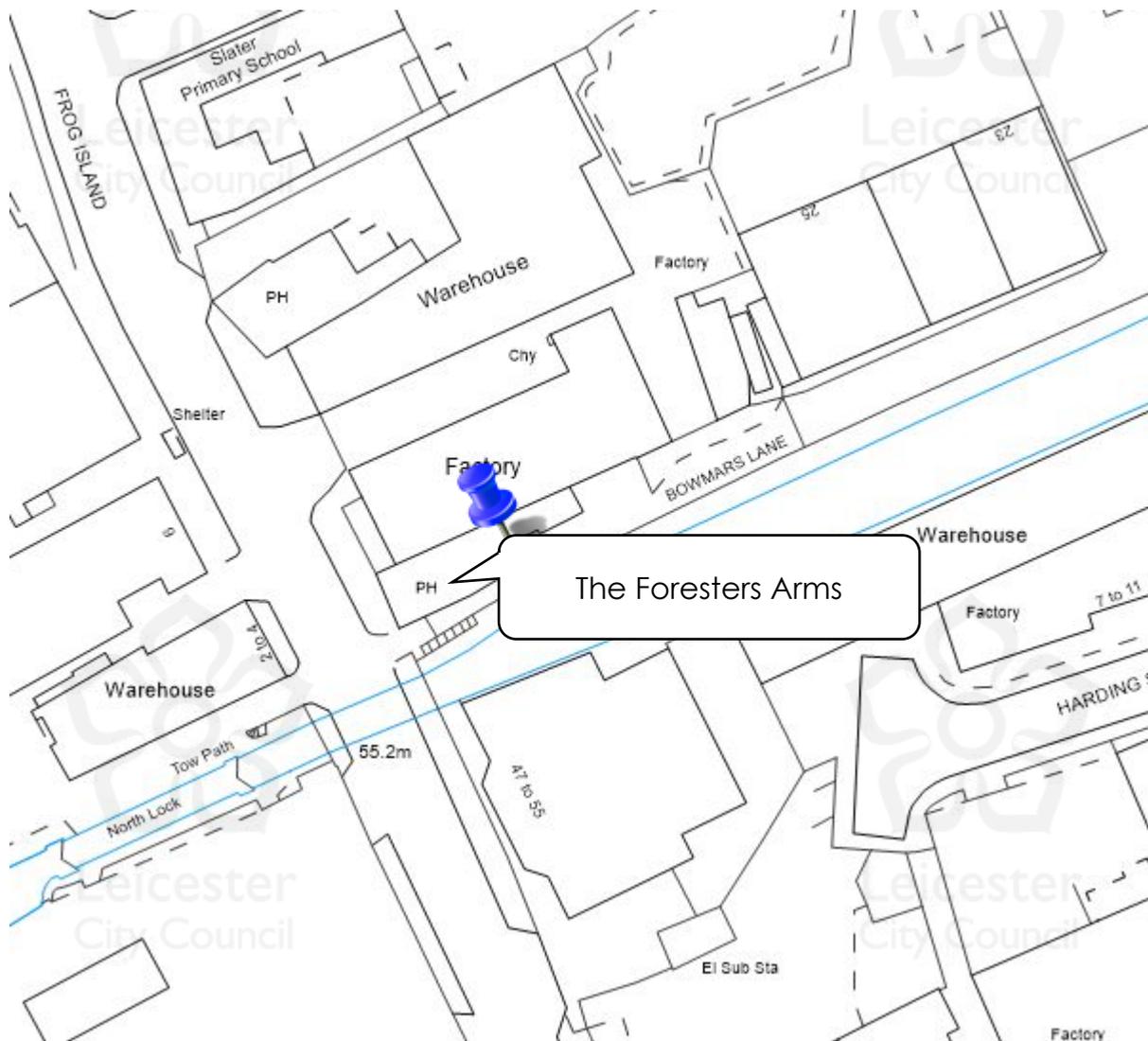
- 3.1 An application was received on 30 January 2026 from AD345 Limited for a new premises licence for The Foresters Arms, 17 Frog Island, Leicester. LE3 5AG. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The application is as follows:

| Licensable activity | Proposed hours |
|--|----------------|
| Play | |
| Films | 10:00 - 02:00 |
| Indoor Sporting Events | |
| Boxing or Wrestling | |
| Live Music | 10:00 - 02:00 |
| Recorded Music | 10:00 -02:00 |
| Performances of Dance | |
| Anything similar to live/recorded music or dance | |
| Making Music | |
| Dancing | |
| Entertainment similar to making music or dancing | |
| Late night refreshment | |
| Supply of Alcohol | 10:00 - 02:00 |

Opening hours

07:00 - 02:00

- 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.
- 3.5 Location Plan



4. Representation(s)

- 4.1 A representation was received on 26 February 2026 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 applicant seeks to extend the licensed area externally, utilising part of the car park. The premises was previously licensed and known as The Foresters Arms and most recently OMC (Old Moses Cabin). The premises is situated directly next to a primary school on Slater Street. The school is a multi-level building which overlooks the rear of the proposed premises and runs parallel to the premises. Prior to making this representation Leicestershire Police have been in consultation with the applicant (and agent) and have visited the premises several times. The view of the neighbourhood policing area has been sought. Due to the concerns identified under the four licensing objectives the applicant and Leicestershire Police have reached an agreement. A copy of the representation and agreement is attached at Appendix B1.
- 4.2 A representation was received on 26 February 2026 from an interested party. 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 operating seven days a week from 10am to 2pm is wholly unsuitable for the surrounding residential area and would be very impactful on local community cohesion. In addition to this there is no dedicated car park for the venue, which as we have witnessed in the past will further negatively impact an area which already has serious existing parking issues such as those on Northbridge Place. Their site is regularly attended throughout the week by a significant number of young and vulnerable individuals. The proposed pub, with its extended hours and potential for anti-social behaviour, poses a direct risk to their safety and wellbeing. Exposure to aggressive language, inappropriate behaviour, and the aftermath of alcohol-related incidents could have a serious negative impact on these individuals, particularly children and vulnerable adults who use our facilities during the day/evenings. Historical evidence shows that similar venues in the area have caused major disturbances requiring police attendance. Extended hours and alcohol availability increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, loitering, alcohol-related incidents and drug related crime on and around the premises. It is well known from our own previous experience and other such areas, which have late night licensed premises, that they experience higher rates of crime and disorder. This has previously been the cause for this specific site whilst under previous ownership. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B2.
- 4.3 A representation was received on 26 February from an interested party. 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 proposed operating hours until 02:00am, seven days a week, raise significant concern regarding increased anti-social behaviour, disorder, and congregation in the immediate vicinity. The area is already frequented by school-aged children during the day and extended late-night alcohol sales are likely to increase the risk of disorder, noise, and related incidents in close proximity to children's services and a place of worship. As an organisation whose core purpose is to educate children about the risks and consequences of crime and anti-social behaviour, the presence of a late-night licensed premises directly adjacent to our centre undermines the preventative ethos of our work and increase the likelihood of exposure to precisely the behaviour we seek to discourage. The objectors premises receives large number of 10-11 year old children during school hours. Groups arrive and depart

by coach and on foot. Increased vehicle movements, intoxicated individuals, and potential late-night disturbances raise concerns about the safety of children accessing our premises, particularly during morning sessions following late-night trading. There is also concern about the cumulative impact on a location that is fundamentally educational and child-focused during the daytime. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix B3

5. Conditions

- 5.1 The conditions that are consistent with the application and the representations are attached at Appendix C.
- 5.2 The Live Music Act 2012 and the Legislative Reform (Entertainment Licensing) Order 2014 amended the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment. Certain entertainment does not require a licence subject to audience limits, between 08.00 and 23.00 hours each day. These exemptions may affect the application under consideration because conditions may not be imposed at this stage to control live or recorded music that is unregulated. However, if problems do occur as a result of that entertainment then conditions may be imposed to control such music in the future after a formal review.

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 |
| 9.13 – 9.19 | Licensing Authorities acting as 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 |
| 10.25 – 10.66 | Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol |

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| 13.10 – 13.11 | Giving reasons for decisions |
| 14.51 – 14.52 | Licensing Hours |
| 16.1 – 16.69 | Regulated entertainment |

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 |

7. Points for clarification

7.1 The applicant and the 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 parties making the representations:

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.

Signed: Jade Draper
Principal Accountant
Dated 5th March 2026

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).

Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

Dated: 5th March 2026

8.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are unlikely to be any significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report and the licensing process.

Duncan Bell, Change Manager

5th March 2026

8.5 Other implications

9. Background information and other papers:

None

10. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – Representations

Appendix C – Conditions consistent with the application and representations from Leicestershire Police.

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