



# STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Premier Kebab House – 195 Station Street, Burton on Trent, Staffs, DE14 1BH

## INTRODUCTION

- 1 On behalf of the Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police, this representation objects to the application made for the granting of a new premises licence by Mr Abid HUSSAIN in respect of the premises situated at 195 Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. The application puts forward the name of the premises as “Premier Kebab House”.
- 2 The Police submit that the granting of a premises licence is unlikely to promote the licensing objectives and in particular;
  - (a) The prevention of crime and disorder;
  - (b) The prevention of public nuisance.
- 3 In summary, the reasons for the Police’s objections are as follows;
  - (a) East Staffordshire Borough Councils Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA), as set in the current Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of Burton-on-Trent town centre.

(b) Other reasons

#### THE APPLICATION

- 4 The applicant seeks permission to carry out licensable activity, namely the provision of late-night refreshment, the terminal hours requested are 02:00hrs Sunday to Wednesday, 05:00hrs Thursday to Saturday.

#### THE VENUE

- 5 The applicant describes the business as a town centre premises which has a 24 hour taxi office and the use is now broadened to include a fast food takeaway serving hot food.

#### CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY

- 6 The premises is located within the heart of the cumulative impact area for Burton-on-Trent town centre. The CIA creates an ability for the Licensing Authority to appropriately limit certain types of Licence applications granted.
- 7 It is understood that each case, will of course be considered on its own individual merits, however, East Staffordshire Borough Councils Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025 makes provision, alongside the Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, in particular the latter part of Chapter 14, para. 40 that should an application be granted the reasons for departing from their own policy should be provided.
- 8 The police have requested that the applicant re-examine their application and amend their hours to 01:00hrs for providing late night refreshment directly from the premises to the public and a delivery only service after that to the terminal hours requested. The applicant has refused to amend their application.

#### OTHER REASONS

- 9 In addition to the representation based on the CIA, the police believe that the granting of this premises licence for Premier Kebab House is likely to add to the existing cumulative impact in the area and undermine the licencing objectives for the following reasons.

- 10 On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020** an article was published in the Derby Telegraph, whereby it was reported that the applicant had already obtained a later licence, and was able to trade until 0500hrs on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
**Section 1** (Copy of article)
- 11 On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020** a representative of East Staffordshire Borough Council contacted the applicant by telephone advising him to stop providing late night refreshment after 2300hrs, the applicant stated he was not aware and only serving until midnight.
- 12 On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020** a post from the applicant's business page on social media showed a new post with the applicant still advertising for delivery until midnight.  
**Section 2** (Copy of post)
- 13 On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020** at 01:51hrs staff at the premises reported a large fight outside between persons who had been congregating outside the venue. There is CCTV footage of this incident which will be provided at a later date.
- 14 On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**, at 00:31hrs a uniformed Police Officer approached persons congregating outside the kebab shop and confronted them in relation to throwing of litter, persons are seen eating what appears to be hot food. There are also issues surrounding social distancing. There is Police Officer bodycam footage that will be provided at a later date.  
**Section 3** (Photograph of males eating and lack of social distancing)
- 15 On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**, at 01:20hrs, town centre CCTV control room contact Staffordshire Police advising that persons are causing antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of the venue, issues relating to social distancing and persons are, again, seen to be eating what appears to be hot food. There is CCTV footage of this incident which will be provided at a later date.
- 16 On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020**, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Environmental Health Department were contacted by Staffordshire Police Licensing in relation to social distancing issues. This resulted in the Environmental Health Officer contacting the applicant via email detailing what measures that should be adopted together with another warning of non-compliance in relation to advertising late night refreshment via a flyer on social media.
- 17 In relation to the taxi business, which if the Premises Licence were to be granted, would be operated in tandem with the kebab shop, have, in the last eighteen months of operation had 13 relevant incidents as listed below:-

- 1) On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 0353hrs**, an assault occurred at the premises resulting in a male being rendered unconscious.
- 2) On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 0505hrs**, a report of two females acting aggressively in the premises.
- 3) On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 0534hrs**, two males fighting in the premises.
- 4) On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1707hrs**, male reporting having been spat at by youths at the premises.
- 5) On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 0404hrs**, a female vomited within the premises, and due to the attending officers assisting the female, a complaint was made alleging racism by the officers as they didn't make the female pay the cleaning bill, which is a civil matter.
- 6) On **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 0206hrs**, a report of 20 people fighting at the premises.
- 7) On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 0422hrs**, an aggressive male within the premises.
- 8) On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 0557hrs**, a report of 5 people fighting and a female having been assaulted resulting in an ambulance being called by attending Police Officers.
- 9) On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 0221hrs**, a drunken male thumping the windows of the premises.
- 10) On **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 0020hrs**, a male causing a disturbance at the premises by throwing bags of rubbish around.
- 11) On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020hrs at 0503hrs**, criminal damage caused at the premises by a customer punching a hole in the wall and others damaged chairs.
- 12) On **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 0306hrs**, a male damaged a vehicle by kicking the same.
- 13) On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 0155hrs**, a report from the premises of 30 people fighting.

As can be seen, from the incident list, the majority of the issues are at the weekend with eleven of the thirteen being post 0100hrs, being the time requested that the applicant reduce the on-site provision of late night refreshment to.

## CONCLUSION

It is accepted that the taxi base is not a relevant premises under the Licensing Act 2003, however the Police viewpoint is that it is already an area that in its own right contributes to crime and disorder and this will be magnified should this application be granted.

The kebab shop is already contributing to crime and disorder in the town centre location due to incidents of violence and disorder, and a disregard for the promotion of the licensing objectives by the applicant who has been trading unlawfully, even having been warned, the applicant continued to provide late night refreshment.

The police respectfully invite the licensing authority to refuse the application in its present form upon consideration of the evidence which would be put before the authority at the hearing.

Officers will be attending the hearing to assist the licensing authority and answer any questions the members or any other parties may have.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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# SECTION 1

# Taxi firm boss opens new kebab shop and gives jobs to his struggling drivers

He wanted to make sure staff had enough money coming in

BY Adnan Rashid Community Reporter

- 06:00, 17 JUN 2020
- **UPDATED** 09:22, 18 JUN 2020



Premier Taxis boss Abid Hussain has opened a kebab shop in Burton business to help his struggling drivers during the pandemic (Image: Abid Hussain)

A new kebab shop has opened in Burton after a taxi firm boss wanted to make sure his drivers had a source of income during the coronavirus pandemic.

The taxi trade has been hit very badly since the lockdown as regular runs to schools, the town centre and airport fares have have been cancelled.

Abid Hussain, owner of Premier Taxis in Station Street, decided to use the extra space at his firm to open Premier Kebab House.

He has been trading for a week now, having opened on Monday June 8 and says he is very happy with the start his business has made.

Mr Hussain, 39, said: "The taxi trade is really suffering, we are still doing our bit for the community and offering free travel for NHS staff and key workers, but we still needed something to pay the bills and boost our income.

"I had made plans to turn the extra space into a kebab shop, and in a way having a lot of time helped me to finalise the takeaway and get it up and running.

"My drivers have been struggling to build a good income during the pandemic, so I decided to utilise 10 staff members and give them various roles in my new business.

"A few drivers are delivering the food and the rest are helping prepare the food and take customers' orders.

"So far the response on social media and the customers has been really good. We have a lot of regulars who use our taxi service and they are very happy with a new kebab house opening in Burton.

Mr Hussain believes his 'unique recipe for his kebabs' will give him an edge over other kebab shops.

He added: "I have managed to get a later licence and can trade until 5am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"I have invested a lot of money into this new business and I can see it working for a long time. We have a prime location, a lot of people walk up and down this street at different times of the day and I am very confident once the lockdown has finished we will have some good trade."

Premier Kebab House are recruiting for various roles, for more information visit their [Facebook page](#).

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# SECTION 2



# Premier Kebab House

16 Jul · 🌐



# Premier Kebab House

22 Jun · 🌐



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## Call 01283 444 444



**Alex Dean** recommends Premier Kebab House.

8 Jun at 2:24 pm · 🌐

Kebabs are unreal!!! Quick and very good  
ices!!! Defoo recommend to anyone!



**Lesley Jayne Briers** recommends Premier Kebab House.

Thu at 8:30 pm · 🌐

Best food I've tasted 🍕 I would definitely recommend, delivery was so fast to 🍕 will certainly...



**Ryan Leslie Sigley** recommends Premier Kebab House.

9 Jun at 8:57 pm · 🌐

well had the £20 kebab box between 3 of us and an 8" meat feast pizza and what I can say it was the best meat I've ever tasted and nephew who is a fussy bugger where pizza is concerned loved it. will well and truly recommend and I've post some menus around here so hopefully that will help. thank you.



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**Kieraan King** recommends Premier Kebab House.

Thu at 8:25 pm · 🌐

Best food in town! Super fast delivery too 🍕



# **SECTION 3**

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