

Gloucester City Council

LICENSING ACT 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM – Responsible Authorities

Responsible Authorities are requested, where possible, to forward to the Licensing Authority all relevant evidence in support of their representation at the time of submitting this form.

Your Details

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| Your Name: | Jaine Simner |
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Premises Details

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| Name of premises you are making representation about: | Butlers | | |
| Full Postal Address of premises you are making representation about: | 99 Eastgate Street | | |
| Post Code: | GL1 1PY | Application Ref. Number. (If known) | |

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Representation details

(Note: Your representation must relate to one or more of the four Licensing objectives. Please indicate the objective(s) your representation relates to).

| Licensing Objective | Please tick for Yes | Licensing Objective | Please tick for Yes |
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| The prevention of crime and disorder | x | Public safety | |
| The prevention of public nuisance | x | The protection of children from harm | |

Please provide details of your representation and any evidence you may have in support of it.
(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Gloucestershire I would like to raise a representation against the variation of hours requested by Butlers on the grounds of crime and disorder and public safety. I also make reference to the Gloucester City statement of licensing policy

The application is to vary the existing premises licence for Butlers Venue Bar which is situated on East gate Street Gloucester in the Licensing Authority's area of Special Policy which seeks the following hours and licensable activities

Sunday to Thursday inclusive an additional 30 minutes on all licensable activities and premise closure. Alcohol operating to Conclude at 0230 Closure 3.00am.

Friday and Saturday an additional 90minutes on all licensable activities and premise closure. Alcohol Operating hours until 330am and closure at 4am

To include a provision for the commencement of British Summertime

To extend all licensable activities by one hour on all Sundays immediately preceding a public or bank Holiday this will extend alcohol operating hours to 3am.

Paragraph 4.14 of the Licensing Authority's current statement of licensing Policy states.

The licensing Authority wishes to ensure that these adverse effects are avoided and to this end has adopted a 'Special Policy' for an area around Eastgate Street where there is a concentration of licensed premises. Where applicants are applying for a new licence in this area it is recommended that they clearly state in their operating schedule how they will ensure that their premises does not add to the cumulative impact in respect of two of the licensing objectives , prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of nuisance .

Paragraph 4.18 states:-

The effect of adopting this policy is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences ,club premise certificates or material variations will normally be refused, if relevant representations to this effect are received ,unless it can be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already experienced .

Officers from Gloucestershire Police met with the applicant and his solicitor pre application on Thursday 12th May 2016 at their request to hear proposals for the premise. Officers were not satisfied that the provisions proposed by the applicant for their operating schedule would prevent negative cumulative impact and highlighted that the proposed application was outside the licensing authority's policy .

Levels of Crime and Disorder and public nuisance are extremely high in Eastgate street particularly during the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings during the dispersal of nightclubs and late night refreshment venues. The street is regularly the location of conflict when venues close and persons of varying age, culture and diversity meet, many of whom are intoxicated. This area has the highest number of assaults on police in the county, highest crime and disorder and public nuisance. The Constabulary have worked and continue to work very closely with venues situated in this area to


promote the licensing objectives. Offsetting dispersal times, voluntary agreements and in some cases imposing conditions to reduce crime and disorder. Any extension of licensing hours in this area will have an adverse effect on crime and disorder and public nuisance. The impact this could have on the community and the image of Gloucester would be great.

The proposed hours in the amended application would make these premises one of the latest opening in the area and therefore highly likely to attract patrons who have been drinking elsewhere all evening and wish to continue drinking alcohol rather than dispersing.

Should this premises be granted a licence for the extended hours Gloucestershire Police have serious concerns in relation to the negative cumulative effect of a venue of this size and with these opening hours, the manner in which this premises would run and the additional numbers of people who would be attracted into the area until the early hours of the morning

Therefore Gloucestershire Police invite the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

**Please suggest suitable conditions that the committee could add to the licence (if granted) to remedy your concerns or if agreed in advance of a hearing by the applicant would allow you to withdraw your representation or enter details of any other matters, not commented on elsewhere relating to your representation that you would like the committee to take into account.
(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary).**

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| Signed: |  Jaine Simner | Dated: | 09.06.16 |
| Position: | Licensing Manager | | |