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Lancashire Constabulary South Division

Police Representations

McDonald's Restaurants Limited

Woodale Road, Clayton Le Woods

Licensing Authority: Chorley Borough Council



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1. Summary

On 7th February 2025 Lancashire Constabulary received an Application for a Premises Licence from McDonald's Restaurants Limited. The Application was for a Late-Night Refreshment Licence operating at the site of the Beaumont, Woodale Road, Clayton le Woods.

Upon perusing the Application, the conditions offered are deemed to be ambiguous, standardized and seemingly generic in relation to similar McDonald's Applications. This is unacceptable. The Application would undermine the Crime Prevention Objective and fail to uphold and promote the Licensing Objectives. Namely in relation to the prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.

As it stated in the original Planning Application there are 5 existing McDonald's within 10km of Woodale Road. All bar one are 24 hours. It is also noted that the Planning Application Decision dated 4th December 2024 stated;

“The restaurant takeaway drive – thru unit hereby permitted shall only operate between 06:00hours and 00:00hours each day”

The reason given being;

“In the interests of the amenity of the area and adjoining and nearby residential properties”



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2. History

The planning Application refers to Clifford Street McDonalds in Chorley which is 3.6 miles away from Woodale Road.

Lancashire Constabulary systems have recorded 43 calls to service at Clifford Street McDonald's in a 2-year window. That being 07/03/23 until 07/03/25.

The table below depicts the calls to service. It should be noted that the time frames are from 17:00hrs until midnight.

Type of Incident / Call to Service	Number
Assault	2
Nuisance	24
Robbery	1
Alarm	1
Public Order	1
Criminal Damage	2
Suspicious Circs	4
Police Generated	2
Road Related Offence	2
Message	2
Concern for Safety	1
Protest / Demo	1

It should be noted out of the 43 calls to service, on 14 occasions the Police attended as an "emergency / blue lights"



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3. Outcome Sought

The Police consider that the appropriate and proportionate outcome for this matter is for the Application to permit a late-night refreshment licence is rejected by the Licensing Sub Committee.

Should the Licence be granted, then the proposed conditions must be tailored to the type, location and characteristics of the premises.

Significant recognition needs to be given to the finding of McDonald's public consultation. Out of the 464 responses, 284 (61%) were against the proposals. *(source; Findings from Public Consultation. Dated 25th March 2024)*

4. Supporting Evidence

LC 01- Redacted police logs *(to be disclosed in due course)*