



Kent Police

Chief Officer of Police Representation in relation to an application for **variation** of premises licence made under Part 3 **Section 34** Licensing Act 2003 (S35 Licensing Act 2003)

Details of person or body making representation	
Name of Chief Officer of Police	Chief Inspector Stubberfield
Postal Address: (Area Headquarters)	Sevenoaks Police Station
E-mail address	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number:	[REDACTED]

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	EPHESUS
Address of premises:	57-59 High Street Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1JF
Date application received by police	02/07/2021
Date representation sent to Licensing Authority	27/07/2021 <i>Must be within 28 days of receipt – The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 Part 4 Reg 22</i>

The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the variation of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 34 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 35 of that Act asks the Licensing Authority to consider these representations in respect of: -

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that the representation relates to:

Prevention of crime and disorder	X
Public Safety	X
Prevention of public nuisance	X
Protection of children from harm	

The relevant representations within the meaning of S.35(5) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.35 (6) of that Act and are as follows:

Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:

Ephesus is advertised as a Turkish and Greek restaurant situated within the Sevenoaks Town/High Street. Appendix 7

A licence variation has been received to increase the operating hours, which includes the sale of alcohol and the performance of live music.

Current operating hours (licensable activities) as follows:

Monday to Saturday - 10:00 - 00:00
Sunday - 12:00 - 00:00

The proposed variation is requesting the following extension of hours shown below:

Live (indoor) music:

Thurs – 20:00 – 22:00
Fri and Sat – 21:00 – 01:00
Sun 21:00 – 00:00

Recorded music:

Thurs – 09:00 – 23:30
Fri and Sat – 23:00 – 02:30
Sun – 23:00 – 01:00

Performance of dance:

Friday and Sat – 23:00 – 02:30
Sun – 23:00 – 01:00

Late night refreshments:

Mon to Thurs – 23:00 – 00:00
Fri and Sat – 23:00 – 02:00
Sun – 23:00 – 00:00

Supply on alcohol (on premises)

Mon to Thurs – 09:00 – 01:00
Fri and Sat – 09:00 – 02:30
Sun – 09:00 – 12:30

Opening Hours to Public:

Mon to Weds – 09:00 – 00:00
Thurs – 09:00 – 01:30
Fri and Sat - 09:00 – 02:30
Sun – 09:00 – 01:30

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Kent Police have concerns with the extent of the hours requested within this variation.

Kent Police believes that the extended hours prolong the exposure to alcohol and would suggest that a terminal hour of midnight would be more appropriate for all licensable activity. This is to limit the potential for disorder due to excessive intoxication and increased tension from such activities.

The extended hours (between 00:30 and 02:30) will result in the premises being the only venue, within the Sevenoaks Town/High Street, which is open and supplying alcohol – this may lead to the venue becoming a focal point for already intoxicated customers leaving other venues within the town. This alone causes significant concern that an increased level of custom will be unmanageable, and this coupled with the consumption of alcohol will have a detrimental effect on the wider community. Naturally the noise of customers leaving the venue during the late hours is likely to have an adverse effect on the local area from a public nuisance perspective.

Kent Police does not believe there is sufficient detail provided to establish that the management controls in place will be strong enough to promote the licensing objectives, and for this reason make representation against the granting of the premises licence as applied for at this time.

Clarity is needed surrounding the aspects of on and off-site sales of alcohol, the variation reflects on site sales only however the current licence in place allows for off site sales also.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the Licensing Sub Committee may take into account:

Please use separate sheets where necessary

In addition to the restriction of hours Kent Police would see the attachment of the following conditions to any premises licence granted under this variation to promote the licensing objectives and in particular safeguard the staff, customers and the wider community:

1. CCTV will be in operation and recording at the premises at all times that the premises are open to the public. All images will be retained for a period of not less than 30 days.
2. CCTV will cover all main trading areas and entrances/exits as a minimum.
3. A member of staff trained in the use of the CCTV system must be available at the premises at all times that the premises are open to the public.
4. Signage will be displayed advising customers that CCTV is in operation.
5. A log will be maintained of all incidents occurring at the premises, whether police were called or not.
6. Signage will be displayed at the exit and in any outside area used by patrons requesting customers to respect the neighbours/patrons and not cause unnecessary noise.
7. All persons that sell or supply alcohol to customers must have licensing training.
 - a. Training should take place within six weeks of employment and any new employees will be supervised until the training has taken place.
 - b. Refresher training should be repeated a minimum of every six months or earlier if required due to changes of legislation.
 - c. Training records must be kept on the premises and shall contain the nature, content and frequency of all training.
 - d. Records must be made available for inspection by Police, Police Licensing Officer and authorised officers from the Local Authority upon request either electronically or hard copy.
8. A refusal recording system will be in operation at the premises. All staff involved in the sale of alcohol will be fully trained in the system and it will record the following:
 - a. Time of refusal
 - b. Item refused
 - c. Name of description of the person refused
 - d. Reason for Refusal
 - e. Name of staff member making the refusal.

9. The refusal system will be available for inspection to any Police Officer, Local Authority Licensing Officer or Trading Standards Officer at any reasonable time.

10. A Challenge 25 scheme will be adopted at the premises. All staff involved in the sale or supply of alcohol will be trained in the scheme and such training will be recorded. Such records will be available to the Police or other responsible authority upon request.

11. The premises license holders will adopt a 'Challenge 25' policy and all staff that are involved in the sale or supply of alcohol will be trained fully trained in this policy and recorded.

12. 'Challenge 25' signs will be prominently displayed.

13. The only proof of age that will be accepted by staff will be a photographic driving licence, a passport or a 'PASS' marked proof of age card.

14. SIA door staff will be employed at a ratio of 1:25 persons. Door staff will be on duty until at least 30 minutes after closure.

Should the committee be mindful to grant the hours as requested within variation then Kent Police believe the following condition should be attached to the licence:

15. There will be no admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 23:00 hours, customers leaving to smoke must remain within a designated smoking area at all times or re-admittance will be refused.

Signed: P.Comben

Date: 27/07/2021

Print name: Phil Comben

Force Number: PC 12876

Pp Chief Officer of Police of Police for the Police Area in which the licensed premises are situated.

Representation may be made at any time during the 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application to which it relates was given to the authority by the applicant.

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the Licensing Authority.

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.