

<p><b>Blackpool Council Licensing Service</b></p> <p><b>Representation made by a Responsible Authority</b></p>				
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Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Premises Details</b>				
Premises Name		Home HQ		
Address		Talbot Road		
		Blackpool		
Post Code		FY1 1LB		
<b>Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)</b>				
<p><b>Statistical Picture</b></p> <p>TALBOT Ward currently suffers from some of the highest levels of social problems in Blackpool, alcohol related crime and domestic violence being one of the categories that indicates particularly harmful levels of abuse.</p> <p>Current Statistics from the JSNA ( Joint Strategic Needs Assessment ) are 74.5 crimes per 1000 head of population compared with a Blackpool average of 16.9 per 1000 head of population, ( over 4 times higher than the Blackpool average ).</p> <p>The domestic violence statistic is 26.8 per 1000 head of population compared to a Blackpool average of 11.5 per 1000 head of population.</p> <p><b>Operational Picture</b></p> <p>The proposal of later hours relating to the sale of alcohol could have an adverse impact on these statistics but the likelihood of environmental changes to the locality will almost be a certainty.</p>				

The premises occupy a central position within the Town Centre and within 60 metres there are numerous premises that will open later to cater for the additional footfall on the street at 6am.

Those premises will be those offering late night refreshment and at 6am this activity is beyond the scope of the Licensing Authority and therefore sensible conditions such as door staff and CCTV fall by the way side.

Experience from the Dickson Road area has shown us that the impact on Crime and Disorder is felt away from the premises that serve alcohol in particular premises that serve Late Night refreshment nearby and in the locality of Home/HQ there are at least 7 operational takeaways and possibly a further 1 dormant or vacant premises (with a current LNR Licence ) that could strike up at any time should the demand dictate.

Comparing the situation with the Dickson Road area at the peak of the issues in 2015 there were 5 operational takeaways that were fed by 2 late alcohol premises, Flamingo and Kaos , between the 2 premises they had approximately 300- 600 revellers dispersing between 5am and 6am and the issues in the area in particular around the takeaways were very pronounced.

Similar customer numbers will be present at Home/HQ and the amount of takeaways are also similar, there is a particular concern with the bunching of takeaways on the Strand and Queen Square leading me to believe that problems from the dispersal will gravitate to this locality.

I have attached a map of the area which has a 60 metre delineation, the operational takeaways are marked with a red diagonal line.

The issues that stood out in and around Dickson Road was that the night time economy dispersal was particularly protracted and very often revellers were still on the street close to 7am, this in turn presented a risk that people just starting their day would come into contact with stragglers from the night before, because of the concentration of takeaways and the proximity to one and other “stragglers” became a lot more of a noticeable physical presence, for example 3 or 4 in every takeaway plus 6 to 10 waiting for taxis had a dramatic effect on the general levels of noise , disturbance and risk to crime and disorder.

The levels of drunkenness was also an issue, along with the distinct lack of police resource, there can be no criticism to a public service that has the demands that Lancashire Constabulary face for this and the fact they suffer from times of the day that can't always receive the same level of attention as others is a reality of delivering any public service in today's climate.

In the Dickson Road area the type of people starting their day included visitors staying in nearby hotels buying papers or goods from nearby shops, workers making their way to work or waiting at bus stops and also people out for morning runs or generally exercising. These observations are not speculative they were the reality in Dickson Road, the only difference with regards to HOME/HQ would be the lack of hotels in the vicinity, however there is already a fairly big hotel across the road, ( The Ibis ) and slightly further away the Metropole. We also wait patiently for a development on the old Yates site which will include a 100 bedroom hotel which I am informed will begin construction before the May of 2018.

The Licensing Authority have received complaints about noise from guests staying at the Ibis who point towards Home/HQ as being the source of the noise but it is fair to say that the complaints have been few in numbers and Home HQ were responsive to the issues raised, however going significantly later may have a more aggravating impact on guests trying to sleep.

It is accepted that the Section 182 guidance refers to nuisance or disorder away from the premises is matter of personal responsibility and should be dealt with on a meritorious basis using the Criminal law. It is also agreed that Home/HQ are responsible operators with robust systems in place to safeguard the Licensing Objectives however these precautions can only contain issues whilst people are on the premises when they move away to takeaways and taxi ranks there are little or no controls in place and the risk presented to both the Crime Prevention Objective and the Prevention of Public

Nuisance Objective become very high.

Blackpool Statement of Licensing policy recognises the issue from later hours and recommends terminal hours for categories of premises;

4.4.2 The Authority proposes to introduce a framework of core hours for licensable activities at premises:

Premises Type Commencement hour for sale of alcohol

Terminal hour

Off-licence 10.00 am 23.00 pm

Restaurant 10.00 am 01.00 am

Other on-licenced premises

10.00 am 02.00 am

Takeaway n/a 02.00 am

4.4.3 This framework will apply to applications for new premises licences and to applications

for variations to extend the hours for licensable activities (earlier and later in the case of the sale

of alcohol). Applicants are advised not to exceed these core hours when submitting a licence application in order to avoid representations .

I would be resistant to suggest that any conditions are capable of reducing the harm from the sale of alcohol especially beyond the hours that the premises currently have, I would go further to say that whatever can be done to minimise problems in and around the Club is already in place and due to the inevitability of people plus alcohol there will always be problems, containing these problems with a reasonable terminal hour seems to be the only thing that will maintain some sort of order in the area in the early hours of the morning

The photographs below give an indication of how the area looks at night, shown is a busy taxi rank which currently remains busy till 03.30-0400hrs and operational takeaways which again begin to close between 04.00-04.30hrs, the prospect of a later terminal hour at Home/HQ could mean that these areas may suffer the impact of increased crime and disorder.



Photo 1. Queen Street

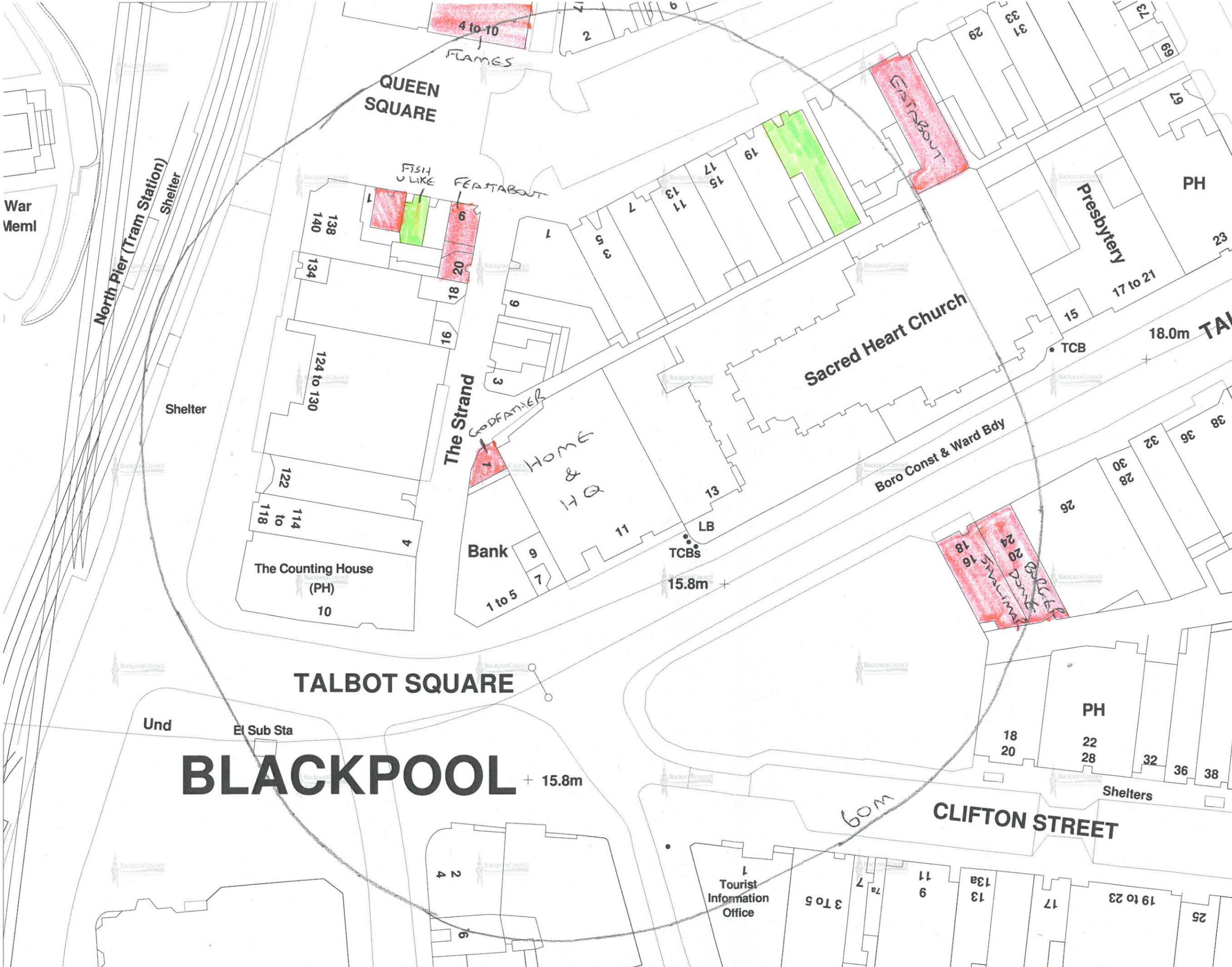


Photo 2. Queen Square- Flames Takeaway



Photo3. Queen Street/The Strand showing 3 takeaways and a late night shop.

**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.



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