



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY – Gwent Police

Name of Applicant	Avkiran Company ltd (Trade as SHOCK OFF LICENSE)
Premises	1 Bartlett Street , Caerphilly CF83 1JS

Your Name	Jon Taylor
Job Title	Police Constable 1141
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Date	22/11/2024

Which of the four Licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	X
Public Safety	
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	
The Protection of Children from Harm	

<p>Please outline the reasons for your Representations</p> <p>The applicant Avkiran Company ltd has applied for a full premises license variation to increase alcohol OFF sales supply times.</p> <p>The premises is currently licensed Monday to Sunday 0900 – 2300 hrs The applicant has applied to increase alcohol sales times 0800 – 0100 hrs Monday to Sunday There is no request for late night refreshment after 23.00 hrs or any seasonal variations.</p> <p>Checks have been carried out on Gwent Police systems for a three-year period: Station Terrace Oct 21 to Oct 2022 164 incidents Oct 22 to Oct 2023 116 incidents Oct 2023 to Oct 2024 90 incidents</p> <p>Bartlett street :</p>

Oct 21 to Oct 2022 52 incidents
Oct 2022 to Oct 2023 41 incidents
Oct 23 to Oct 2024 36 incidents

These incidents capture calls to police of varying nature, no data can be specifically attributed to alcohol, however can be to various reports or crime and disorder, anti social behaviour. Clearly the two streets have seen a significant reduction in incidents over the three year period Oct 2021 to Oct 2024.

Gwent Police do not object to the revised Monday to Sunday supply of alcohol hours of 08:00 to 23:00 hrs.

However Gwent police object to increased alcohol supply times between 23.00 hrs and 01.00hrs.

There are significant concerns that granting a later alcohol license will increase crime and disorder calls to the police within this area. Data provided above demonstrates a significant decrease over recent years since 2021.

The premises is located at the end of a residential street in close proximity to Caerphilly train station and taxi rank near several public houses.

The applicant has failed to provide in their application the need for an increase in alcohol sales hours 7 days a week to 01.00 hrs. No additional measures have been offered to support the application to negate any increased risk to staff during later opening hours or any other measures that would be implemented to promote the licensing objectives.

Gwent police have spoken with the Applicant who has stated the application has been submitted to target an increase in revenue / sales to offset increased business costs at the new location on Bartlett Street.

The applicant is seeking additional hours that will extend into the early hours in an area which has proven to have been problematic in the past.

This area that at the moment that has low incident report ratio to police post 22.00hrs, there is an apprehension from Police that should the late license be granted until 01.00 hrs this would lead to an increase in crime and disorder / ASB in the immediate area. A late license has potential to increase the likelihood of attracting intoxicated persons post 23.00hrs.

This could result in refusal and confrontation with staff.

Unlike a Public house that may benefit from approved door staff to mitigate risk and negate any confrontation at point of sale.

At application stage the applicant has proposed no additional conditions to existing license conditions.

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<p>What conditions could be added to the licence to remedy your representation that the Licensing Sub-Committee could take into account</p>	<p>Gwent police would recommend all existing license conditions remain and the supply of alcohol shall be restricted between the hours of 08.00 and 23.00 hours on any day.</p>
<p>Are you prepared to discuss these representations with the applicant by way of mediation?</p>	<p>Yes. The representations made are reasonable and appropriate. If the applicant agrees to the conditions as proposed, Gwent Police will withdraw their representations. Gwent police fully support the representations made by Caerphilly councils Environmental health officer Victoria Woodland.</p>

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