

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPA 280568
Name of the Premises	JDS Club
Address of the premises including postcode	8 Stocks Street, Manchester M8 8QG

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 application for a new premises licence in relation to the above premises on the ground of the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The premises are situated on Stocks Street in the Cheetham area of Manchester area and on the opposite side of the road, to the rear, is a large accommodation building where members of the clergy reside, which is situated next to St Chad's Catholic Church. Also slightly further down Stocks Street there are a number of large residential apartment blocks where hundreds of residents live.

The application seeks to allow the premises to sell alcohol and provide regulated entertainment until 0330 hours on Friday and Saturday with a closing time of 0400 hours.

Greater Manchester Police are concerned that a late-night premises, which is described as a club, trading until these hours, is highly likely to cause a level of disturbance to the residents of the nearby buildings which is unacceptable. The noise from inebriated customers, taxis and other vehicles at that time of the morning, in an area which is usually very quiet will almost certainly disturb the sleep of these residents resulting in complaints to GMP and Manchester City council.

GMP therefore asks that this application is refused.



Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation

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Premise Details

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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 and out of hours team (LOOHT) have assessed the likely impact of granting the new licence, taking into account a number of factors, including, the nature of the area in which the premises is located, the hours applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this licence could undermine the licensing objectives.

As a result of this assessment, we have concerns that the granting of this application is likely to lead to issues of public nuisance, these concerns are specifically that the grant of this licence is likely to lead to complaints of noise from customers at the premises and potential for music being played, reasons set out below.

The premises is a single storey office building with parking located in a commercial industrial site with residential premises in close proximity. They have applied to run a licensed premises from that location to have regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol.

On receiving the application, officers from LOOHT (Licensing Out of Hours Team) attended the premises and spoke with the applicant. On entering the premises, it was clear that it was already currently being used as a licensed premises with a bar stocked full of alcohol as stated on the application used for functions, we believe that these functions had already taken place as unlicensed activities.

Given that the premises are currently being used for potentially unlicensed activities, there were no provisions in terms of signage and lighting for means of a fire escape should there be a fire, undermining the public safety licensing objective. LOOHT then made a referral to the Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service. (GMFRS)

LOOHT discussed with the applicant the potential for noise escape from music and people with the potential to cause a nuisance, as the premises was previously a commercial premises, the applicant was not concerned that this would be an issue stating there were no residents nearby who could be affected. Officers informed the applicant where residents live in relation to the premises and that there are several open noise complaints from residents within the proximity. Nothing was offered to advise how the public nuisance licensing objective would be upheld. They only stated the building was insulated but were not able to show any acoustic testing in relation to this.

As the area is commercial after a certain time the area itself would be expected to be quiet, activities from the premises should it be granted would have a significant impact on nearby residents, noise from vehicles including taxis, people noise from intoxicated customers late at night/early hours of the morning.

Manchester City Councils Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 States, the following.

The proximity of the premises to local residents and other local businesses, particularly in relation to the potential for nuisance

7.29 The authority considers that later hours will typically be more sensitive and higher risk in causing problems.

7.31 It is recognised that in spite of the quality of the operation of the business, where patrons are out of the control of the licensee, the lateness of the terminal hour for the premises will often be a contributory factor in the potential for disturbance.

8. Manchester's standards to promote the licensing objectives

8.1 Applicants are required to set out in their operating schedule the steps they propose to take in operating the premises to promote the licensing objectives.

Relevant Standards are:

MS8 Prevent noise nuisance from the premises

LOOH are concerned that the Licensing Objective, public nuisance is likely to be undermined if this licence was granted and ask that the application is refused

Recommendation:

Refuse Application