

Our Ref: PC Metcalfe – The C Bar

Licensing Officer
Cambridge City Council,
Mandela House,
4 Regent Street,
Cambridge
CB2 1BY

Date 18/06/2025

Dear Sirs,

*SUBJECT: Representation for premises licence The C Bar, 1A Devonshire Road,
Cambridge, CB1 2BH,*

Please find attached the Police representation in regard to the (new) premises licence application submitted by The C Bar, 1A Devonshire Road, Cambridge.

This representation is in regard to licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public nuisance, Public Safety under Licensing Act 2003.

Yours Sincerely,

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(ProQual Level 4 Certificate for Police Alcohol Licensing Officers)

Licensing Officer for Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Operational Planning and Licensing/Partnerships and Operational Support,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary,

Hinchingbrooke Park,

Huntingdon,

PE29 6NP.



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Police Representation - The C Bar, 1A Devonshire Road, Cambridge.

The applicant/Premises Licence Holder Mrs Yan WANG is requesting a new premises licence for The C Bar, a property at 1A Devonshire Road, Cambridge, CB1 2BH, under the Trading name of Golden Direction Property Ltd. It is described on the application form as a wine bar.

The licensable activity being requested is the on-sale supply of alcohol Monday – Saturday 11:00-22:30hrs.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have concerns regarding the following:

- The poor quality of the application doesn't give sufficient details to allow Responsible Authorities to make an informed decision.
- There is a question as to whether this premises falls within the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) as the plan drawing shows a door exiting out onto the corner of Mill Road/Devonshire Road. The business that used to occupy that part of the building was Elitian Ltd, with an address of 112 Mill Rd, CB1 2BD.

Therefore, Cambridgeshire Constabulary object to this application under the licensing objectives, namely:

- Prevention of crime and disorder,
- Public Safety,
- Prevention of public nuisance.

A summary of the main concerns with the application are as follows:

- The plan drawing submitted with the application doesn't delineate what areas of the building are to be licensed.
- There is a question as to what the premises will be used for as the description of the premises on the application is 'The Premises is a wine bar'. However, from the plan drawing, the proposed basement annotates a Spa room, sauna, steam room and massage room. The ground floor shows three rooms as restaurants, first floor/second floor and loft all show hotel rooms.
- If the premises or part of, is classed as being within the CIA, the applicant has not referred to the Cumulative Impact Policy, nor evidenced how the premises would not add to the 'cumulative impact' on the local area.
- A poorly produced application demonstrates a lack of awareness, responsibility & accountability on behalf of the applicant.

During the consultation period Cambridgeshire Constabulary licensing department liaised with Alex Beebe (Licensing Officer Cambridge City Council) and discussed the concerns relating to the application. On 6th June 2025 Alex Beebe emailed the applicant with questions concerning the application requesting a response. To date no reply has been received.

Due to the applicant not providing comprehensive evidence on the application, nor replying to the request for further information, an informed decision cannot be made. Therefore, Cambridgeshire Constabulary request this application should be refused. If the applicant wishes to resubmit, it needs to be much more detailed, acknowledging the proximity of the premises to the Mill Road CIA, and evidencing the mitigating measures by way of conditions thus ensuring the premises does not add to the cumulative impact on the local area.



Licensing Act 2003

Delegation of responsibilities by the Chief Officer of Police

In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 I hereby delegate authority to Cambridgeshire Constabulary Licensing Officers to develop policies and procedures and to exercise all powers vested in the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Such delegation to include the power to delegate specific tasks to licensing Constables and support staff.

This delegation shall remain in force unless otherwise notified.

Signed

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Chief Constable.

Nick Dean
Chief Constable
Cambridgeshire Constabulary
1 October 2018