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**cc. Entertainment Licensing Section. Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR**

**RE: OODLES NOODLES, 40, WOODHOUSE LANE, LEEDS, LS2 8LX**  
**APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:**  
**POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY:**

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

The application relates to premises which fall within one of the areas of Leeds currently subject to a policy of cumulative impact, as detailed in the present Statement of Licensing Policy 2019-2024, issued by Leeds City Council as the licensing authority.

The area concerned in this particular case is **Area 1 Leeds City Centre**.

Therefore West Yorkshire Police make representations based on the cumulative impact policy of the area concerned and highlighted above, where the licensing objectives and particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance objectives, are being adversely affected.

The proposed premises are located on Woodhouse Lane, a current red zone in the cumulative impact area. The Council's policy states:

*“Specifically and in addition to this (7.14), there are two areas of special concern designated as red zones where the impact of the licensed premises is so severe that the council considers that any application for a new licence or the variation of an existing licence should be refused unless the applicant can show how their application would not lead to an increase in the impact of licensed premises in this area.....”*

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This part of the city is an area which has demanded increased police resources and attention for many years. The area includes large capacity premises such as Pryzm, Walkabout, Hedley Verity (Wetherspoons), and The Merchant and subsequently attracts a high footfall. It is an alcohol related violent crime hotspot with peaks of offences of assault, robbery, sexual offences and theft from midnight until 02:00hrs (2017/2018). The previous measured year, 2016 to 2017, showed peak times from 01:00 to 03:00hrs.

Extra police resources are deployed to this area on Friday and Saturday evenings, and over Bank Holiday weekends, in an attempt to help reduce the crime and disorder associated with people frequenting the large amount of licensed premises in the immediate area. These crimes/incidents range from thefts and robberies to public order offences, assaults, serious disorder and also sexual offences.

The saturation of the area is such that determining which venues may bear some responsibility for the issues is practically impossible, and means that they cannot be dealt with by way of review or enforcement meetings. A strong Cumulative Impact Policy is therefore imperative to prevent already existing venues extending their licensable hours, and to prevent further premises licences being granted in that area which would add to the considerable impact already being felt.

Your application is for late night refreshment and to operate up until 01:00hrs, Monday through to Thursday, and 03:00hrs on Friday in to Saturday, and Saturday in to Sunday, and therefore falls within all peak crime times.

There is mention in your application of security staff and CCTV cameras. These are a basic requirement in most areas of the city and are not enough to convince me that you could operate as applied for without impacting adversely on the area.

In my opinion this application should not be able to persuade the Licensing Authority to depart from their policy of refusal. We already have a number of late night refreshment venues in the area and elsewhere in the city, and they act as a beacon to inebriated people who then clash inside and directly outside the premises. In 2015 the premises were called Pitta Pit and they also applied for a licence to allow a late night refreshment operation inside the peak times for violent crime. This application was refused along with another operator nearby who had applied around the same time. Since those refusals in 2015 crime in the area has increased not reduced, and the granting of another licence would further add to the problems already being experienced.

Therefore, in terms of location (RED ZONE), and in terms of applying to operate as a late night refreshment house until 01:00hrs Mon to Thursday, and 03:00hrs Saturday to Sunday, West Yorkshire Police consider that this application implicates the current policy of cumulative impact for Leeds City Centre in a red zone, and make this representation to promote the licensing objectives.

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