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| <b><i>LalPac Application No.</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>Licence Number</i></b>         |  |

# Blackpool Council

## Representation in respect of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate

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| <b><i>Applicant Name:</i></b> | Graham Cain, Bloomfield Ward Councillor |
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## Section 1 – Premises or Club details

|                                       |                       |                  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Name &amp; Address of Premises</b> | Loco Connections Club |                  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |
|                                       | Back Ribble Road      |                  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |
|                                       | Blackpool             | <b>Post Code</b> | F | Y | 1 |  | 4 | A | B |  |

Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)

## Section 2 – Your Details

### A. Details of individual interested party

|                         |  |                  |  |  |                      |                                  |             |  |            |           |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|--|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|------------|-----------|
| <b>Title:</b>           |  |                  |  |  |                      | <b>Surname</b>                   |             |  |            |           |
| <b>Forenames</b>        |  |                  |  |  |                      | <b>I am 18 years old or over</b> | Please tick |  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>Home address</b>     |  |                  |  |  |                      |                                  |             |  |            |           |
|                         |  |                  |  |  |                      |                                  |             |  |            |           |
|                         |  | <b>Post Code</b> |  |  |                      |                                  |             |  |            |           |
| <b>Telephone Number</b> |  |                  |  |  | <b>Mobile Number</b> |                                  |             |  |            |           |
| <b>E-Mail Address</b>   |  |                  |  |  |                      |                                  |             |  |            |           |

### B. Details of other interested parties, such as a body representing residents or businesses

|  |                             |                  |   |   |  |      |   |   |   |  |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---|---|--|------|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Name of the Body</b>  | ELECTED WARD COUNILLOR      |                  |   |   |  |      |   |   |   |  |
| <b>First Names</b><br><small>(of person representing the body)</small> | GRAHAM                      |                  |   |   | <b>Surname</b><br><small>(of person representing the body)</small> | CAIN |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Home address</b>  | 44 Saville Road , Blackpool |                  |   |   |  |      |   |   |   |  |
|  |                             |                  |   |   |  |      |   |   |   |  |
|  |                             | <b>Post Code</b> | F | Y | 1  |      | 6 | J | R |  |
| <b>Telephone Number</b>  |                             |                  |   |   | <b>Mobile Number</b>   |      |   |   |   |  |
| <b>E-Mail Address</b>  |                             |                  |   |   |  |      |   |   |   |  |

**Section 3 – Details of the licensing objectives that will be undermined by the application.**

This representation relates to the following licensing objective/s

(Tick as appropriate)

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

**Section 4 – Information and details of the representation**

|  |            |                 |
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| <b>Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?</b>   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b><br>x  |
| <hr/>  |            |                 |
| <b>Date that the previous representation was made:</b>   |            |                 |
| <b>I understand that the Licensing Authority is obliged to give notice of a hearing to all parties to the hearing and this must include a copy of this representation.</b> |            | <b>Yes</b><br>x |

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

I am Graham Cain and I hold the position of Ward Councillor for the area that this premises is situated, I have held this position since May 2011 as such I have an excellent knowledge of the issues facing the community and have good links to individuals and community group.

The community tensions regarding this application have been present for at least 6 months, with speculation of who would be behind the organisation and the type of operation it would become. These tensions have become more pronounced since the submission of this application and whilst the activity that is going to form the main part of this operation is not a licensable activity the issues never the less cause huge concerns for myself and the residents.

My representation will confine itself to the Licensing Objectives with only passing reference to the sexual activity which will form a major part of what the club does.

Before making this representation I have studied the Section 182 Guidance and will be linking my points to the guidance wherever I can.

Having read the application it is clear that the applicant has not considered the pre-existing issues in the locality. Paragraph 8.33 of the guidance sets out the following expectations;

*In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.*

*8.34 Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:*

*the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;*

*any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and*

*any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.*

*8.35 Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact policy), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.*

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**


My own assessment of the area is that it has suffered for many years with a street prostitution problem, the Church on the corner of Livingston Road and Palatine Road has been a hot spot for at least the last 2 years with residents calling the police regularly. Associated issues such as drug dealing and the general perception of criminality are also very prevalent.

High profile policing operations, community meetings and even Members of Parliament interest have taken place as recently as 6 months ago to deal with the street prostitution issue. Other local initiatives include;

Signage, extra lighting, high visibility police patrols and the installation of alley gates on Livingston Road and Ribble Road which will form the entry and exit to the premises.

## Section 5 Signatures

Signature of the person making the representation or their solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on the behalf of a person or body representing a person living or carrying on business in the vicinity of the premises, please state in what capacity.

| Signature:  | Capacity:       | Date:                            |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Ward Councillor | 9 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2016 |

### **Graham Cain Reps Continued**

The operating schedule has only made reference to controls inside the premises without considering the huge issues already taking place on the doorstep. It is both mine and the communities' belief that no steps or measures have even been considered to the likelihood of the following;

- 1.The new club would draw the prostitution back to the Livingston Road
- 2.The club may create a demand for prostitution as the customers are in search of sexual activity.

### **Prevention Of Public Nuisance**

Because the applicant as failed to take account of the geographical area I also think the public nuisance objection will be undermined, the operator schedule is light on any meaningful detail and only offers signage and no intrusive external lighting.

My own assessment of the likely impact is that the customers for this club will be travelling from all over the Northwest region as Swingers Clubs create their customer base from established social network sites such as FAB SWINGERS. As such the catchment area for customers is likely to be at least regional and if successful could extend to a National level .With all these issues in mind no consideration has been given to the following;

1. Customers arriving at an unknown location by car to a premises that has no parking facilities
2. The immediate area is residents parking and the impact that could cause is a significant nuisance point.
3. The location is hard to find so the likelihood that customers could knock on residential property is also a significant concern
4. The arrival and dispersal arrangements have not even been mentioned and I feel revellers leaving the premises intoxicated could cause a huge disturbance in the early hours of the morning.
5. The properties in the area are either residential or hotels so this type of premises will be the sole operator late at night and the noise from customers coming and going especially if they have parked some distance away could have a wide spread impact.

### **Protection of Children From Harm**

There has been no mention about the outside smoking area which will inevitably have to be created, the protection of children from harm is much wider than just preventing entry into these premises it also includes protecting them from moral physiological harm and it is this that I am concerned about. The rumour and speculation about what goes on in this premises will no doubt become a talking point in every house hold in the area with parents finding themselves in an

awkward and embarrassing position. A more likely scenario is that lewd and offensive conversations could be overheard when customers are coming or going or whilst in the outside smoking area, this situation is not based on speculation but came to light after making enquiries with Council Departments who had received a complaint about another swingers clubs smoking area.

The conversation and comments that were overheard caused significant distress to the parents of a young child who lived nearby. Any outside area at the LOCO Club would be literally yards from a residential property and no controls or even an appreciation of the risk has been anticipated by the applicant.

In Summary on behalf of the residents I would ask that the committee rejects the application as no considerations to the likely harm to the Licensing Objectives has been made and the application's operating schedule is short sighted and does not take account of the more serious issues already happening on this club's doorstep.