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Dear Sir,

Re: Application for the Grant of Premises Licence – Kubus, 29 Station Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire. SA15 1AW.
Applicant – Mr Aram Hussain Mahmood .
Date completed application received – 01/03/2021.

With reference to the application by the above named for the grant of a Premises Licence, under the Licensing Act 2003, the following Licensing Activities are applied for:

- Supply of Alcohol off the premises only.
- Supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 09:00 - 21:00

The Carmarthenshire Division of the Dyfed Powys Police will make an objection to the grant of a Premises Licence at 29 Station Road, Llanelli.



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Mae Heddlu Dyfed-Powys yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg. Byddwn ni'n sicrhau ein bod ni'n ymateb yn eich dewis iaith ac ni fydd oedi mewn perthynas ag unrhyw ohebiaeth drwy'r Gymraeg.

Dyfed-Powys Police welcomes correspondence in Welsh and in English, and we will ensure that we respond to any correspondence through the language of your choice. Corresponding via the medium of Welsh will not endure any delay.



The Police have previously objected to two applications for a premises licence to be granted at this location. The first application was refused by a Licensing Committee during April 2013. A second application submitted by yourself was refused in January 2019 by the Licensing Committee. A subsequent appeal against this decision to Llanelli Magistrates Court was also refused.

In 2012 a Cumulative Impact Policy was adopted as a result of a request by the police as part of the review of the Licensing Policy in 2010. The area covered by the policy is from it's junction with Queen Victoria Road and Murray Street at the town centre end, to where Station Road ends at the Railway Station gates.

The Cumulative Impact Policy adopted related to both off-licence premises as well as on- licence premises.

The policy was reviewed in 2016 and following the submission of evidence was retained.

In 2021 as part of a further review of the Council's Licensing Policy the Cumulative Impact Assessment for the relevant part of Station Road, Llanelli was again reviewed and remains robustly in place.

During the recent review, it was ascertained that during 2018-19 and 2019-20 there were 7,362 crimes reported to have occurred in Llanelli Town. Of those 7,362 crimes recorded within Llanelli Town, 483 (7%) were recorded to have occurred in Station Road, with 27% of those crimes recorded as being alcohol related (131 crimes). However, this figure is highly likely to be under estimated. In relation to the 93 crimes that occurred in other licensed premises, it is known that 20 offenders were under the influence of alcohol when the offences occurred. In addition to this 32 of the 93 crimes (34%) related to the shoplifting of alcohol.

In addition, a "feet on the ground" report from Police Sergeant Ben Ashton who runs the Neighbourhood Policing Team which has responsibility for this area states that drink related Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) still occurs both in and around Station Road. ASB has taken place by large groups gathering whilst intoxicated on the street. These groups are often loud, swearing and can be seen to be intimidating to members of the community who live on and around the street. While part of Station Road has commercial properties there is a still a large number of residential properties on the street and nearby adjoining streets. The ASB in Station Road will often dissipate into the surrounding residential streets.

The ASB impact of drinking in Llanelli Town has caused the need for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to be put in place and Station Road is included in that area. The PSPO was renewed in October 2020. When NPT officers seize and dispose of alcohol they are required to log the seizure. PS Ashton states that seizures are under reported due to technical issues, however the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working hard to reduce the number of people gathering and drinking in a cemetery on a street just off

Station Road during the day and night. In the last 9 months there have been 75 alcohol seizures in Llanelli, 71 of these have been within 5 a minute walk of Station Road.

Station Road is within the Tyisha ward which is undergoing a regeneration project to reduce crime and disorder. Part of the project includes building new family housing on and around the Station Road area. The ASB generated by those using licensed premises, which includes on and off sales is contrary to the objectives of the regeneration project.

If the committee were to grant the application despite the Cumulative Impact Assessment the Police believe that the following conditions be imposed on the premises licence:

1. A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained at the premises which gives coverage to all licensed areas including entry and exit points and there must not be any hidden or obscured areas. This will deal with issues which may have arisen outside the premises when customers have been arriving or leaving.
2. The system shall continually record whilst the premises are open and conducting licensable activities and if a defect arises the Licensing Authority or the Police must be informed and immediate arrangements must be made to rectify the fault
3. Footage from the CCTV system must be capable of being recorded onto an easily downloadable format.
4. Images recorded by the CCTV system shall be retained for a period of not less than 31 days and shall be provided to the Police or an authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority upon request.
5. All images recorded by the CCTV system shall denote an accurate date and time.
6. The system must be registered with the Information Commissioner (Tel 0303 123 1113 or email registration@ico.org.uk)
7. The challenge 25 scheme to be adopted at the premises with notices and posters to be clearly displayed near the entrances and bar areas. This is to emphasise to customers that they will be challenged if they look 25 and under.
8. No person under the age of 18 shall be employed on the premises whether paid or unpaid for the purpose of serving alcohol.

The Police believe that the above conditions are necessary and appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

I would be grateful if you could contact me to discuss the above representations at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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