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# FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS: Hearing under the Licensing Act 2003

27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

# Application for a variation of an existing premises licence within a Cumulative Impact Zone Domingos Superstore, 67-69 Church Gate, Leicester, LE1 3AN

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. This report provides information for Members about an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, to assist them in determining the outcome of that application.

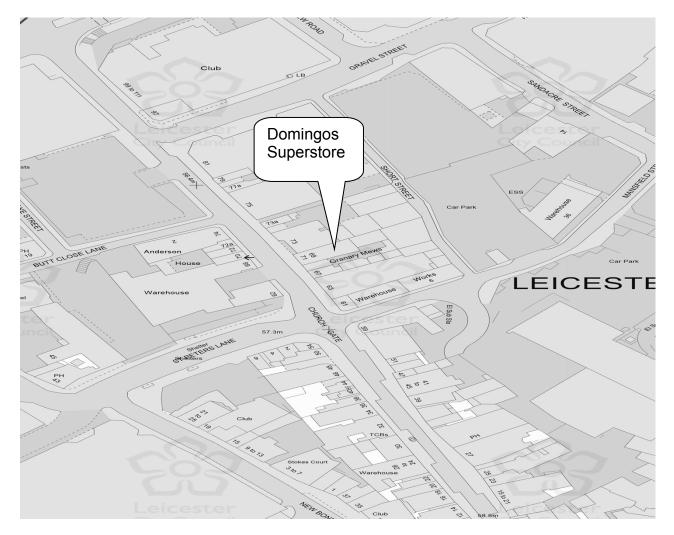
#### 2. Determination to be made

- 2.1. Having considered the application and representation, Members must consider whether to
  - Grant the licence without modification
  - Modify the conditions of the licence
  - Reject the whole application

#### 3. Summary

3.1 This report outlines an application for a variation to an existing premises licence for Domingos Superstore within the Church Gate area Cumulative Impact Zone and summarises the representations received. It also highlights the licensing objectives, the relevant parts of the guidance and regulations, and the pertinent sections of the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

# 4. Location Plan



# 5. Existing Licence

5.1. The existing licence is attached at Appendix A.

#### 6. Application

- 6.1 An application was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 from Mr Sunday Ajeibi for a variation to an existing premises licence for Domingos Superstore within the Church Gate area Cumulative Impact Zone. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix B.
- 6.2 The variation sought by the application is as follows:

Licensable activity	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Supply of Alcohol	Mon – Sun 09.00 – 21.00	Sun – Thurs 09.00 – 23.00
Opening hours	Mon – Sun 08.00 – 22.00	Fri – Sat 09.00 – 01.00

Removal of the following condition:

The licence holder will ensure Mr Thirunavukkarasu Kanagalingam will not be employed in Domingos Superstore.

# 7. Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives

- 7.1 The steps the applicant proposes to take to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact and promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see section M of Appendix B).
- 7.2 In arriving at its decision on the application, the Licensing Authority's primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

# 8. Representation

8.1 A relevant representation was received on 23th October 2018 from Leicestershire Police. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. Leicestershire Police are concerned that the premises is in the heart of the Cumulative Impact Zone. The applicant is looking to vary the licensing hours substantially and they have not identified what steps they would take to ensure the longer operating hours would not impact on the Cumulative Impact Zone. They are also concerned about the removal of the condition that Mr Thirunavukkarasu Kanagalingham will not be employed at the premises as he has been seen behind the counter of the premises. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix C.

# 9. Conditions

9.1 There are no conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule.

# **10.** Cumulative Impact

10.1 In February 2005 Leicester City Council introduced a special policy on cumulative impact in the Church Gate area, which refers specifically to on and off licences. The licensing authority must have regard to the special policy. However, this does not change the fundamental way that licensing decisions are made. It is therefore open to the licensing authority to grant an application where it considers it is appropriate and where the applicant can demonstrate in the operating schedule that they would not be adding to the cumulative impact.

# 11. Statutory Guidance

11.1 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
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
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
13.10 – 13.11	Giving reasons for decisions
14.20 – 14.23	What is cumulative impact?
14.39 – 14.43	Effect of special policies
14.44 – 14.46	Limitations on special policies relating to cumulative impact
14.47 – 14.48	Other mechanisms for controlling cumulative impact
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing Hours

# 12. Statement of Licensing Policy

12.1 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

Section	Heading
2	Fundamental Principles
3	Cumulative Impact
4	Policy on Cumulative Impact
5	Licensing Hours
7	Prevention of Crime and Disorder
8	Public Safety
9	Prevention of Public Nuisance
11.4 – 11.5	Planning
12	Duplication
13	Standardised conditions

# **13.** Points for Clarification

13.1 The applicant and the party / 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, does the applicant wish to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives?

#### By the party making the representation

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?

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/ NO	Paragraph/References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	The premises is within a cumulative impact area
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	Yes	8.1 – Police representation is partly based on concerns about crime and disorder
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Impact	No	

# 15. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None.

# 16. Consultations

The Licensing Authority is not obliged to consult any parties with regard to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003. However, the applicant is required to consult with the responsible authorities as set out in the 2003 Act.

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APPENDIX	CONTENT
A	Existing licence
В	Application
С	Representation