

Form No. BC4

LEICESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

FROM: PC 1667 MARK ARJOO

TO: PS 567 MOORE

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SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE, THE BULLS HEAD, 67 MARKET STREET, ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH.

Sergeant Moore,

I refer to the recent application for four Temporary Event Notices, by The Bulls Head, 67 Market Street, Ashby de la Zouch.

The local police make this representation in line with the NWLDC Saturation Policy, and in relation to two of the licensing objectives, these being The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Ensuring Public Safety.

Our objections are based on the following five points:

1. At present in Ashby town centre, there are staggered closing times in relation to the main licensed premises. The Lamb (capacity 350) and The Bulls Head (capacity 360) close at 1am, whilst The White Hart (capacity 200), Ciro's (capacity 280) and Apollo's (soon to re-open, capacity 390), all close at 2am. This policy makes the night time economy relatively safe to manage.
2. In relation to the above, by currently having the two premises closing at 1am, this means that it gives the customers leaving these premises time to purchase food from the take-aways and then get into a taxi and vacate the town. Potentially, an extra 360 flooding out onto Market Street at 2am, would put greater pressure on the taxis, fast food outlets, and policing.
3. The licensee will say that the premises are run well, with both good bar and door staff, and I do not dispute this. However, having personally policed Ashby for the best part of seventeen years, I can confirm that when the doors to any licensed premises are closed and locked, there are numerous problems in relation to violence, public order and general Anti-Social Behaviour, out on the street.
4. Any further extension will encourage intoxicated members of the public to gather outside the applicant's premises, making a further potential flashpoint for disorder, which the CCTV operators will have to effectively monitor. This will impact on the monitoring elsewhere.
5. The demand on police resources to effectively keep the night time economy safe is already high and the granting of this extension will require additional resources to be deployed outside this location. This will no doubt impact on preventing crime and disorder, and public safety in Ashby, as well as North West Leicestershire as a whole. Leicestershire Police is having to currently make savings of 20% on its annual budget.

To conclude, it is obviously for the applicant to persuade the Licensing Committee that they grant these TEN's applications.

We have not heard anything from them that will assist in preventing crime and disorder and/or ensuring public safety, and in my opinion, it will further add to the problems we encounter and have to deal with, every week end in Ashby town centre.

On the basis of my points made, I ask that the Licensing Committee refuse this application.

For your information.

PC 1667 Mark Arjoo.