

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPV 244120
Name of the Premises	The New Union
Address of the premises including postcode	111 Princess Street, Manchester M1 6JB

Your Representation

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.

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

The application is seeking to allow the premises to sell alcohol until 6am on Friday and Saturday, in an area where there is one of the highest concentrations of assaults and disorder within the City Centre. A significant number of officers who are deployed on the weekend policing operation Custodian are located in the Village area due to the issues that the area attracts and in the early hours a significant number of the calls made to the police relate to the premises in this area and the locality in general.

GMP are concerned that by allowing this premises to remain open so late, especially at weekends, will attract an unruly element to the premises and cause issues.

The applicant has not proposed any further measures to show how they will deal with this potential issue. They haven't even suggested a last time of entry, which suggests that they are happy for new customers to walk into the premises right up until 6am.

During a 12 month period there were 600 incidents of violence reported in the beat area where the premises are situated, 530 incidents of Anti-Social behaviour and 288 incidents attributed to alcohol. This shows what a challenging area the Village already is, in terms of incidents, and we are greatly concerned that by allowing the premises to extend their hours, we will see an increase in the number of these incidents in the vicinity of the premises.

During the previous 12 months or so the premises themselves have had issues, some of which which GMP have spoken to them about, and these are as follows:

Incident 258-14.12.19 – aggressive male who assaulted door supervisor by swinging at him prior to being arrested for being Drunk & Disorderly.

Incident 434 / 16.11.19 : 3am – female reported injuring her arm being pushed off the stage by an unknown person.

Incident 3364 / 19.10.19 – report of two females fighting and one of them assaults a door supervisor by slapping him. Incident recorded in Incident Book. Door staff decided not to take any further action. Female arrested for being Drunk & Disorderly.

Incident 3534 / 20.9.19 – male detained for assaulting a door supervisor who did not want to take any action. Incomplete Incident Report – advised ██████ to ask the manager in charge to ensure Incident Reports are fully completed. Negative lines report of crime submitted.

Crime 06AA/0018425/19- assault on 28/9/2019 - door supervisor was assaulted after refusing customer entry. Written up fully in Incident Book. Door supervisor did not want to take any further action.

Crime 160859L/19 – Common Assault on 22/6/2019. Male is ejected from venue and assaults door supervisor. Male can be seen being carried out by several door staff, male is instantly aggressive towards door staff who try to shepherd him down Canal Street and onto Princess Street and away – male refuses to leave and eventually sprints to door supervisor (victim) and strikes him to the head/face – male is restrained on ground until police arrive when he is taken away. Victim chooses not to support prosecution, male arrested for being Drunk & Disorderly..

PC Braithwaite met with ██████ to discuss crime reference **087247B/19** – Possession of Xanax where 2 females where two females arrested. One of the females was 17 years old which breaches their Premises Licence condition and considering the time of the offence (01:30 hours) makes it more concerning. He discussed the incident with ██████ and reviewed some of the CCTV footage – shows the females being detained a few minutes after coming into the venue – neither female, nor a male who was possibly with them make any attempt to buy a drink in the venue. Discussed how to avoid a repeat of this – the underage female was able to enter because the door supervisor had taken a toilet break leaving the door unattended – ██████ has now put a policy in place whereby when a door is left unattended by a door supervisor, the duty manager on duty will staff the front door for the short time the door supervisor is away, ensuring it is not left unattended. ██████ has confirmed all duty managers and door staff are aware of the new policy. Pc Braithwaite also emailed Primary Security to make them aware of the incident too.

Crime 06AA/0001615/20 – A door supervisor was assaulted by a female during ejection on 12/1/2020. Full write up in the Incident Book – female head-butts door supervisor after being refused re-entry.

Incident 3483 / 19.02.20 – report of a disturbance and a male fighting with door staff. Nothing happening upon police arrival and nothing recorded in the Incident Book.

Crime 06A2/0004747/20 – male detained for assault on 23/2/2020, male bit door supervisor on the hand as he was being ejected for falling asleep in the venue. Male arrested and given a caution for police assault. Brief entry made in Incident Book.

Crime 06A2/0005358/20 – male ejected for aggressive behaviour on 29/2/2020, then acts aggressively outside throwing queuing poles. No victim / witness to support allegation. Entry made in incident book.

Crime 06A2/0005531/20 – report of assault on 1/3/2020. Report that female approaches victim in the venue and pulls her to the ground by the hair. Nothing recorded in Incident Book. Nothing to confirm that staff were made aware of the incident at the time.

Although these are not particularly serious incidents and they were often the result of people being refused entry, it does show that the premises has problematic customers trying to gain entry and GMP believe that this is likely to become more of an issue if the premises were allowed to remain open until 6am at weekends. This is because customers and potential customers would be more intoxicated.

During these times of reduced police numbers it is becoming more and more difficult to respond to the number of incidents relating to areas where there is a large concentration of licensed premises and by allowing these premises to extend their already late hours for even longer is almost certainly going to have an adverse effect in those areas.

GMP realise that there is no Cumulative Impact Policy in the Village and that the restraints of such a policy do not apply but we would ask that the committee take serious cognizance of the effect that the grant of these extremely late hours is having on the City Centre and the additional burden being placed on GMP.

We therefore ask that this application is refused.

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Premise Details	
Application Ref No	244120
Name of Premises	New Union Hotel
Address	111 Princess Street, M1 6JB

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 (LOOH) have assessed the likely impact of the granting of the application submitted for an extension of hours at The New Union Hotel from 4am Friday and Saturday to 6am Friday and Saturday. LOOH have consulted the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 and assessed any potential risk that the granting of this could undermine the four licensing objectives of public nuisance, crime and disorder, protection of children from harm and public health.

The premises is located at the junction of Canal Street and Princess Street in the Gay Village. The premises is opposite the Manchester New Square development which begins occupation in August 2020.

The application is for a variation to extend terminal hour by 2 hours:

Recorded Music:

Fri to Sat 11am to 6am

Performance of Dance.

Fri to Sat 11am to 6am

Supply of alcohol:

Fri to Sat 11am to 6am

Hours Open to the Public:

Fri to Sat 11am to 6am

In considering the premises running until 06:00, LOOH have concerns that the grant of this application will lead to potential issues of public nuisance.

Public nuisance is likely to be created by increased noise from patrons leaving at the terminal hour. There is a potential risk as being a "go to " premises from revellers leaving venues with earlier closing times, who would normally be heading home and leaving the area. If admitted to the premises those people will add to the numbers

and exacerbate issues of noise at the terminal hour, if refused entry to the premises people will be loitering in the area also causing nuisance to the residents in the vicinity undermining the licensing objectives.

Consulting the Statement of Licensing Policy the following is relevant-

Paragraph 7.26 refers to consideration the Authority should make to prevention of nuisance such as noise disturbance from people entering and leaving the premises, prevention of disturbance by people outside the premises, litter from premises when the premises is in the vicinity of residential properties.

Paragraph 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

Paragraph 7.29 the authority considers that late hours will typically be more sensitive and higher risk in causing problems

Paragraph 7.31 states that in spite of the quality of the operation of the business the lateness of terminal hour for the premises will often be a contributory factor in the potential for disturbance.

LOOH believe that the late terminal hour of this application will be conflicting with the policy and Licensing Objectives will not be upheld. We would expect a premises wishing to open until 6 00 hours have more robust conditions relating to dispersal, last entry time and crowd management in their operating schedule. The variation application has not detailed how these issues will be managed or any noise mitigation measures.

LOOH therefore recommend that this variation is refused.

Recommendation:

Refuse Application