

Premises Application:

Licensing ref: KAY'S CHICKEN

Kay's Chicken,
26 The Cross,
Worcester,
WR1 3PZ

Licensing objectives:

- 1. Prevention of crime and disorder**
- 2. Public safety**
- 3. Prevention of public nuisance**
- 4. Protection of children from harm**

In December 2018, West Mercia Police received notification of an application made to the licensing authority by Mr. Khalid MAHMOOD.

The application applies to the request for a late night license at the premises 'Kay's Chicken' which is at 26 The Cross, in Worcester City Centre. Worcester City Centre operates within a cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and this premises falls within the CIA.

The application has been made for the license for the premises to be permitted late night trading, with particular focus on a 5am closure Friday and Saturday nights.

There are absolutely no considerations of positive safeguards for the licensing objectives shown on the application. The applicant was invited to attend Worcester Police Station to discuss the licensing objectives but declined to do so. His response to the failure to include any considerations was 'not to worry about that as he was just interested in selling chicken'

West Mercia Police would recommend that the application is **refused**, for the following reasons:

1. PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER:

Any increase in the provision of late night refreshment would mean an increase in the build up of people in this location, and with it, the increased risk of crime against the person, or property, in particular violence and alcohol related disorder.

The location where the business is set up, attracts a lot of emergency service resources, particularly police and ambulance for a number of alcohol related incidents and increased access to a late night premises would increase this demand to the detriment to the wider public.

Another premises in the same location and of the same business model was recently objected to successfully on the same grounds.

The nature of these incidents trends at late night revellers in their intoxicated state, being aggressive and confrontational to each other, the public, and local businesses.

This tends to result in concerned persons calling the police, and the subsequent calls to ambulance for injury triage.

The character of the area attracts a volume of disorder where alcohol is a massive contributing factor. By allowing this venue to have a late night licence will continue to contribute further to the likelihood of the existing issues – Public order offences, violent disorder and concerns for safety.

This location is subject to a weekend dispersal order due to the above and would contribute to crime and disorder and create a concern for public safety.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Worcester City Council's licensing policy states 'The Licensing Authority has since 2005 adopted as part of its Licensing Policy a Special Policy relating to the cumulative impact of licensed premises in the City centre. This will mean that, in those streets to which the Special Policy relates, and where relevant representations relating to cumulative impact have been received, any application for grant of a new premises licence or club premises certificate (or any application for variation of an existing licence) which would add to the cumulative impact, will normally be refused'

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998, makes it clear that any local authority has the 'need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime in its area' .

3. PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:

There are residential properties in the vicinity of the premises. If the shop remains open to retail it will continue to add to the noise nuisance to existing residents.

There is the scope for the continuation of increased littering in this location causing council services to increase their demand. The street that this premises will be placed is noted by Street Pastors is one of the worst streets within the area for littering caused by food cartons, bottles and cans.

4. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN:

This location attracts a high volume of young people particularly of a weekend or when Under 18 nights take place within the City Centre who may be exposed to anti-social behaviour, crime or disorder with the increase of available venues that attract intoxicated people in the vicinity.

Should the proposed application be approved, the recommendation of West Mercia police would be to implement new conditions to uphold the licensing objectives;

- No alcohol allowed on the premises.
- All staff to undergo safeguarding training in relation to under 18's
- Not trading later than midnight
- If the requested hours are approved, an SIA approved door supervisor must be supplied on Friday and Saturday nights from 23:00 through until the outlet closes and the public are off the premises.
- SIA door supervisors used will have their ID badges photographed, their name and SIA badge number all recorded and kept at the venue to be presented to Police or any authorised regulating authority on request.
- SIA door supervisor will wear hi-vis armband or tabard at all times.
- An occurrences log documenting all incidents of crime and disorder will be kept and updated, and will be presented for inspection to Police or any authorised regulating authority on request.

- That the venue has CCTV which operates at all times while the venue is open for licensable activities. This should record the inside and the immediate exit point of the premises.
- The system records clear images permitting the identification of individuals.
- The CCTV is able to capture 4 frames per second.
- The CCTV images must be securely retained for a period of 28 days.
- The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with – ie, password protected with all staff trained in its use.
- There will be at all times, a trained member of staff able to use CCTV and will be able to show police or authorised local authority officers CCTV images on the system immediately on request, and to produce a copy immediately on request.
- The venue will display notices asking customers to leave quietly and to place litter into bins.
- The venue is responsible for monitoring and dealing positively with litter at the immediate shop front (up to 2 metres from the door)

These conditions have been discussed with the applicant on the telephone on 14th December 2018 where the applicant had no knowledge of what the licensing objective were.

SUMMARY:

There are serious concerns about this application based on **the total lack of acknowledgement of the 4 licensing objectives**