

Chicken Land, 44 Queensbury Parade, Edgware HA8 5NN

Further hearing evidence

I have carried out intelligence checks on the above venue and the postcode for the last year from 26/07/2022 until 26/07/2023.

A post code check shows a total of nineteen (19) returns at this venue. This can be broken down into fourteen (14) crime reports, three (3) CAD's (phone calls to police) and two (2) intelligence reports. I appreciate that not all these calls will be directed to Chicken Land, but the nature of chicken shops, especially at late hours attracts some of the less desirable parts of the community, which is why they are licensed past 23.00 hours.

The chicken shop itself has three (3) crime reports linked directly to it, which I have listed below. The first is the GBH that occurred directly outside after the victim and suspect had been inside.

The second is a criminal damage which appears to be an issue over parking with the newsagents next door.

The third is a racial public order offence where officers have tried but failed to get CCTV from the venue and the crime report has since been closed.

	reference	date	time	offence	Details
1	1913290/23	16-May-23	21.30hrs	GBH	This Was an unprovoked attack where by a sixteen year old male has punched the victim to his face. The victim has fallen to the floor hitting his head on the pavement and loss conciousness. staff member refused to tell CID officer of the conversation that happened between him and the suspect who was in the shop prior to the assault. A crime scene was in place for several hours putting a great deal of strain on police resources. Staff members who were on duty at the time could not operate the CCTV system which slowed down the police investigation.
2	1906242/23	07-Mar-23	13.10hrs	criminal damage	This crime report relates to an argument over parking with the newagents next door. As a result of this the suspect has entered the chicken shop and broken a fryer at the location
3	1934709/22	31-Dec-22	12.00hrs	Racial Public Order offence	Verbally abusive racial insults inside chicken shop where the suspect has called a group of men 'Paki' 'white boy' . Two attempts were made by the officer in charge on the case to obtain CCTV from the venue, neither were successful

The whole point of licensing legislation is to uphold the four licensing objectives, namely:-

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.
2. Public safety.
3. The prevention of public nuisance.
4. The protection of children from harm.

Late Night Refreshments (LNR) are in force between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00 hours as detailed below:-

Where at any time between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 5.00 a.m., he supplies hot food or hot drink to members of the public, or a section of the public, on or from any premises, whether for consumption on or off the premises

Chicken Land had been operating past 23.00 hours on a regular basis without a LNR license. This has been documented in the original documents I submitted along with a screen shot of the business advertising its business until 00.00 hours seven days a week.

Some of the points listed below are a repetition of my original representations sent on the 13th of June 2023, but I would like the Cllr's to take these points into account during this hearing.

1. A serious assault occurred on 16th of May this year where a victim was knocked unconscious, taken to hospital and a crime scene put in place
2. CID officers attended the venue and asked one of the staff members to assist in detailing what conversation took place between him and the suspect. This staff member refused to help my CID colleagues.
3. I was present at the crime scene on 17th of May staffing the crime scene.
4. I viewed the CCTV and saw that hot food was been served past 23.00 hours on Friday the 12th of May
5. I spoke to the manager and two other staff members and asked them if they served hot food past 23.00 hours. Two of the males denied doing this.
6. I then explained that I had just viewed their CCTV for the 12th of May which showed them serving hot food well past 23.00 hours.
7. Both males then admitted lying to me about this licensable activity. One of the two males knew he needed a license, but still operated without it
8. This activity was advertised on their web page showing hot food available until 00.00 hours.
9. I am not aware of any fine that has been imposed on this venue for operating without a LNR license
10. Other venues pay for and abide with the conditions legally imposed on them, but Chicken Land seem to think that they are exempt for paying for the license and abiding by these conditions.
11. Officers have asked for CCTV (third crime report listed above) but this has not been provided to them

Due to all the points raised above police don't feel it is fair or right for this venue to be handed a LNR license when they have abused the system while others have paid for it. Police believe that this LNR should be revoked and a period of one year should be pass before they can apply again. During this period I would naturally expect the venue to operate within the law and assist the police and local authority if asked.

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