

Blackpool Council Licensing Service**Representation made by a Responsible Authority****Responsible Authority**

Name of Responsible Authority

Licensing AuthorityName of Officer *(please print)*

Mark Marshall

Signature of Officer

Contact telephone number

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Date representation made

16**12****2015**

Do you consider mediation to be appropriate

YES**NO****Premises Details**

Premises Name

Abingdon Street Market unit 13

Address

Abingdon Street

Blackpool

Lancashire

Post Code

Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)

I submit this representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the premises sits within Talbot Ward which is subject to a special policy where the presumption is to refuse the application.

Blackpool has 4 wards subject to the same test but Talbot ward has the greatest number of Off Licence outlets with 25. The next highest being Bloomfield with 23..

The application is limited in content and does not deal with many of the issues that prevail in the area such as;

Alcohol dependency

Street Drinkers

High Strength Alcohol

Underage sales and consumption

Proxy Sales

The level of crime in the area which has an alcohol related element is significant and there is a clear correlation between the excessive availability of alcohol and crime in the area as such the Committee should be minded to refusing this application which would be supportive of their own Statement of Licensing Policy

The application seeks to purport that the client base is elderly and causes no problems, documented problems of Street Drinkers in the area who enter the market can be evidenced and the previous licence holder was subject to a review for problems in connection with the issue of street drinkers.

I have concerns that this applicant may not be truly independent of the former licence holder as Mr Ghandi is tied to a lease for the stall till May 2017, the matter of transferring the lease and or terminating the agreement has been raised with the Market management but it would require a lump sum payment of £2100. To be paid to the Market before 19th December 2015. To date (16th December 2015) this payment has not been made.

There is also no guarantee that the Market will accept the applicant as a tenant as insufficient ID and credentials have been produced which mean that Mr Ghandi would remain to be the lease holder, for this reason he would have an unhealthy influence as to how the business operated if the licence was granted to the new applicant.

True independence and severance from the former Licence Holder has not been demonstrated and with the former Licence holder being in the background I would have concerns that all the Licensing Objectives would be undermined.

For New / Variation Applications only.

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