

## Worcestershire Directorate of Public Health

Kay's Chicken  
26 The Cross  
Worcester  
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### **Licensing objectives:**

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

A new application has been made for a fast food license for the premises 'Kays Chicken'.

Worcestershire County Council Directorate of Public Health recommend that the application is **refused** for the following reasons:

### **1. PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER:**

In the area of this proposal (Worcester City Cathedral Ward), there were 544 offences recorded between April 2017 and March 2018, of which 283 were coded as 'assault'. The area where the premises is situated on The Cross is a hot spot of crime and anti – social behaviour causing issues to the police and other emergency services which poses significant cost to the public purse.

The presence of another fast food outlet in an area that already contains a high density of late night premises could potentially exacerbate existing crime and alcohol related concerns, particularly as opening hours mean that this hot food takeaway is visited by people leaving pubs and clubs at night. The premises is situated near the taxi rank which could also hinder the dispersal of people from the city centre in the early hours, causing a rise in incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour.

A recent planning application for another fast food outlet in the same area was recently refused on the same grounds that public health are now objecting to.

### **2. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

The premises is situated within Worcester City cumulative impact zone which already has a high density of premises selling alcohol and fast food into the early

hours. The CIZ was set up in response to evidence that there were high levels of crime and disorder relating to the city centre.

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' and to allow this venue to provide alcohol could potentially cause more issues.

### **3. PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:**

The proposed premises is located in a residential area, this could cause added nuisance to residents from noise nuisance at unsociable hours of the night.

Fast food outlets generate significant waste packaging and the impact of litter generated by this proposal does not appear to have been considered. Street Pastors regularly patrol the area and report that street of the proposed outlet is one of the worse streets within the city for littering with food cartons, bottles and cans. This costs the city not only in monetary terms for street cleaning but damages the areas reputation as a place of choice to visit.

### **4. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN:**

The Cross is an area of high traffic for students and other young people. Some of the existing clubs have under 18s nights and young people gravitate to this area of the city centre. An extra premises that delays them from going home could leave them vulnerable and lead to added crime and anti-social behaviour in an area that already experiences high levels

Public Health recommends that this license be refused. However, should the license be granted, we fully support West Mercia Police in asking that the following conditions be added to the license

- The premises license restricts opening until no later than 12.00 midnight each night including weekends
- No alcohol allowed on the premises.
- All staff to undergo safeguarding training in relation to under 18's
- 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 – i.e. 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)