

Blackpool Council Licensing Service
Objection made by Lancashire Constabulary
to a Temporary Event Notice

Responsible Authority **Lancashire Constabulary**

Name of Officer *(please print)* PC 4107 Emma Pritchard

Signature of Officer *EM Pritchard*

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Date representation made 08 01 16

Do you consider mediation to be appropriate YES

Premises Details

Premises Name **Walkabout**

Address 1-8 Queen Street
Blackpool

Post Code FY1 1NL

Reasons for objecting

I am in receipt of a Temporary Event Notice at the above premises for the sale of alcohol, the provision of entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment, from 2am to 6am on a Monday morning, 4th April 2016. This is to cover the showing of live TV coverage of a sporting event, Wrestlemania.

Wrestling matches increase the risk of crime and disorder due to the high-adrenaline nature of the sport, hence the actual activity on the premises (as opposed to TV coverage) being licensable in itself. This, coupled with the supply of alcohol, and the very late hour at which the coverage is to be shown, causes great concern for the Constabulary.

Not only will viewers be exposed to a high adrenaline atmosphere, they will also be more likely to have already had alcoholic drinks leading up to the fight, and the provision of alcohol continuing until 6am will exacerbate drunkenness and noise nuisance complaints, with a risk of crime and disorder due to all of the above combined.

The Temporary Event Notice makes no mention of any measures by which there will be an attempt to minimise noise nuisance, control numbers, or prevent excessive drunkenness. There is no provision of door staff in the application.

Therefore Lancashire Constabulary wishes to object to the Temporary Event Notice as it stands, however if the below conditions were added to this temporary event notice the Police believe that the licensing objectives will be upheld and the Police would no longer object.

The Police recommend to the Panel that a Counter Notice be served by the Licensing Authority unless the following restrictions or requirements can be imposed by condition.

1. The Licence holder is to support and rigorously enforce the Challenge 25 proof of age policy.

Any person who looks or appears to be under the age of 25 shall be asked to provide identification that they are over the age of 18. The following are the only forms of identification acceptable:

- i. UK photo driving licence
- ii. Passport
- iii. Proof of Age Standards Scheme Card

2. Noise from any regulated entertainment, mechanical ventilation and refrigeration plant should be inaudible at premises within close proximity.

3. All doors and windows should be closed during hours of any regulated entertainment, except in the case of an emergency.

4. All staff to have received suitable training in relation to the proof of age scheme to be applied upon the premises. Records to evidence this will be made available to an authorised officer upon request.

5. An adequate number of licensed door supervisors will be on duty as appropriate to any risk assessment and in accordance with the guidance under the 'Nightsafe' scheme.

6. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure staff prevent the removal of bottles or glasses from the curtilage and grounds of the licensed premises.

7. All door staff employed at the entrance / exit of the licensed premises will wear a reflective jacket/tabard of a design approved by the Lancashire Constabulary.

8. The premises are to be equipped with a closed circuit television system, which is appropriate to its purpose and provided and maintained to the satisfaction of the enforcement authorities.

9. The Police Licensing Unit shall be notified on any occasion when the CCTV or radio system is to be inoperative for a period in excess of one working day and shall provide a certificate from a competent person stating the reason for the system being inoperative and the measures which have been taken to satisfy the licence conditions. This does not include occasions where single cameras are not working and are in the process of being replaced but relates to the entire system being significantly defective/out of use.

10. The Radiolink equipment will be 'live' and will be monitored by the Head Doorman or another responsible person while the licensed premises are open for business.

11. At least one personal licence holder will be available on the licensed premises while the supply or sale of alcohol is being undertaken (whose identity will be known to all other staff engaged in the supply or sale of alcohol) except in the case of emergency.

12. The premises shall be operated in participation with the 'Pubwatch' and 'Radiolink' schemes.

13. Adequate first aid provision is available at all times to include having at least one trained first-aider on the premises at all times the premises are being operated.

14. Risk assessments carried out by or on behalf of the licence holder which relate to a licensing objective will be available for inspection by an officer or a Responsible Authority.

15. The premises shall maintain a drinks pricing policy which complies with any Local Authority resolution made in accordance with approval from the Licensees Forum or any successor liaison body

recognised by the Licensing Authority.

16. Where there is reasonable suspicion that drugs are being carried, the licensee shall ensure that the outer clothing, pockets and bags of those entering the venue are searched by a trained staff member of the same sex.

17. Clearly visible notices, in a form prescribed by the Council, shall be displayed advising those attending that 1. It is a condition of entry that customers agree to be searched and 2. Police will be informed if anyone is found in possession of controlled substances or weapons.

18. Security arrangements are sufficient to discourage the sale and consumption of drugs and shall ensure such arrangements include regular checks of toilet areas.

19. Any customers known to have been previously convicted of committing criminal offences relating to drugs shall be excluded from the premises.

20. Records of incidents involving the use and/or detection of drugs shall be maintained and those records shall be available for inspection.

21. Confiscated and found drugs shall be stored, disposed, transferred in accordance with procedures agreed with the Lancashire Constabulary.

22. During the final hour of daily trading appropriate announcements are made or images are projected to remind patrons of the need to leave the premises without causing annoyance, nuisance or disturbance to local residents and to advise patrons of any taxi free-phone or collection arrangements available upon the premises.

23. Frequent collection of glasses and bottles will be undertaken to ensure that empty containers do not accumulate in or around the licensed premises.

24. No customers will be admitted to the premises after 03.00 hours. For the avoidance of doubt, this condition shall not apply to those customers who were on the premises prior to 03.00 hours, and who exited the premises for the purpose of smoking.

25. With the exception of bottled beers, wine bottles or jam jars, all alcoholic drinks will be served in polycarbonate or other appropriate non-glass vessels after 22:00.

26. If the outside terrace is used as a smoking area there will be a minimum of one SIA registered security staff in this area at all times until the premises is closed. This area is subject to a risk assessment with consideration of further door supervisors.

27. No drinks should be taken onto the outside terrace.

28. An electronic/computerised ID monitoring system should be used at each point of entry.