



**Kent  
Police**

**Chief Officer of Police Representation** in relation to an application for **grant** of premises licence made under Part 3 **Section 17** Licensing Act 2003 (S18 Licensing Act 2003)

<b>Details of person making representation</b>	
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<b>Details of premises representation is about</b>	
Name of Premises:	The Lakes
Address of premises:	46-48 High Street Snodland ME6 5DA
Date application received by police	28/01/2022
Date representation sent to Licensing Authority	23/02/2022

**The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the grant of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 17 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 18 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	X

**Is this a representation regarding the Designation of Premises Supervisor under S18 (9) Licensing Act 2003? **NO****

If yes, complete the following statement: -

The relevant representation within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(9) of that Act and are as follows:

*Please use separate sheets where necessary*

The relevant representations within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(7) of that Act and are as follows:

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

Kent Police received an application for the grant of a premises licence to permit licensable activities of sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises seven days a week and late night refreshment for one hour on Friday and Saturday nights. The proposed location is 46-48 High Street, Snodland which has previously been a retail unit housing a small supermarket and post office which closed some ago and the premises has remained vacant since.

The application seeks to have a ground floor restaurant with external seating areas located to one side on the ground floor and also a roof terrace to the rear of the property.

The premises if granted a licence will be the only venue providing the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and as such this may make it a focal point for people attending to drink without dining, a point which has clearly been considered by the applicant and addressed by way of proposed conditions within the operating schedule.

Snodland High Street has a history of being a repeat location for anti-social behaviour and there are regularly issues with gatherings of people, including young people, who cause noise and disturbance to residents and other users of the amenities provided in the town centre. Adding a licensed premises to this location may lead to these problems increasing and will need to be addressed within the premises and controlled by the management of the venue, particularly in relation to the potential exposure of young people to alcohol.

The proposed roof terrace gives rise to concern for the safety of people attending the location and also to the possible rise of nuisance to local residents from people utilising this feature of the premises. Due to the exposed nature of the roof terrace and the proposed hours of operation within the application there will be a very real possibility of noise nuisance, it is understood that there has been some communication between the applicant/agent and Environmental Protection and the hours may be reduced due to concerns raised. As with any structure that is raised above ground level there is a concern of the safety of staff and members of the public if this area is not adequately secured in order to prevent injuries being incurred from falling from height, these concerns are heightened when the consumption of alcohol has been taking place.

As with any licensed premises that is providing late night opening along with the provision of alcohol there are concerns for a potential rise in crime and disorder directly attributable to the premises. Given that the area is already known to attract gatherings this could lead to disorder due to conflicting groups attending.

The operating schedule provided with the application provides some measures which will assist with the control and management of the venue however Kent Police do not believe that this is extensive enough to alleviate all concerns that it raises.

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

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Kent Police is not opposed to a premises licence being granted under this application however would suggest that the hours of operation be considered for suitability for the location. Kent Police also believe that the following conditions are necessary to ensure that the premises is controlled and does not adversely affect the community that it seeks to serve and ensures that the licensing objectives will be promoted at all times.

1. Alcoholic drinks can only be sold with a table meal/substantial refreshment.
2. Alcohol will only be consumed by customers who are seated
3. Alcohol will on be served by waiter/waitress service.
4. The rear outside roof terrace will be accessed and exited by the internal stairs to the premises only. This will be managed by staff, including regular sweeps to monitor customers and to restrict anyone accessing the roof terrace without booking.
2. There will be no new admissions onto the roof terrace area after 21:30hrs and the whole roof terrace will be clear of all patrons by 22:30hrs.
3. For the safety of all customers and staff, a suitable barrier/fence will be installed and maintained covering the entire roof terrace.
4. There will be a person who has passed their personal licence holder exams on duty at the premises at all times that licensable activities are taking place.
5. CCTV to be fitted to an adequate standard that complies with the CCTV Code of Practice (Latest Edition), produced by the Information Commissioners Office, with all public areas, including all access and egress points covered, including good coverage on the roof terrace and external seating area.
6. There will be a member of staff present at the premises during trading hours who is able to download CCTV images at the request of the police
7. The CCTV system shall be maintained and serviced on a regular basis and records kept to that effect
8. The CCTV shall be operational at all times that premises are open for trading
9. CCTV images will be retained for a period of at least one calendar month by whatever means the licence holder deems appropriate
10. Challenge 25 will be in operation at the premises with sufficient signage to ensure that patrons are aware. A check of anybody who appears to be under the age of 25 years shall be made by examining either a passport photographic driving licence, PASS approved proof of age card, current UK armed forces ID card or any other ID recognised by the local authorities.
11. All staff will be trained in relation to the sale of alcohol including Challenge 25 and refusal

of sales for any reason. Records of such training should be completed and produced to Police, Local Authority or Trading Standards Officers.

12. A register of all refusals should be maintained at the premises. This should record, as a minimum, Date, time, reason for refusal and staff member making refusal.
13. All members of staff will be aware of all licensing conditions appertaining to this premises licence.
14. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police.

**Signed:**

**Print name: PC Colin Eade**

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

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**Force Number: PC 10804**

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.