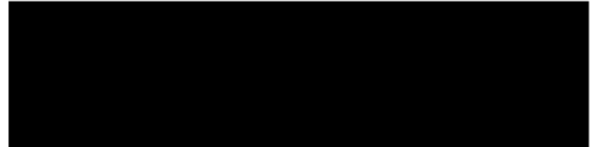




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RE: BEST KEBABS, 48-50 WESTGATE, OTLEY, LEEDS, LS21 3AS
APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – ‘FULL’ OBJECTION:

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

West Yorkshire Police are of the opinion that your application contains insufficient information about how you intend to meet the licensing objectives.

We therefore confirm that we are submitting a formal representation against your application on the grounds of:-

1. the prevention of crime & disorder
2. public safety

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The premises has been found operating on numerous occasions beyond their licensed hours. West Yorkshire Police responded to a violent incident outside the shop at 0200 hours on Sunday 5th November 2017. The premises was open at the time, the incident involved customers from Best Kebabs and this was 1 hour and a half after the shop should have ceased trading.

Alongside this, a T.E.N was served for the 23rd 24th and 25th December 2017 and was objected to by West Yorkshire Police, yet there is evidence stated below, that this was ignored and it was seen that the premises continued to serve past their licensed hours.

On 23rd December 2017 into the 24th December 2017, at 0130 hours, police witnessed a member of staff passing food to a customer and there was another customer waiting to be served, this took place 1 hour past licensed hours.

On 24th December 2017 into the 25th December 2017, again, police witnessed an individual being served on the premises at 0115 hours, 1 hour 15 minutes past licensed hours.

We were served a T.E.N for the 30th/31st December 2017 and the 1st January 2018, which was later withdrawn by Best Kebab. On the 31st the premises was due to stop serving at 2300 hours. However, the police witnessed around 10 customers being served in the shop at 0145 hours on the 1st of January 2018, which is 2 hours 45 minutes past the licensed time.

The hours that have been requested in the current application to vary the premises licence involve extending the closing hours from 0030 hours to 0100 hours on Saturday and Sundays. In the examples I have already listed where police have witnessed the premises operating outside its licensed hours, the hours in which they were operating exceed those that are currently being sought. We therefore have no confidence that the extra half hour applied for on a weekend will address the applicant's apparent disregard for his current authorised hours.

On the back of these breaches of the licence, a meeting was held on the 5th February 2018 with West Yorkshire Police, Leeds City Council and the licence holder in which these occurrences were highlighted and discussed. Another meeting occurred on the 19th March 2018 to check the new CCTV system the licence holder had fitted which was in working order but had not yet attained the required 31 days retention.

Given the above occurrences, the repeated breaches of the licence and the lack of measures offered, West Yorkshire Police object to this application and invite the licensing authority to refuse the application outright at any future hearing.

Natasha Forrest
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Leeds District Licensing Dept

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