

**Licensing and Registration**

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Dear Mr Whur

**Hedonist Project, 156 Briggate, Leeds LS1 6LY**  
**Application for a variation of 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.

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 licence will not impact on the cumulative impact of existing licensed premises in the area. 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.



I note that the application is to extend all licensable activities to a terminal hour of 2am every day, with a closing time of 2.30am. You have offered substantial food will be available until closing and a minimum of 40 seats to be provided.

Bearing in mind the severity of the problems being experienced in the area with this area suffering from the highest levels of violent crime and disorder incidences in the city centre, the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that your application contains insufficient information about how your application would not add to the impact already being experienced in the area. Providing a substantial food menu until closing and 40 seats does not ensure that this is a food led premises or even that customers are eating after midnight. In our view it is very unlikely that customers would want a substantial meal after 10pm. Therefore, these additional conditions mean very little and it seems that this application is purely to extend drinking facilities into the period of the night where this area suffers the most.

Therefore we are submitting a formal representation against your application on the grounds of:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public nuisance.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours faithfully



Susan Holden  
Principal Project Officer  
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