

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPA 242018
Name of the Premises	Waffle Away
Address of the premises including postcode	120a Withington Road, Manchester M16 8FA

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the premises licence in relation to the above premises on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The operating schedule which accompanies the application offers nothing in terms of enforceable conditions which show how the 4 Licensing Objectives will be upheld.

It gives the impression that the applicant has a limited understanding of the Licensing Objectives, which raises concerns about how the premises will be operated.

The likely effect of the grant of the Premises Licence with such a scant operating schedule is that all 4 of the Licensing Objectives will be undermined.

We therefore ask that this application is refused.



Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation

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Premise Details

Application Ref No	242018
Name of Premises	Waffle Away
Address	120a Withington Road, Manchester, M16 8FA

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.

The Licensing and Out of Hours Team (LOOHT) have assessed the likely impact of the late night refreshment establishment opening at 120a Withington Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, M16 8FA taking into account a number of factors. This includes the location of nearby residential properties, the hours applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this licence, could lead to issues of Public Nuisance, Public Safety, Prevention of Crime & Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm.

The application is to allow an existing take away food establishment to sell hot food and drink between the hours of 23:00 – 02:00.

LOOHT have given particular consideration to Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, specifically s.7.25 in that the licensing authority will ensure that due consideration will be given to the proximity of licensed premises not only to local residents and businesses, but also in relation to other licensed premises; as well as s.7.28 in that the licensing authority will give consideration to the appropriateness of hours applied for, having regard for the location of premises and their likely effect of the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives.

The premises is situated on Withington Road and is part of a relatively busy area within the Whalley Range ward. Within the vicinity there is a good mix of retail units including shops, takeaways, post office, fast food restaurants and barbers/beauticians.

There are also a number of residential properties in relatively close distance to the rear on May Road.

LOOHT have concerns relating to the noise emanating from the premises. Given the relatively close proximity of residential properties there is a considerable risk that noise nuisance may arise from the external area by

way of people noise and also from the premises itself.

Following discussions with the applicant they appear to be committed to fulfilling the license objectives, however were in agreement that further measures could be implemented in respect of the control of noise from the premise, litter from patrons and also any issues of crime & disorder. We therefore recommend that in order to prevent the problems described above the following conditions should be attached to the Premises Licence to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld:

- The premises and immediate surrounding areas shall be kept clean and free from litter at all times the premises are open to the public.
- Litter bins shall be provided at the premises in sufficient capacity to ensure that customers can adequately dispose of any litter.
- Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
- The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital colour CCTV system. All public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points and the street environment will be covered, enabling facial identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recording shall be kept available and unedited for a minimum of 28 days with the date and time stamping. A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce / download / burn CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority. Any footage must be in a format so it can be played back on a standard personal computer or standard DVD player. Where the recording is on a removable medium (i.e. compact disc, flash card etc.), a secure storage system to store those recording mediums shall be provided.
- An incident log (which may be electronically recorded) shall be kept at the premises for at least six months, and made available on request to the Police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority, which will record the following incidents including pertinent details:

crimes reported to the venue, or by the venue to the Police

ejections of patrons

y incidents of disorder

- Staff shall be trained to deal with challenging customers and customers who are under the influence of intoxicants. This training shall be repeated at no greater than 6 monthly intervals.

Furthermore given our concerns outlined above we would recommend the timings for licensable activities to be reduced:

Late Night Refreshment:

Sunday to Thursday 11:00 – 00:00

Friday to Saturday 11:00 – 01:00

Hours premises are open to the public

Sunday to Thursday 11:00 – 00:00

Friday to Saturday 11:00 – 01:00

We believe these conditions and reduction in hours are proportionate and necessary to prevent the problems described and promote the licensing objectives.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Outlined Above)