


Appendix 6b

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				
Name of Responsible Authority	LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PS1747 Helen Parkinson			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604074			
Date representation made	03	04	17	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Tesco			
Address	61-67 Ansdell Road			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 6PU			
Reasons for making representations				
<p>I am in receipt of an application to vary the Premises Licence for the above address to increase the hours in which it can sell alcohol.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make formal objections on the following grounds:</p> <p>The Police base this objection on the existing Premises Licence being within the Off Licence Saturation Policy Area. The purpose of this Policy is to limit the number of Off Licensed Premises within a given geographic area, in order to reduce crime and disorder and promote the licensing objectives.</p> <p>The policy was created in 2009 covering the Wards of Bloomfield, Claremont, Talbot and Victoria. The policy was to apply to all new licence applications and any variations to an existing off-licence within these wards. This application falls within Victoria Ward. It is accepted that Tesco, being a National Operator, does take compliance and social</p>				

responsibility very seriously, but the location of this store sits in one of the most challenging areas with regards to alcohol related harm.

Alcohol misuse in the North West is the worst in the UK and Blackpool has high levels of alcohol related harm for the size of the population. Blackpool has widespread deprivation within the Central Wards of the town. A combination of poor quality housing lack of appealing employment and low aspiration within the resident population makes alcohol a convenient pastime. There are approx. 180 off-licence premises in Blackpool (50% higher than national average) half of which are located in these four most deprived wards in the town.

This Tesco Store falls within Victoria Ward and is surrounded by HMOs, hotels, holiday flats and houses.

The attached statement from PC MICHAEL, the Community Beat Manager for Victoria Ward outlines the issues experienced in the area. Within the immediate vicinity of the Tesco Store (Ansdell Rd and Bloomfield Rd) there have been 21 recorded crime directly linked to alcohol consumption and 485 reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour within the past 12 months, many of which are alcohol related.

There is currently a lot of work being done by Blackpool Council in Town Centre around the issues of vagrancy and begging and the associated Street Drinking. Due to action being taken many vagrants and street drinkers are dispersing to the outer areas and any increase in availability in alcohol at an earlier time is likely to attract vagrants and street drinkers to the area being the only store at the time where alcohol is available.

The police does not wish to advance an argument that the current operation harms any of the Objectives but does have huge concerns that the earlier hours between 06:00 – 08:00 and longer hours on a Sunday that are sought by the applicant may have significant impact on Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.

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

- N/A

Witness Statement

(CJ Act 1967, s.9 MC Act 1980, s.s.5A (3a) and 5B MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of **PC 3115 MICHAEL**Age if under 18 'Over 18' (if over 18 insert "over 18"). Occupation **Police Constable**

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 30th day of **March 2017**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded
(supply witness details on rear)

Signature



I am PC 3115 MICHAEL of LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY currently based at BLACKPOOL SOUTH police station. I am one of the current community beat managers on the VICTORIA WARD. I have held this post for the past seven years. My day to day duties include patrolling the ward and dealing with crime and anti-social. I have been made aware that the TESCO EXPRESS on ANSDELL ROAD in BLACKPOOL has applied to extend their licensing hours so that they can sell alcohol from 6am every day.

The TESCO store is located close to the junction of ANSDELL ROAD and BLOOMFIELD ROAD. This area suffers from high levels of deprivation and unemployment. There are issues with street drinking, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in the area immediately around the ANSDELL ROAD shops.

Crime reports show that between 30/03/16 and 30/03/17 twenty one crimes were directly linked to persons under the influence of alcohol. These crimes occurred either on ANSDELL ROAD or on road immediately surrounding the TESCO EXPRESS. In the same time period there were 485 reports of anti-social behaviour on ANSDELL ROAD (310 incidents) and on BLOOMFIELD ROAD (175 incidents). I am of the opinion that extended licensing hours would only add to the problems already faced by a high demand ward.

Signature



Signature witnessed by

