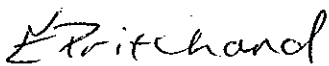


Blackpool Council Licensing Service

**Representation made by a Responsible Authority
to an application for the grant / variation of a Premises Licence /
Club Premises Certificate**

Responsible Authority

Name of Responsible Authority	LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY		
Name of Officer (please print)	PC 4107 Emma Pritchard		
Signature of Officer			
Contact telephone number	01253 604007		
Date representation made	02	11	15
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

Premises Details

Premises Name	Moo Bistro
Address	31-33 Queen Street
	Blackpool
	Lancashire
Post Code	FY1 1NL

Reasons for making representations

I am in receipt of an application for a Major Variation to the Premises Licence for the above address.

The variation includes increasing the hours for recorded music and the supply of alcohol from 1am to 2am and the requested removal the following conditions are concerning:

3 Food will be supplied until 12.00 by way of breakfast, followed by a lunch menu, an afternoon menu and then an evening dinner menu. From 23.00 to close a substantial bistro menu will continue.

Food will be supplied throughout all hours of opening, including when there is music entertainment at the venue.

Food will be served at tables either of a standard dining style or high level tables with stools.

6 The primary purpose of the premises will be that of a restaurant / bistro/ cafe serving food, with additional use for pre-arranged events, functions and other entertainment. The sale of alcohol will be ancillary to these uses.

7 The provision of food, including full meals and snacks will form a substantial element of the operation of the premises with sufficient furniture and seating provided and set out in such a way that it does not become a high volume, vertical drinking establishment.

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make formal objections on the following grounds:

Prior to 5th June 2013 this premises was operated as a bar/ high volume vertical drinking establishment and the Police Licensing Department had significant concerns regarding the disproportionate levels of crime and disorder at the premises to the extent that a review of the licence was submitted. Following a hearing the committee revoked the licence.

In consultation with the Police Licensing Department a new licence application for the above premises came into effect on 27th May 2014 with conditions for the premises to be a restaurant/ bistro with provision for live entertainment.

By comparing crimes and incidents reported to the Police during the 17 month period 27/01/2012 – 05/06/2013 (when the premises was operating as a bar) compared to 27/05/2014 – 05/10/2015 (when the premises was operating as a Bistro) it is evident that there has been a 98% decrease in crime and 95% decrease in incidents.

Lancashire Constabulary has significant concerns that crime and disorder will increase if this premises is allowed to remove the requested conditions and increase the licensable hours. This will add to the cumulative impact already being experienced within the Town Centre Saturation Area and would lead to alcohol fuelled crime and disorder and contribute to the stress and further burden on the emergency services.

It is recommended that the licence should only be granted if the application is amended, or if conditions are applied, as detailed below.

N/A



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

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Licensing – Moo Bistro Queen Street

Incidents & Crimes between 27th January 2012 & 5th October 2015

Originator Rachel Freeman West Division Intelligence Analyst

Date 12th October 2015

Dissemination PC 4107 Emma Pritchard West Licensing Dept & Partners

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AIM

To provide a comprehensive overview of incidents and offences committed in and around the Moo Bistro 31 – 33 Queen Street, Blackpool. Questions which need to be answered by this report should cover the following topics:

- Level of incidents and crimes.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Licensing department of the level and nature of issues which occur near or in the Moo Bistro.

SCOPE

This report will be using data captured by the Police between two time periods:

27/01/2012 – 05/06/2013 compared to 27/05/2014 – 05/10/2015 when the venue changed its license conditions.

Crime2 – Police crime recording system

M.A.D.E. – Multi Agency Data Exchange

Command & Control – Police Incident recording system

Particularly of interest are the following incident / crime types:

Anti-social behaviour

Public Order

Assaults

Sexual Offences

Drugs

Thefts

Criminal damage

Collapse / Illness / Injury

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RECOMMENDATIONS

RISK – To change the use of the venue, changing from Bistro back to a bar could potentially have a negative impact on clients and venues in the Claremont Ward area. Services could potentially see an increase in demand, based on previous crime and incidents captured at the venue.

THREAT – Violent crimes and anti-social incidents could rise by 95%. The Claremont Ward has enjoyed a decrease in crimes, domestic violence, -33%, violence per say -4.3%, damages -2.4%. The fire service have also had a reduction of -3.6%. Changing the use of the venue back into a bar would put extra pressure on these services. The ambulance service has recorded an increase and they would be further stretched.

RECOMMENDATIONS – The Licensing Department in conjunction with Blackpool Council should review saturation levels. There are approximately 16 licensed premises already on Queen Street, is there demand/capacity for another bar?

ANALYSES

LEVELS OF CRIME & DISORDER ON QUEEN STREET, BLACKPOOL

Claremont Ward is the area of the Town Centre which accommodates Queen Street. There are approximately 222 premises licensed to sell alcohol, 55 which are pubs/restaurant or night clubs, 16 on Queen Street itself.

When examining the incidents it is unclear where exactly they have taken place. Sometimes Police communications staff will use a well-known landmark as the location to direct officers to the area, if it isn't initially clear where it has taken place, i.e. an assault on the pavement may be mapped to an exact address, most commonly used is Walkabouts address at 1 Queens Street.

Incidents that may have occurred in the Moo Bar / Bistro could be mapped to the bar itself or could be mapped to another point on the street such as Walkabout. Only from examining the full incident log would it become apparent the exact location.

Crimes however are different; they are mapped to the exact location of where the offence took place.

	Location	Bar 2012/13	Bistro 2014/15	% Change
Crimes	Queen Street	709	607	-14%
	31 - 33 Queen Street	43	1	-98%
Incidents	Queen Street	2151	1799	-16%
	31 - 33 Queen Street	109	5	-95%

From changing the use of the premises from a bar into a bistro has had a significant effect on crime, nuisance and disorder on the street and in the Ward. Crime down -98% (n=42) and incidents down -95% (n=104).

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Claremont Ward information is in the table below. Although not the same period, further reductions have been recorded in the Ward, of -6.7% for all crime.

	Actual Crimes/Incidents				Rate per thousand population, except for Domestic Burglary which is rate per thousand households				
	Sep 2013 to Aug 2014	Sep 2014 to Aug 2015	Year on Year Diff	Percent Change	Sep 2013 to Aug 2014	Sep 2014 to Aug 2015	Blackpool District Average (September 2014 to August 2015)	Lancashire County Average (September 2014 to August 2015)	
Emergency Service Calls	Calls to the Police	10242	10538	296	2.9%	1369.6	1409.2	555.8	355.7
	Calls to the Ambulance Services	3290	3299	9	0.3%	440	441.2	222.6	146.7
	Calls to the Fire & Rescue Services	170	165	-5	-2.9%	22.7	22.1	12.2	9.5
Crime	Total Recorded Crime	2134	1992	-142	-6.7%	285.4	266.4	100.4	63.3
	Violence Against The Person	738	706	-32	-4.3%	98.7	94.4	29.7	16.5
Personal Safety	Calls to the Police about Domestic Violence	615	410	-205	-33.3%	82.2	54.8	24.5	12
	Calls to the Ambulance Service where violence involved	94	127	33	35.1%	12.6	17	3.6	1.6
	All Drug Offences	107	96	-11	-10.3%	14.3	12.8	3.1	1.9
	Numbers Killed or Serious Injured on the Roads	5	1	-4	-80%	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3
	Serious Acquisitive Crime	164	188	24	14.6%	21.9	25.1	10.5	8.6
Property and Place	Robbery	27	17	-10	-37%	3.6	2.3	0.6	0.3
	All Burglary	212	161	-51	-24.1%	59	44.8	22.6	19.2
	Domestic Burglaries	73	92	19	26%	20.3	25.6	10.1	7.9
	All Vehicle Crime	67	87	20	29.9%	9	11.6	6.3	6
	Theft of a Vehicle	24	27	3	12.5%	3.2	3.6	1.6	1.3
	Theft from a Vehicle	40	52	12	30%	5.3	7	3.8	3.6
	All Criminal Damage (including Arson)	289	282	-7	-2.4%	38.6	37.7	16.5	10.8
	Deliberate Fires	28	27	-1	-3.6%	3.7	3.6	1.6	1.6
	Deliberate Vehicle Fires	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0
	Calls to the Police about Anti-Social Behaviour	1699	1916	217	12.8%	227.2	256.2	91.2	53.6

n/a = Not Available, n/c = Not Calculated