

## **Summary from Brett Parker (Bardon Truck Park Director)**

This summary is written to help the Committee

### **Introduction**

My family have had decades of experience within the haulage & transport trade, it's in our blood. I have experience of being a professional driver of large vehicles. My Brother Damian and I (DPS) and have an understanding of drivers needs and want to give them excellent facilities.

Many drivers love the camaraderie with other drivers sharing stories and discussing challenges that they face. They spend long hours alone on the road and many like to park up and have a break from driving. We have one driver from Malta parked up for a week and drivers parking up for a few days enjoying our facilities is not unusual. This application for a Licence is to provide enhanced facilities for a professional body of drivers who understand that should they drink drive they put their livelihoods and more at serious risk.

### **Bardon Truck Park is a safe & secure site serving the professional transport & haulage sector.**

This is not a public area – this is a private staffed site which is enclosed by 2.4m security fencing and 1 single entrance/exit only. Standard procedure when entering our site is that Each vehicle/driver is checked in face to face by our security guard/s - we record & log each company name, driver's name, vehicle registration, and the anticipated parking duration to every truck parking at this site – we then direct & assist parking each vehicle to a designated parking space – this information is then inputted onto our large site map plan that is on our security office wall (we know exactly where each truck is parked & for how long).

We have a staffed CCTV control room onsite 24/7 - including low level entrance/exit cameras.

We have SIA approved security guards as an addition to our usual truck park staff that patrol our site. Our security guards are experienced with working at premises selling alcohol - and of course now, the haulage sector.

Our security guards have body cams.

Toilet facilities on site available 24/7.

Professional drivers that need to keep licenses - showing that they are responsible.

We have applied for modest hours.

HGV drivers are 18+ and this site is for HGV drivers only.

This site location previously held a Premises License – when the former Stardust Club was still standing here.

Should the Application be granted alcohol would be served from our cafe where we also sell food.

Rather concerned and upset by the Representation and what has been said. Appreciate that not everyone will have experience of Truck Parks. We were hoping for support being a local business trying to do our best for our customers.

Feel that there are many advantages with our drivers not needing to drive if everything they need is on site.

They do have plenty of options to go to local pubs, convenience stores, petrol stations and all the other places that sell alcohol anyway.

I have supplied below some of the other places that supply alcohol nearby including other truck stops. Do have concerns that should this Licence not be granted that many drivers would be likely to go to other truck stops that do supply alcohol on site.

I feel that would be very harmful to my local business and unfair if we were unable to compete with our competitors and it would make sustaining the business more challenging.

We are a responsible business trying to do our best for our clients and have control measures in place to reduce any potential risk that Licensing Authorities including the Police are happy with. Would respectfully ask that our Application be granted given all the facts.

I have compiled a list of some of the Nearest premises selling alcohol and the Nearest truck stops selling alcohol as below:

## Nearest Premises

0 Miles            Charnwood Arms Pub, Restaurant & Hotel **PUB**  
Beveridge Lane, Bardon Hill, Leicestershire LE671TB

1.0 Mile            BP Fuel Service Station **SERVICE Station**  
5 Shaw Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9PU

1.0 mile            The Birch Tree Pub & Restaurant **PUB**  
Bardon Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 1TD

1.0 mile            Flying Horse Bar, Restaurant & Takeaway **PUB**  
Little Shaw Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9PP

1.1 mile            Aldi Supermarket **SUPERMARKET** (Beveridge Lane,  
Bardon Hill, Leicestershire LE67)

This supermarket is currently being developed for opening during 2024.  
Opening times to be announced soon.

1.3 mile            Shell Fuel Service Station **SERVICE STATION**  
250 Bardon Road, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 4BL

1.8 Mile            Asda Fuel Service Station & Shop **SERVICE STATION**  
Midlands Road, Ellistown, Leicestershire, LE67 1EH

1.8 Mile  
**STORE**

Londis Convenience Store **LOCAL CONVENIENCE**

Whitehill Road, Ellistown, Leicestershire LE67 1GR

## **Nearest Truck stops with Parking (and Selling Alcohol)**

4.0 Mile Junction 23 Truck Stop Lorry Park (J23 M1)

8.0 Mile Ashby Gateway Service Station (J13 A42)

8.0 Mile Donington Park Service Station (J24A M1)

8.0 Mile Welcome Break Leicester Forest East Services  
Southbound (J22-J21 M1)

8.0 Mile Welcome Break Leicester Forest East Services  
Northbound M1 (J21-J22 M1)

11.0 Mile Shell (Appleby Magna) Service Station (J11 M42/A42)

Note please be mindful that 11 miles isn't that far for professional HGV drivers.

