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cc. Entertainment Licensing Section. Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR
cc. Chris Rees-Gay 

**RE: Maxi Foods 22 Harehills Road Leeds
APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY (CIP):**

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 2023-2027, issued by Leeds City Council as the licensing authority.

The area concerned in this case is **Harehills**.

Therefore, West Yorkshire Police make representations based on the cumulative impact assessment 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 Harehills Road, which is a particular concern for the purposes of the cumulative impact assessment and the concentration of off-licences.

Leeds City Councils Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2027 states;

***“The council has assessed crime statistics for the area known as Harehills and has determined that there is an area that is suffering from the cumulative impact of off-licensed premises and consequently this is leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives.*”**

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Specifically the area around Harehills Road and Harehills Lane is particularly suffering from the cumulative impact of too many off licences.”

Harehills is an area of Leeds, which is also subject to a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), to prevent members of the public being in possession of an open container of alcohol in a public space and gives authorities powers to seize alcohol under these circumstances.

The reason behind this being, Harehills is blighted by alcohol related ASB, crime and street drinking.

I believe many street drinkers attend this area of Harehills due to the high concentration of off-licences where alcohol is readily available, and the price driven down by fierce competition.

The associated ASB and crime related to street drinking alone is public urination/defecation, littering, arguments and fights breaking out between groups, loitering down side-streets causing intimidation and foul language.

This application proposes something which is no different to many of the off licences making up the CIA. Harehills is an area saturated with these types of operations, causing alcohol and associated crime/nuisance to be a major concern.

To quote again from the Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027;

“It would be inconsistent with the council’s duty to promote the licensing objectives to grant new and variation application for any premises licence which seeks off sales and late night refreshment to operate during the peak hours described in the cumulative impact assessment for Harehills.”

West Yorkshire Police are in agreement with Leeds City Council that to grant another premises licence for off sales would not be consistent with the licensing objectives and would contribute negatively to the cumulative impact of similar businesses in the area.

Therefore, West Yorkshire Police consider that this application would not be appropriate due to the current policy of cumulative impact for Harehills and make this representation to promote the licensing objectives.

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