

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPV 221565
Name of the Premises	Whiskey Down
Address of the premises including postcode	18-22 Lloyd Street, Manchester M2 5WA

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, the Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The application seeks to extend the hours of operation by 2 hours every day to allow them to carry out licensable activities until 6am with a closing time of 6.30am.

At the same time the applicant is seeking the removal of numerous conditions from the premises licence, whilst offering nothing further as up to date replacements of those conditions, which, if granted, would result in a later licence with a much weaker operating schedule.

These premises have historically been a very challenging venue and under previous ownership have been the subject of 2 Expedited Reviews following incidents of extreme violence. This shows that, although the applicants had nothing to do with the previous operation of the premises, it has the ability to attract clientele who bring a high level of risk with them.

GMP have strong concerns that if this variation was granted there is a very real likelihood that issues would occur at the premises and the Licensing Objectives would be undermined.

We therefore ask that this variation is refused.



Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation

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Premise Details

Application Ref No	LPV 221565
Name of Premises	Whiskey Down formally Silks
Address	18-22 Lloyd Street, Manchester, M2 5WA

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.

- *Prevention of Crime and Disorder*
- *Public Safety*
- *Prevention of Public Nuisance*

Licensing / Out of hours Team have assessed the likely impact of the grant of this application to vary the premises licence for Whiskey Down (Manchester), 18-22 Lloyd Street, 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 the granting of this licence.

The premises is located on Lloyd Street in the City Centre. The surrounding area is a mix of commercial properties including, restaurants, licensed premises and offices.

The applicant has applied to:-

- Amend the premises licensed layout plans.
- To add additional use categories for Plays / Film / Sport / Wrestling for flexibility of corporate hire & immersive show performances, to take place Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 06:00 hours.
- To extend the hours of Supply of Alcohol to take place Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 06:00 hours
- To extend the hours of Provision of regulated entertainment (Live music, anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance) to take place Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 06:00 hours
- To extend the hours of Provision of regulated entertainment (Recorded

music, Performance and dance) to take place Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 06:30

- To extend the hours of Provision Late Night Refreshment to take place Saturday to Thursday from 23:00 to 05:00 hours and Friday from 23:00 to 05:30 hours .
- To extend the hours of the premises opening hours Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 06:30 hours
- To amend / remove existing licence conditions (in agreement with GMP and MCC Licensing): Annex 2, conditions 01, 03-09, 11-27 & Annex 3 Conditions 1-5,11-31.

As a result of this assessment we have concerns regarding extending both the premises opening hours and hours of licensable activities. In addition to this, we also have concerns that whilst the application is requesting the removal / amendment of existing licensing conditions, the applicant has not provided an alternative operating schedule to replace these conditions.

The LOH team were also concerned with the wording on the application form. The words 'in agreement with MCC Licensing and GMP' appeared in the application form, however this was simply not the case.

A meeting took place with the applicant and a Licensing out of Hours Officer and GMP Licensing Officer on 28 September 2018 to discuss the potential removal / amendments of the existing premises licence conditions. However upon receipt of the application, it was noted that the applicant has requested the removal / amendment of a further twenty conditions that had not been discussed during the meeting on 28th September.

Whilst the applicant is willing to work with LOOH/ GMP to agree conditions, the onus is on the applicant to complete a risk assessment based upon the licensing objectives prior to submitting the application and to offer appropriate conditions.

We also have concerns that the request to extend the premises opening hours and licensable active hours is likely to have an impact within the vicinity of the premises and likely lead to issues of public nuisance with noise and/or drunken behaviour from customers leaving the premises during the same time the public will be arriving or passing through the city centre on their way to work.

The request to remove existing licence conditions from the premises licence, whilst at the same time also seeking to increase licensable activities and extend licensable hours without offering suitable alternatives suggests that the applicant may not have a clear understanding of the Council's licensing objectives.

We therefore recommend that in order to prevent the problems described above the application is refused.

Recommendation: Refuse Application