

# GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises	
Application Reference No.	<b>LPV 242471</b>
Name of the Premises	<b>McColls</b>
Address of the premises including postcode	<b>232-234 Lightbowne Road, Manchester M40 5EF</b>

Your Representation
<p>Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the variation on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.</p>
<p>Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the premises licence application in relation to the above premises on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking to extend their hours for alcohol sales by bringing their hours forward from 8am to 6pm each day and by extending from 10:30 pm until 11pm on a Sunday. They are also seeking to remove seasonal restrictions and replace the conditions in annex 2 with up to date conditions.</p> <p>GMP have no issue with the removal of the seasonal restrictions and the replacing of the conditions in annex 2 but we do have concerns regarding the extension of hours for alcohol sales.</p> <p>The local policing team have considered this variation and they have reported that McColls on Lightbowne Road currently has issues with theft and anti-social behaviour:</p> <p>In the past month there have been at least eight reported incidents of theft / theft related crime. These are difficult to investigate as the company has centralised CCTV which is sent via email to the OIC. It cannot be viewed as it requires downloading of a CCTV player which cannot be done on police systems. The CCTV has to then be requested again on disc which is sent via post. This still cannot be viewed and has to be sent off for formatting. All of this procedure adds to delays in investigation and ultimately prosecution. In addition to this staff cannot even view the CCTV in store either making it impossible to ascertain what we are investigating or who the suspect is. Specifically we recently had a crime series relating to one offender targeting the store and committing theft. We were unable to progress these crimes as the CCTV was sent to the wrong location and was returned to the post office.</p>

Alcohol related crime in the area where the store is situated is a general problem including domestic assaults, anti-social behaviour in the park area behind the store and outside the shops on the same row as McColl's.

The premises next door but one to McColl's also has an alcohol licence. This premises is known as Lightbowne Convenience Store 240 Lightbowne Road. They also have licence conditions to sell alcohol for consumption off premises from 0900hours.

Therefore it is GMP's view that to extend the licensing hours to 0600hours would see an increase in thefts and anti-social behaviour around these premises.

We would therefore ask that the variation to extend the licensable hours is refused.



**Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation**

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**Premise Details**

Application Ref No	242471
Name of Premises	McColls
Address	232-234 Lightbowne Road, Manchester, M40 5EF

**Representation**

Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.

Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team have assessed the likely impact of the granting of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located and the proximity to residential accommodation, the hours applied for, and any potential risk that the granting of this application could lead to issues of public nuisance.

This premises already has a licence to sell alcohol for the following times:

08:00 to 23:00 hrs Monday to Saturday  
10:00 to 22:30 hrs Sunday

The application in question requests that the licence be extended for the sale of alcohol: 06:00 to 23:00 hrs Monday to Sunday

They are also seeking to remove seasonal restrictions and replace the conditions in annex 2 with up to date conditions.

Licensing and out of hours have no concerns with the removal of seasonal restrictions and the introduction of the proposed annex 2 conditions.

However Licensing and Out of Hours object to the proposed variation in hours for the sale of alcohol.

The objection is based on grounds of public nuisance.

The premises is located within a large residential area that is already subject to high levels of public nuisance in the form of anti social behaviour. I understand from GMP that there are already high levels of alcohol related anti social behaviour both directly outside the premises and in nearby streets and park areas.

By extending the hours for the sale of alcohol to 06:00 am every day and to 23:00 hours on Sundays will be very likely to undermine the licensing objective of the

prevention of public nuisance. The applicant has not included within their request for a variation how the public access to alcohol from 06:00 am will not contribute to the current public nuisance issues experienced by the local community.

Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy section 7.12 states that the authority should give particular consideration to the general character of the surrounding area, including crime and antisocial behaviour levels.

Licensing and Out of Hours are unclear who McColls would aim to sell alcohol to at 06:00 am, as this has not been explained in the application.

It is of particular concern as Greater Manchester Police have indicated that the premises itself is the focal point of crime and disorder and anti social behaviour, and an earlier opening time for the sale of alcohol would almost certainly increase the risk of further alcohol related anti social behaviour in the local area.

The applicant has not demonstrated an understanding of the local risks and any local factors relevant to their premises as is required under section 7.4 and 7.5 of

Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. For example the proximity of local Primary schools and nearby children's centres. It is not reasonable for school children and their families to be exposed to alcohol related crime and disorder and anti social behaviour on their way to school in the morning.

**Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Outlined Above)**