

Blackpool Council Licensing Service

Representation made by a Responsible Authority

Responsible Authority

Name of Responsible Authority

Licensing Authority

Name of Officer *(please print)*

Mark Marshall

Signature of Officer

Contact telephone number

01253-478493

Date representation made

10

08

2016

Do you consider mediation to be appropriate

yes

Premises Details

Premises Name

Bucharest

Address

47-49 Talbot Road

Blackpool

Post Code

FY1 1LL

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

The premises are located within Talbot Ward which is 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.

The town centre end of Talbot Road has been problematic with the regular presence of Street drinkers making the businesses and visitors feel insecure.

The applicant has recently attended the Personal Licence course delivered by me so will be fully aware of the Councils position on Off Licences and would have given details of the health and crime statistics for the area so should be aware of the challenges of not only obtaining a premises licence but also effectively managing a premises in this area.

The Operating Schedule is very lean and devoid of any meaningful conditions but on visiting the premises on the 21st July 2016 the actual proposal does not cause significant alarm.

When I discussed the amount of stock and the type of alcohol that they proposed to sell, I was told it would be specifically polish or eastern European beers and the amount of stock would take up very little of the shelving, the area was pointed out as just 2 shelves and given the overall size of the premises I would estimate that this would be no more than 5% of the total display area, in addition the opening hours are quite modest with the applicant indicating that

they would be content to close at 6pm.

None of this detail is discussed in the application so if these items were to be formulated I would be content to mediate on this application providing that some accuracy can be given on the type of stock and the display area. Please see below for a photographic lay out of the premises.



The area highlighted with the arrow were the selves that were pointed out to be the location of the alcohol display, the applicant made mention to just two of these shelves being used, given the overall size of the display areas throughout the premises and the significant amount of non-alcoholic stock including food if this proposal was to be followed through alcohol would not make up a large part of the business at all, however to repeat my earlier comments this proposal has not been offered formally so at this stage of the process I feel an objection on the behalf of the Licensing Authority is necessary.

The plan submitted by the applicant does not indicate the location of alcohol displays nor is the operating schedule comprehensive.





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.