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Dear Sir

**Brooklyn Bar, 50 Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 6DT**  
**Application to vary a premises licence – Licensing Act 2003**  
**Licensing Authority Letter of Representation**

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

The area in which the subject premises is located is within a cumulative impact area. It is the council's policy, on receipt of relevant representations, to refuse new and variation applications in this area for alcohol led premises such as bars, pubs and nightclubs and for premises seeking late night refreshment such as takeaways and late opening restaurants, unless the applicant can demonstrate that their application would not impact on the cumulative effect of such licensed premises in the area.

Specifically your application falls within the red area of the City Centre CIP. As stated at 7.20 of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2014 to 2018 the council will seek to refuse all applications in these red areas on the basis that the impact on the licensing objectives are at such a level that the area cannot support any more premises opening or extending their hours no matter how impressive the concept or application is. The council will only grant applications in the red zone in exceptional cases. It will be for you to advise the council how your application would be an exceptional case.

In particular your application is to remove the conditions "40 full covers are to be maintained on the first floor at all times when the premises are open" and replace it with the condition "40 seats are to be maintained on the first floor at all times when the premises are open".

This condition was imposed in 2012 when Brooklyn Bar applied to extend the hours and to remove the condition "The sale of alcohol on the first floor of the premises is permitted only as ancillary to a table meal". In 2012 Brooklyn Bar maintained that they would be introducing a new menu to reintroduce food into their style of operation which had previously ceased in 2011.

The concern is that this would convert an eating and drinking space into a purely drinking space. This is highlighted by the change of the plans from a small bar counter on the first floor to a full bar.

In our view this change would increase the available drinking only facilities within the red area. This is an area already suffering from crime, disorder and nuisance to such a level that the Council felt it necessary to not only impose a cumulative impact policy but to also zone that policy to highlight this specific area.

I refer you to 7.51 to 7.53 of the Policy which describes how, when considering the presumption against grant in a CIP area, the council will need to be satisfied that the grant of this variation will not impact on the cumulative impact of existing licensed premises in the area. The application does not explain, either in the operating schedule or otherwise, how this variation would not impact on the licensing objectives in an area already saturated with drinking only establishments and suffering from high levels of alcohol related crime.

As such the Licensing Authority objects to this application on the grounds that the applicant has not shown how it would not impact on the licensing objectives in an area which is so saturated with licensed premises and is a violent crime and theft hotspot in the city.

I enclose the guidance note relating to the cumulative impact policy.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours faithfully



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