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Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Application

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Insp Nigel Rixon
Your Address:	Force Licensing Department, Mansfield House, 74 Belgrave Gate, Leicester LE1 3GG

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	KINGS NEWS
Address of premises:	11 KING STREET LEICESTER LE1 6RN
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as Inspector for the Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>Please take notice that I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine the above crossed licensing objectives.</p> <p>Leicester City Council has adopted a Special Policy in relation to applications for new licences and material variations in this location. The effect of this policy is set out in the Council's current policy.</p>

Paragraph 4.13 of that policy states:

"The effect of the special policies will be to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates, or material variations, will normally be refused. It will be for the applicant to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact. Applicants will need to address this matter in their operating schedules."

These premises are situated in an area close to a number of bars and clubs which currently trade until 0600hrs. It is also an area that has a large concentration of bars which trade up to and past 0200hrs and many of those leaving these premises will have already consumed sufficient alcohol to affect their behaviour.

There are presently no premises within the City area that hold a licence for 'off sales' of alcohol past the terminal hour of 2359hrs.

Evidence shows that there is a problem with those attending licensed premises within the City having already 'pre loaded' and with the availability of shops close by it also allows for 'side loading'. As revellers move from one premises to the other they buy cheap alcohol which they quickly drink before leaving the empty bottles laying on the streets with the potential to be used as weapons.

During the month of December 2013 there were 26 recorded assaults within the vicinity, 16 of these occurred after 2359hrs. Of the 78 section 27 notices issued 15 were after 2359hrs.

This area is covered by Leicestershire Polices 'Operation Newfield' which runs on Friday and Saturday nights and during identified periods. It requires extra dedicated resources to patrol between the hours of 10pm and 4am to deal with incidents connected to the night time economy. Invariably officers are called to this area after the operation was meant to cease.

The applicant is aware of the Cumulative Impact policy and understands the impact another licensed premises could have however has still requested a licence to sell alcohol after 2359hrs when it is unlikely to attract a customer base other than those already intoxicated. It is also to be expected that those buying at this time will consume the alcohol on the streets which are covered by the street drinking ban

The applicant presently trades under a Late Night refreshment licence and in applying for that recognised the importance of employing an SIA door person however this will not prevent alcohol bought after midnight being consumed on the streets and adding to the already alcohol fuelled environment.

It is right that we look to protect the Saturation Area and bring our concerns to the committee's attention through this process and having heard from the applicant whether to deviate from the Councils special policy.

If a licence is to be issued we ask that the following conditions are considered:

1. Sale of alcohol to be between the hours of 7:00am and 1130pm.
2. No alcohol to be accessible to the public between 11:30pm and 7:00am.
3. The licence holder will ensure clear and prominent signs are displayed in the shop to inform customers that no alcohol can be purchased after 11:30pm.
4. The licence holder will ensure that CCTV is installed following advice from Leicestershire Police and maintained in accordance with the Information Commissioners CCTV Code of Practice. Images will be kept for a minimum of

31 days and made available to the police and responsible authorities within 24hrs of a request being made.

5. The licence holder will ensure all incidents of crime or disorder will be recorded in an incident book to be kept at the premises and will be reported to the police.
6. The licence holder will introduce a 'Challenge 25' policy and provide signage within the shop to inform customers of that policy.
7. The licence holder will ensure all staff receive training in relation to age verification, responsible sale of alcohol and the licensing act 2003. This training is to be documented and signed for by each staff member and records made available to the responsible authorities and police on request. This training to be refreshed once a year.
8. The licence holder will ensure a refusal book is maintained and kept at the premises and made available to responsible authorities and police on request.
9. The licence holder will ensure that clear and prominent signs are displayed in the shop requesting customers leaving the premises to do so quietly and with consideration for nearby residents.

Nigel Rixon
Inspector 915

11th February 2014