

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPENDIX B

Representation Form.

Responsible Authority.

POLICE

Your Name	Lesley Halliday
Job Title	Police Licensing Officer
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Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Hollywood Pizza
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	117 Albert Road, Widnes, WA8 6LB

Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to? Please state yes or no.	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
The Prevention of harm to children		
To prevent Public Nuisance		
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	See below
Public Safety		

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.	See Below: [REDACTED]
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OBJECTION:

Cheshire Constabulary would like to object to the application to transfer the premises licence in respect of the premises currently known as Hollywood Pizza, 117 Albert Road, Widnes, WA8 6LB

Hollywood Pizza has a premises licence as a late-night refreshment venue, which permits them to open and trade until 03:00 Monday to Sunday.

The Licensing act 2003 sets out the licensing regime for the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of entertainment and the provision of late-night refreshment in England & Wales. Section 36 of the act and Schedule 4 to the Immigration Act 2016 amends the 2003 Act and introduces immigration safeguards in respect of licensing applications made in England or Wales on or after the 6 April 2017. The intention is to prevent illegal working in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or late-night refreshment.

The statutory prevention of crime objective in the 2003 Act includes the prevention of immigration crime and the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises.

During in multi-agency operation on 21/02/2025 police, council and immigration officers attended the premises. The applicant was not present at the time of the visit as she's believed to be heavily pregnant and at another premises in St Helens.

There was no premises licence summary on display.

Officers identified a male who was behind the counter with food boxes in front of him who looked like he was about to prepare a food order, he was therefore believed to be working at the premises. Checks on the male showed that he has no right to work in the UK, he was subsequently arrested by Immigration, he has applied for asylum which has been refused and he's currently appealing this decision, so he can remain in the UK until his appeal is heard but he is not able to under-take any work during this time.

Immigration will be issuing the premises licence holder with a fine for employing illegal workers, this is likely to be a very substantial fine (Approx £60K).

This premises has also traded after 23:00 for late night refreshment from 17/10/2022 to 12/02/2025 whilst the licence has been suspended for non-payment of the annual fees and it is not known when the previous owner left the business and ~~XXXXXX~~ took over as this transfer has only been initiated due to Halton Borough Council following up the request for payment of the outstanding fees.

This demonstrates a lack of regard for the licensing regime and that the applicant has no regards for running a lawful business that complies with the appropriate regulations and laws.

Cheshire Constabulary believes that should this transfer be allowed to proceed there is a risk that the applicant will continue to employ persons who have no right to work in the UK, which would undermine the crime and disorder licencing objective, we would therefore ask the licensing committee to refuse this application.

Signed:



Date: 25/02/2025