

Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority In support of an application for the Review of an existing Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate				
Responsible Authority making representation				
Name of Responsible Authority	Lancashire Constabulary			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PC 3127 Ben Reynolds			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604073			
Date representation made	10	12	2018	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			NO	
Name of Responsible Authority / Applicant who requested a review of this Licence				
Mr Marcus Maddock – Health and Safety, Blackpool Council				
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Cornhill Hotel			
Address	377 Promenade Blackpool			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 6BH			
Details of your representation in support of the review application (Please reference & attach supporting any documentation)				
<p>The Review is brought by Marcus Maddock from Blackpool Council following concern regarding licensing breaches at these premises. This application is made in support of this Review and the Police will present evidence that the Licensing Objectives Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety have been undermined.</p> <p>The premise is situated on Blackpool Promenade and is in the central/south area of the promenade which is densely populated by hotels primarily used by families as part of Blackpool's tourism industry.</p> <p>Since coming under new management Blackpool Police have received many reports via its communications room. In fact since the start of the year the police have received no less than 38 calls reporting a variety of issues relating to the premises and its management. For what is supposed to be a licensed hotel serving the family tourist industry in this is an alarming number of calls to have come from such and as a result has placed a heavy burden on police resources where one might not expect. As a result given the fact the premises is licensed the police licensing department have researched these incidents and become aware that our</p>				

partner agencies from LFRS and Health and Safety have also been made aware of issues at the premises and again their respective resources have had to be deployed at the address on numerous occasions.

The following is a list and short appraisal of the incidents from the premise that officers have had to deal with since the start of 2018.

LC-20180121-0125 – **Domestic incident** involving the DPS and his partner, of note the DPS was believed by attending officers to be intoxicated.

LC-20180122-0728 – Report that the premises was **selling alcohol without a premises licence**, premises was not found committing the offence however it was strongly suspected by attending officers that this was the case.

LC-20180310-1306 – **Altercation between management and guest** regarding standard of accommodation

LC-20180401-0022 - **Altercation between management and guest** regarding standard of accommodation

LC-20180401-0030 - **Altercation between management and guest** regarding standard of accommodation

LC-20180516-0758 - **Altercation between management and guest** regarding standard of accommodation

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LC-20180606-0092 – **Domestic incident** involving the DPS and partner, officers noted alcohol was a contributing factor with both parties.

LC-20180705-1733 – **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180719-0639 – **Fraud**, guest reporting suspected fraudulent activity by the hotel with their bank details.

LC-20180722-0916/0148 – **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180805-0989 – **Theft**, guest reporting theft from room, no sign of forced entry believed staff member.

LC-20180806-0435 – **Refused entry** to LFRS to perform checks

LC-20180807-1516 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180815-0195 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180915-0028 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180915-0295 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20180923-0308 – **Drunken disturbance** between DPS and private guests resulting in minor stabbing incident, on police patrols arriving at scene **numerous suspected H&S, Fire and Licensing breaches noted.**

LC-20180926-0734 – **Vehicle crime** – guest reporting damage to vehicle.

LC-20180928-0008 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

LC-20181005-0013 - **Domestic incident** involving DPS and partner.

From the evidence presented the Police have serious concerns in relation to how this Hotel is being run. It is clear that there are issues around serious mis-management with regard a wide spectrum of issues. What seems to be very evident is that both the DPS and his partner have issues with alcohol abuse which manifest itself into domestic arguments, the management clearly have a disregard for the standards of the hotel in relation to what they provide for their guests, and they appear to have the same disregard for the relevant authorities who have been trying to intervene as a result of the ever increasing concerns growing around the property. Given the catalogue of incidents for a premises that really would not be expected to generate even a ¼ of what it has done in a 10 month period the police can only assume that there is a shambolic ownership/management structure in place at the premises that needs to be reviewed and that currently is in no position to be trusted to hold a premises licence and benefit from the privileges that come from holding such.

The Police therefore have similar concerns to those raised by Mr Marcus Maddock with regards to the lack of compliance with important Licensing Conditions and are of the opinion that all the Licensing Objectives are being undermined and fully support Mr Maddock in his Representation.