

SUPPORTING STATEMENT- 03/06/25

Subject- Grant of Premises License for Caprinos Pizza Newcastle-under-Lyme, 131 Liverpool Road, ST5 9HD

Further to the response received from Environmental Health (dated 2nd June 2025) in relation to our premises license we would like to provide some further evidence to support our request for the extension of operational hours as submitted.

We note that the EH team refer to the hot food takeaway SPG (1996) however this is the same document that would have been taken into account when determining other nearby late night refreshment licenses that have been granted for later hours and also our own current license which we hold.

The EH team have not commented any further on the below examples (noted in Appendix) which we have provided in relation to their distances to the nearby residential premises and we feel that our business is being singled out a little as a result of this. We understand that the noise element seems to be the main 'public nuisance' however to date we have not had any noise related complaints during operational hours and also any request for a formal acoustic impact assessment to be carried out. It is therefore our assumption with the lack of further evidence provided by EH that none of the other approved late night licenses of similar hours that we propose did in fact provide such acoustic reports at the time.

The EH team have also not provided any further actual noise related data/readings from the area to confirm the Caprinos Pizza would in fact be making a detrimental impact on the local residents as a result of the extended hours being proposed.



In order to promote the licensing objectives we are happy to install noise monitoring equipment and keep a log of the noise levels after standard business hours so these can determine whether the premises does generate a lot of noise and cause nuisance. Details provided in the appendix of the Minut system which many businesses use to assist with live noise monitoring. We feel this is a reasonable approach as are unable to provide a full noise impact assessment considering the response from EH requesting this was received on 03/06/25.

As a summary we have also provided some further clarification to the points EH have raised in their recent response.

1. Noise from Delivery Vehicles and Drivers

Our delivery operation is modest, involving a maximum of 2 drivers at night, occasionally rising maximum up to 3 in brief peak periods.

Drivers use small, fuel-efficient vehicles, including a hybrid electric vehicle, which produces near-silent engine noise.

All drivers receive formal training to reduce noise disruption. They are instructed:

Never to use horns

Not to play music or radios while arriving or waiting

To be respectful and quiet in and around the premises

Drivers enter and exit exclusively via the A34 and are prohibited from using Wilton Street after 12:00 AM (midnight). We are happy for this to be a formal condition of the licence.

2. Customer Collections After 1:00 AM

We are fully willing to accept a licence condition preventing customer collection after 1:00 AM.

After this time, Caprinos will operate as a delivery-only service, eliminating late-night footfall and reducing external noise.



3. Ventilation Fan and Kitchen Noise

The kitchen operates a single-motor ventilation system and does not use any fryers or high-noise appliances.

The main oven in use is an XLT conveyor oven, widely recognised for its low-noise operation.

The only other machinery is a quiet make line, and only one staff member works during late hours, significantly reducing activity.

If required, we are willing to install a silencer on the fan, and/or introduce noise monitoring equipment to demonstrate compliance with acceptable levels.

Importantly, when the current licence was granted to the previous owner for 131 Liverpool Road, no concerns were raised about the fan or noise emissions, either by the council or through public representation. We would respectfully ask why these concerns are now being raised when there have been no material changes to the premises or equipment.

4. Noise Through Party Wall

Late-night operations are minimal, with no loud equipment, no heavy foot traffic, and only one staff member present.

Nevertheless, we are willing to commission an acoustic assessment of the party wall and implement any reasonable soundproofing or mitigation measures recommended but to our understanding the walls would have been acoustically lined during the refurbishment process as no complaints have been raised to date in relation to noise transfer between properties.

5. Use of Wilton Street

There is adequate parking at the front of the premises, and drivers have no need to use Wilton Street. To further address concerns, we agree to a condition that no access or parking shall take place on Wilton Street after midnight by staff or delivery drivers.

6. Surrounding Properties and Consultation

The neighbouring property at 133 Liverpool Road is a takeaway, with no known residential use above (see appendix with valuation rating list as internal store to 1st floor).

The adjoining property to the other side is a business name Evolving care which provide care home services, also non-residential. and they close 6pm

During the 28-day public consultation, no objections were received from neighbouring residents, which we believe reflects responsible and considerate operations to date.



7. Comparable Licensed Premises – Burslem Branch

We currently operate a Caprinos branch in Burslem under Stoke-on-Trent Council, licensed to operate until 4:00 AM.

This premises is under the same ownership as the 131 Liverpool Road branch.

That site is also adjacent to residential properties and uses the same equipment and operational model.

Since the licence was granted in August 2022, there have been no complaints or enforcement issues, which we believe demonstrates our commitment to good practice and effective mitigation.

8. Willingness to Accept Conditions

To support our application and show good faith, we are willing to accept the following conditions:

No customer collection permitted after 1:00 AM

Maximum upto 3 delivery drivers

Drivers to use only the A34 for arrival/departure

No use of Wilton Street after midnight

No horns, radio/music, or engine idling outside

Silencer to be installed on the ventilation fan if required

Noise monitoring system, if appropriate

Acoustic assessment of party wall with mitigation if necessary

Kind Regards

Caprinos Pizza Newcastle



APPENDIX

Best Kebab House 41 George Street, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1JU

Sun-thurs, 2.30am

Fri-Sat- 3.00am

Nearest distance to residential dwelling- 32m



Chickoz, 83 Knutton Lane, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 6ET

7days, 2.30am

Nearest distance to residential dwelling - 36m





Mcdonalds Restaurant, Dimsdale Parade West, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 8HS

Nearest distance to residential dwelling 21m - Until 5am 7days week (24hrs)



8 Berkeley Court, Borough Road, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1TT

Mon-Thur; 3am

Fri-Sat- 3.30am

Sun- 2am

Nearest distance to residential dwelling 31m





Tigerbite Kidsgrove 4 Market Street Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4AB

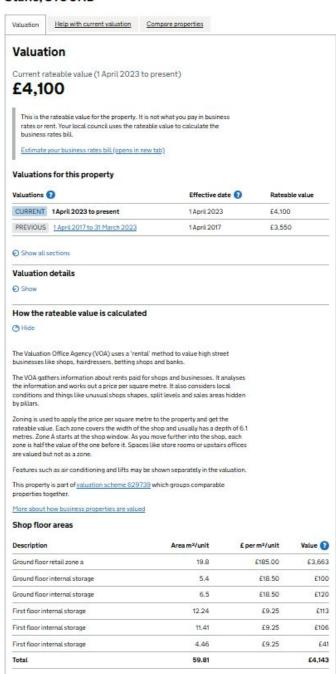
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(Similar Franchise Pizza chain like our business model)

Dominoes, Unit 3, Barracks Road, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1AW

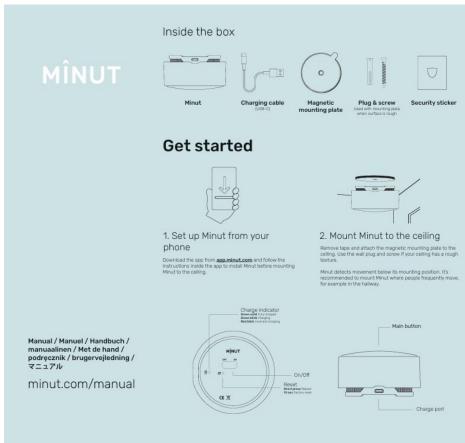
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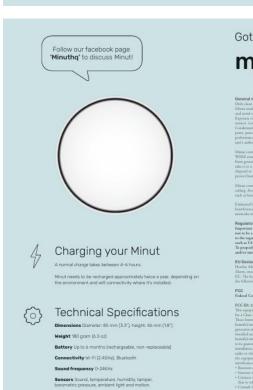
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