

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	Temporary Events Notice Licensing Act 2003
Name of the Premises	
Address of the premises including postcode	Unit 1, Wharfside, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, M17 1EX

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the Temporary Events Notice in relation to the premises, Unit 1 Wharfside, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester M17 1EX on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Safety,

The notice is seeking to allow the premises to operate and include the sale of alcohol for a maximum of 499 people on Saturday 11th September 2021 a day where Manchester United vs Newcastle United football match is occurring at Manchester United Football Ground, Old Trafford. The notice requests alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises.

On 24th May 2002 a Designated Public Space Order was granted to Trafford which was a provision for combatting alcohol related disorder in a designated public place. This legislation was replaced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which introduced Public Spaces Protection Orders (20th October 2014). The transition period allowed for the DPSO to stay as it was for three further years, at which point it converted to a Public Space Protection Order. On 15th October 2020, following a public consultation, the order was extended for a further three year period until 15th October 2023

This order was obtained to prevent alcohol related issues / street drinking and allows a constable to dispose of anything surrendered to him in such a manner as he considers appropriate. A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed on him commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine.

In the likely event that a customer leaves the premises and is seen by a constable to be carrying alcohol, this is likely to cause disorder when the constable requests the surrender of that alcohol

The applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated how they will deal with the potential issue of customers who may attempt to leave the premises with an open vessel into an area where a Public Space Protection Order exists. The applicant has requested off sales. It is a possibility those leaving this venue with alcohol are attending the football game and will therefore be in breach of the Public Space Protection Order

The applicant has failed to demonstrate the following points.

- How they will deal with customers who are intoxicated, disorderly or threatening and are attempting to be served alcohol from within the premises when there has been no confirmation that sufficient SIA door staff will be employed to maintain order within the premises at all times.

- In what vessels alcohol will be served. In the event alcohol is consumed on the premises or removed from the premises in open glass / cans, this is likely to affect public safety should that vessel be used as a weapon in a violent situation.
- How will the venue manage the 499 capacity? Will the venue operate as a ticket event, how will the venue know when they have reached capacity.
- Who will be permitted into this venue? Will the venue accommodate home and away supporters with the potential of disorder occurring if the two supporting teams are within the same venue?
- How will they prevent alcohol being sold or consumed by under 18's?
- Will CCTV be in operation recording throughout the day to capture incidents if they occur

The Government introduced Temporary Events to make a provision for small scale one off events, or situations where Premises Licences do not meet the need of a particular function, however Greater Manchester Police conduct a robust policing operation on match day events at Old Trafford to ensure the day passes peacefully with as little disruption as possible to the community and business in the Trafford District

The lack of information on this notice leads GMP to believe that they have not anticipated any problems or how they would deal with those problems if they occurred.

Greater Manchester Police therefore request that this notice is refused.