

WATFORD LICENSING AUTHORITY
Licensing Act 2003.

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Police - On behalf of The Chief Constable

Your Name	Jo Tomkins
Job Title	Police Senior Licensing Officer
Postal and email address	Community Safety Unit, Watford Police Station, Watford, Herts WD17 1DD
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Expo Cash & Carry
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	35 Market Street, Watford, Herts WD18 0PN

<i>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</i>	<i>Yes Or No</i>	<i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</i>
To Prevent Crime and Disorder	Yes	<p>An application has been received for a new Premises Licence for Expo Cash and Carry, 35 Market Street, Watford which is currently known as Oaklands Wines. The application is requesting the following: Late Night Refreshment 23:00 – 01:00, off sales of alcohol 06:00 – 01:00 Mon – Sunday, opening hours 06:00 – 01:00 Monday to Sunday.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Constable, I Police Senior Licensing Officer Jo Tomkins have objected to the application, and proposed the following after consulting with the Agent for the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNR (INDOORS ONLY) 23:00 – 00:00 Mon – Sun • ALCOHOL OFF SALES 08:00 – 00:00 Mon – Sun • OPENING HOURS 07:00 – 00:00 Mon – Sun <p>With the following 21 proposed conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The premises shall install and maintain a CCTV system. All entry, exit and point of sale areas will be covered by the cameras, and the images shall enable frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable
Public Safety	Yes	
To Prevent Public Nuisance	Yes	
To Protect Children from Harm	Yes	

activities and during all times when staff and customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Recordings shall be made available to a Police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority upon request throughout the preceding 31-day period, providing that such requests are in connection with the prevention or detection of crime.

2. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises are open to the public. This staff member shall be able to show a Police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority data or footage upon request.
3. The premises shall keep a suitable store of necessary recording media (such as DVD's, SD cards or similar) to enable footage to be recorded from the CCTV system and provided to an authorised officer of the licensing authority or Police officer upon demand.
4. All faults with the CCTV system shall be repaired as soon as possible and in any case within three working days after which time, if the system is still inoperative no licensable activities shall take place without the agreement of the Watford Police Licensing Unit and the licensing authority until the fault is rectified.
5. In addition to any other training, the premises licence holder shall ensure all staff are trained to prevent underage sales, to maintain the refusals book, enter sales correct on the tills so the prompts show when appropriate, and monitor staff to ensure their training is put into practise.
6. All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only and shall not be consumed on the premises.
7. No super-strength beer, lager, or ciders of above 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) shall be sold at the premises.
8. No single cans or bottles of beer, lager or cider shall be sold at the premises.
9. No sales of miniature or quarter bottles 25cl or less of spirits of any kind shall be permitted.

		<p>10. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills/screens or secured behind locked cabinet doors to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Unit or the Licensing Authority.</p> <p>11. There shall be no self-service of spirits on the premises.</p> <p>12. A log (which may be electronically recorded) shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority at all times whilst the premises are open.</p> <p>13. An incident log shall be kept at the premises for at least 12 months, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the licensing authority or a police officer, which will record the following:</p> <p>(a) all crimes reported to, or by the premises to the Police</p> <p>(b) any complaints received</p> <p>(c) any incidents of disorder</p> <p>(d) seizures of fraudulent ID or other items</p> <p>(e) any failures or faults in the CCTV system</p> <p>14. The Premises must implement a "Challenge 25" policy whereby all customers who appear to be under 25 must produce photographic identification in the form of a passport, driving licence or Proof of Age Scheme (P.A.S.S) approved identification before being allowed to purchase alcohol.</p> <p>15. The Premises Licence holder shall advertise their age verification policy and inform customers before the sale is completed online, that age and identity verification may be required at delivery in accordance with the Premises Licence holders age verification policy.</p> <p>16. The Premises Licence holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that online orders of alcohol are dispatched to bona fide addresses only.</p> <p>17. Delivery staff shall be trained in age verification process and training records to be maintained on site.</p>
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18. No alcohol deliveries shall be made by post. All deliveries shall be made by courier company and a log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol including the date and time and made available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority whilst the premises is open.

19. A notice shall be prominently displayed on the premises requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.

20. The premises staff will request any customers congregating outside the premises to move away to consider residents.

21. After 18:00 on any day, there shall be a minimum of 2 members of staff on duty.

Despite conversations on the phone in the beginning and then by email, no agreement has been made. Therefore, the Police wish to object to the application based on the lateness of the hours, historical Anti-Social Behaviour in this highly residential area, and potential for an increase in Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance. The conditions the Police propose for this premises are proportionate to the alcohol related problems in this street, and we stand by our decision to request these to help to reduce the alcohol related ASB issues in the area. This premises is within the LP4 Sensitive Licensing Area as per the Statement of Licensing Policy for Watford Borough Council. It is a residential area with local businesses that are negatively impacted by the alcohol related ASB according to the complaints Police and Council have received over the years. To grant this licence without the conditions would be detrimental to the Licensing Objectives, and the community.

Data shows that alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour is the highest ASB Qualifier in Market Street from 1/8/2022 to date, and that Market Street has the highest incidents of Alcohol related ASB between 1/8/2022 to date. The Town Centre as a whole has the highest ASB Classification for rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour relating to Anti-Social Behaviour between 1/8/22 – 18/8/23, which could be from people coming into the Town Centre from Market Street and neighbouring streets to congregate in the Town Centre. We operate a staggered dispersal in our Town Centre and stagger the closing times of our licensed premises so not all of them are closing at the same time, in an attempt to reduce Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and prevent Public Nuisance.

	<p>In summary we feel if this were to be granted it would be detrimental to policing in Watford and the community in its entirety.</p> <p>This therefore raises strong concerns of how this would impact the wider community in terms of increased Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime and Disorder.</p> <p>The Constabulary have concerns regarding this application and accordingly on behalf of the Chief Constable I represent against it.</p>
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<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</p>	
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Signed: Jo Tomkins

Date: 22/8/2023

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: Watford Licensing Authority, Town Hall, Watford, Herts WD17 3EX, or email to envhealth@watford.gov.uk & licensing@watford.gov.uk

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