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Subject: FW: EXTERNAL - TEN Application FS827783047

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

Please see representations against the TEN for 15-19 New Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4QJ.

Kind regards

Carrie



Details of person making objection

Name of chief officer of police:	Supt Mr M BURBECK 13650
Postal address: (Area headquarters)	Medway police station Purser Way Gillingham Kent ME7 1NE
Email address:	Licensing.north.division@kent.police.uk
Telephone number:	

The chief officer of police has received a Temporary Event Notice under Section 100 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 104 of that act, asks the Licensing Authority to consider this objection in respect of the prevention of crime and disorder objective.

Details of temporary event

Date(s) of event:	01/05/2026 to 06/05/2026
Licensable activities proposed:	Sale by retail of alcohol
Hours of licensable activities:	1000 until 2200 hours
Name of premises:	Best food Centre
Address of premises:	15-19 New Road, Chatham Kent ME4 4QJ
Date and time TEN received by police:	15 th April 2026 1529 <i>Must be at least 10 working days before the day of the event – S104 (1) Licensing Act 2003</i>
Date and time objection notice given to Licensing Authority and the premises user:	1445 16/04/2026 <i>Must be within 48 hours of receipt - S104 (3) Licensing Act 2003</i>

Due to the circumstances of this case, I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine the crime prevention objective because ...

Kent Police received a Standard Temporary Event Notice (TEN) in respect of Best Food Centre, a premises located at 15–19 New Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4QJ. The TEN was submitted to and received by Kent Police on 15 April 2026 at 1529 hours.

The application has been assessed. The applicant describes the premises as a convenience store offering a range of groceries, in addition to the sale of alcohol. The TEN seeks authorisation for the retail sale/supply of alcohol between Friday 1 May 2026 and Wednesday 6 May 2026, during the hours of 1000 to 2200 hours. The proposed activity relates to off-sales of alcohol over the bank holiday weekend.

The premises is located within an area of Chatham that is subject to Medway Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and is also covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

The CIA identifies Chatham as one of the most deprived areas within Medway, experiencing an unacceptably high level of alcohol-related crime, disorder, and public nuisance. Specific locations identified within the CIA as hotspots for such activity include Chatham High Street, the Pentagon Shopping Centre, Best Street, New Road, and The Brook. The sale of alcohol has been identified as a contributing factor to these issues.

The purpose of the Cumulative Impact Policy is to prevent further deterioration of the licensing objectives in areas where evidence demonstrates that the number, type, and density of licensed premises have resulted in problems associated with crime, disorder, and/or public nuisance.

Kent Police are aware that the premises does not currently hold a valid premises licence. Two previous applications for a premises licence have been made: the first was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant, and the second was refused by a Licensing Sub-Committee.

As the premises does not benefit from a premises licence, there are no existing or enforceable conditions in place to promote the licensing objectives. The TEN therefore seeks to authorise licensable activities at an unlicensed premises located within a designated Cumulative Impact Area.

It is also noted that, under the Licensing Act 2003, a TEN cannot be made subject to additional conditions. Consequently, there is no mechanism by which appropriate control measures can be required or enforced to mitigate the risks associated with the proposed sale of alcohol.

For the reasons outlined above, Kent Police request that this TEN is not granted and submit this representation accordingly.

Please use separate sheets where necessary

Suggested modifications that could be added to the temporary event notice to remedy the objection or other suggestions the Licensing Sub Committee may take into account:

Please use separate sheets where necessary. Consider s106 Licensing Act 2003.

None

Signed: CLKNIGHT

Date: 16/04/2026

Print name: PC Carrie KNIGHT

Force number: 11605

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

The objection notice must be given to the Licensing Authority and copy to the premises user no later than 48 hours after the chief of police is given a copy of the temporary event notice - S104 (3) Licensing Act 2003. This form must be returned within the statutory period.

S106 Licensing Act 2003 applies where a chief officer of police has given an objection notice and states that at any time before the hearing is held he may, with the agreement of the premises user, modify the temporary event notice by making changes to the notice returned to the premises user under Section 102.