

<b>Blackpool Council Licensing Service</b>				
<b>Representation made by a Responsible Authority</b>				
<b>Responsible Authority</b>				
Name of Responsible Authority	<b>Licensing Authority</b>			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	Mark Marshall			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	<b>01253-478493</b>			
Date representation made	<b>10</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
<b>Premises Details</b>				
Premises Name	<b>Tipples</b>			
Address	87 Central Drive			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 5EE			
<b>Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)</b>				

The premises are located within Talbot Ward close with the border of Bloomfield, both of which are subject to a cumulative impact policy in relation to Off Licenced sales of alcohol. Paragraph 4.5 of the statement of Licensing Policy sets out Blackpool Councils position on Off Licence Applications within the saturated wards.

Central Drive is commonly known as a problematic area with high levels of deprivation, anti-social behaviour and large numbers of Off Licences and takeaways.

For many years Street Drinking problems have been reported and are well known to occur at what was the “ old bank “ directly next to buy low bargains convenience store. This location is notoriously problematic and is opposite a major junction, Chapel Street and Central Drive meaning that it does cause unrest amount the community and visitors.



The picture above shows the junction, the “old bank” is directly opposite the junction with a black door and street drinkers regularly congregate on the steps.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 10.30 hrs where I spoke with the applicant Ebrima Jagne, I explained the purpose of my visit and asked him to clarify where his displays of alcohol would be. He pointed out that half the chiller cabinet would be used and half the shelving next to the chiller plus spirits would be behind the counter



As can be seen from the photographs this shelving and chiller dominate the wall on the right hand side of the shop meaning that the overall display area for alcohol would be about 50% a statement that was put to the applicant at the time of the visit on which he agreed. This does not include any stock he would be putting behind the counter.

Having relooked at the application the area indicated for alcohol display is much larger than the one he pointed out to me and there is no reference to the spirits being sold from behind the counter, which is standard practice but one would have expected this to be on the application.

A cursory examination of the shop revealed some fire safety concerns in that the fire separation between his shop and the accommodation above had been compromised in that

there were holes in the ceiling and this was detected from just a visual inspection without being able to lift any of the ceiling tiles.



Picture above show gaps and holes to the fire separation between floors, which can only be maintained by adequate fire boarding that has been properly filled or plaster board with a layer of skim plaster finish.

I asked the applicant if the accommodation above was occupied and he confirmed that it was a residential flat, I then asked if he had a fire alarm which was linked to the accommodation and he confirmed that he had no fire alarm fitted at all. The matter has been referred to Lancashire fire and Rescue Services on my return from this visit.

The shop has already been signed up as an Off Licence which is presumptuous given that the burden to show that the operation will not add to the existing problems in the area rests with the applicant. With the standard of the application and the challenges in the area I feel he has come nowhere near to discharging this burden and my submission would be that the operation is not exceptional and should be refused.



**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.