


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 <i>(please print)</i>	PC 3842 Lisa Evans		
Signature of Officer			
Contact telephone number	01253 604000		
Date representation made	15	12	15
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Premises Details			
Premises Name	Abingdon News		
Address	Unit 13, Abingdon Street Market		
	Abingdon Street		
	Blackpool		
Post Code	FY1 1DE		
Reasons for making representations			
<p>I am in receipt of an application for a New Premises Licence for the above address.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make formal objections on the following grounds:</p> <p>The Police base this objection on the existing Premises Licence being within the Off Licence Saturation Policy Area. The purpose of this Policy is to limit the number of Off Licensed Premises within a given geographic area, in order to reduce crime and disorder and promote the licensing objectives. The Policy sets out the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number, type and density of the premises selling alcohol in a particular area can lead to serious problems of nuisance and disorder. In these circumstances the impact of the premises taken as a whole can be far greater than that arising from individual</li> </ul>			

premises. In most cases it would be impossible to identify an individual premise as being the sole cause or major contributing factor.

- The potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objections by a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area is called cumulative impact. The cumulative impact of all the premises in an area upon the promotion of the licensing objectives is a proper matter for the Licensing Committee to consider.
- This application is within the saturation zone. The location of the proposed premises is in the centre of town, servicing both the day time and night time economy. These premises will only add to the availability of alcohol and increase crime and disorder.

The proposed new premises falls within the Talbot Ward of Blackpool, which is surrounded by Bars, HMO, Hotels, Holiday Flats, and numerous business premises most of these with an alcohol licence.

The Talbot Ward already consists of 25 premises that are Off Licences this is not including the other premises with an alcohol licence.

Talbot Ward already has high levels of Anti Social Behaviour, Violent Crime and Street Drinkers, alcohol is well documented to be a contributing factor to these sorts of issues. Another premises making alcohol easily accessible will only add to the Crime and Disorder.

I also have concerns that the Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor has not been a DPS within the Blackpool Area and therefore has no experience of the area and its surroundings. The applicants address shows as being in Barking and therefore would not be able to commute daily to the premises. I have not been able to find out any previous information in relation to the proposed DPs and therefore cannot comment if he has any previous knowledge of the day to day running of a Licensed premise or if this will be his first role as a DPS and he may not be suitable to take on a high risk premises due to his inexperience.

I have also been made aware that the Premises will still be under the control of the previous licence holders/Dps who were in control of the day to day running of the business when the licence was revoked.

The applicant has also provided a limited amount of conditions covering the four Licensing Objectives and has not stipulated what proportion of the premises will be for the retail of alcohol.

A hearing would allow the Licensing Committee to examine the prospective operators' intentions and rebut the presumption that the operation of the premises will not add to the cumulative impact and therefore crime and disorder.

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