


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

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| Name of Responsible Authority | LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY | | |
| Name of Officer (please print) | PC 3842 Lisa Evans | | |
| Signature of Officer |  | | |
| Contact telephone number | 01253 604005 | | |
| Date representation made | 02 | 06 | 14 |
| Do you consider mediation to be appropriate | | | NO |

Premises Details

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| Premises Name | Pizzaland |
| Address | 288 Devonshire Road |
| | Blackpool |
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| Post Code | FY2 OTN |

Reasons for making representations

I am in receipt of an application for a New Premises Licence for the above address.

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

The Police base this objection on the current Premises Licence holder serving Hot food during Licensable hours without a relevant License.

In April I was contacted by a member of the public who informed me that Pizzaland, Devonshire Road was serving late night refreshments without a licence. So I contacted the Local Community Beat Manager I asked him if he would pay a visit to the premises after

11pm on any evening.

On Saturday 19th April PC 533 West attended Pizzaland at 00:15 and found the premises to still be open and serving hot food. He informed the staff at the time that they did not have a licence to do so and that they could not serve without one; they were informed at that point not to serve any hot food after 11pm without first obtaining a Licence. PC West informed myself of this breach and provided a statement.

On Saturday 3rd May at 00:05 I attended Pizzaland and the door to the premises was unlocked and the cooking equipment was still on with food being cooked on it. A male came from the back of the premises who identified himself to me as Morteza DEGHAN and stated he was the owner. I asked DEGHAN what time he was allowed to serve until and he confirmed to me 11p.m. I then asked why he was still open and cooking food he stated it was not to customers inside the shop but delivering. I explained that he still needed a licence to deliver hot food. I later submitted a prosecution file for the offence of knowingly allowing or carrying on an unauthorised Licensable activity contrary to section 136 of the Licensing Act.

The following week we received an application for a new premises Licence at Pizzaland.

On Friday 16th May at 00:30 I parked up outside Pizzaland and could see lights at the back of the property so I phoned the premises and a male answered and I asked if he was still delivering food to which he replied "HAVE WE DELIVERED TO YOU BEFORE AND ASKED FOR MY POSTCODE. I THEN ASKED HOW MUCH THE DELIVERY CHARGE WAS AND HE STATED £8", at this point I said no thanks and hung up. I continued to watch the shop and saw a male walk to the back of the shop carrying a large black container that they use to carry hot food inside.

At 01:00am I saw Mr DEGHAN come out of the shop carrying a till and I asked him why

he was still open which he stated he was not. I then took a walk round the premises and in the back room is a large pizza oven which was still very warm and I asked why this was and he said it takes along time to cool down which I did not believe. I also questioned him about the male delivery man I saw entering the premises and why that was to which he could not answer.

The following week I have received another phone call from a member of the public wanting to tell me that Pizzaland on Devonshire Road was serving take away orders after 11pm and was doing this every evening.

It is my belief that after numerous warnings the premises is still serving hot food during Licensable hours.

I have strong concerns that the Licence Holder would not uphold the Licensing Objectives as he cannot uphold the law when there is no licence in place and I do not feel that he is a responsible person to prevent crime and disorder, therefore the Police have no choice but to object to this new licence application.

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

- None, as the proposed licence holder cannot abide by the law and therefore the Police have no faith that he would adhere to any licence conditions that were applied.