

**Licensing and Registration**

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Your ref:

13th December 2017

Dear Mr Baguley and Mr Wade

Guitar Café, 41 Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 7BT
Application for a variation of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003
Licensing Authority Letter of Representation

Thank you for submitting your application to vary the licence 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 operation no matter how impressive the concept or application is.

I refer you to 7.67 to 7.70 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. It will be for you to advise the council how your application would allow Members to make an exception to the policy.



I also refer you to 7.69 of the Policy which describes examples of factors the licensing authority will not consider as meeting the standard of rebuttal include:

- That the premises will be well managed and run as all licensed premises should meet this standard.
- That the premises will be constructed to a high standard.
- That the applicant operates similar premises elsewhere, such as in another licensing authority area, without complaint.

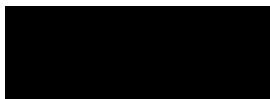
I note that your application is to vary the existing licence to increase your opening hours, live music, recorded music and films to midnight and the hours for the retail sale of alcohol and late night refreshment to 23:30. You have not offered any additional measures to promote the four licensing objectives relying on the existing conditions

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, with an increase in the last 12 months of over 15% in this area and a new peak hours of 23:00 to 04:00, the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that your application does not contain sufficient information about how your proposed business would not add to the impact already being experienced in the area.

Therefore the licensing authority submits a formal representation against your application on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety and will recommend to the licensing sub-committee that this application is refused.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours faithfully



Susan Holden
Principal Licensing Officer
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