

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 (please print)	PC 4107 Emma Pritchard			
Signature of Officer	<i>EPritchard</i>			
Contact telephone number	01253 604007			
Date representation made	07	07	15	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Christine's Hotel			
Address	1 Lord Street			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 2AZ			
Reasons for making representations				
<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 cumulative impact policy. The purpose of this Policy is to limit the number of Licensed Premises within a given geographic area, in order to reduce crime and disorder and promote the licensing objectives. The Policy sets out the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number, type and density of the premises selling alcohol in a particular area can lead to serious problems of nuisance and disorder. In these circumstances the impact of the premises taken as a whole can be far greater than that arising from individual premises. In most cases it would be impossible to identify an individual premise as being the sole cause or major contributing factor. • The potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives by a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area is called cumulative impact. The cumulative impact of all the premises in an area upon the promotion of the licensing objectives is a proper matter for the Licensing Committee to consider. 				

- This application is within the cumulative impact zone, which was recently reviewed to cover a smaller area, however this premises still falls within this area; the location of the premises is in one of the busiest parts of the town, servicing both the day time and night time economy. The premises is currently a hotel that can serve alcohol 24 hours to residents, and members of the public until 23:00hrs only with a table meal. This variation would enable the premises to become a bar serving alcohol until 02:00hrs to members of the public which the Police believe will lead to an increase in crime and disorder in the area.

Whilst the Police appreciate that the premises is currently well ran as a hotel and restaurant with no crime and disorder and responsible operators, should the licence be varied in this way the Police feel crime and disorder would be inevitable in an area that the local authority and Police have recognised for some years where the behaviour of customers of all the premises taken together has a greater impact than normal on the licensing objectives (as per the statement of licensing policy).

This variation will only add to the availability of alcohol and increase crime and disorder and Police attendance to the premises and locality which proportionately will affect the Crime Prevention objective.

No additional conditions have been added to the licence on the application form detailing how the applicant intends to promote any of the four Licensing objectives, in particular the crime and disorder objective.

A hearing would allow the Licensing Committee to examine the prospective operators' intentions and rebut the presumption that the operation of the premises will not add to the cumulative impact and therefore crime and disorder.

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

- The Police feel that this variation would lead to an increase in crime and disorder in the area, however if the variation is granted the Police would suggest the following condition be added to the licence in order to minimise any crime and disorder as much as possible:

1) An adequate number of licensed door supervisors will be on duty as appropriate to any risk assessment, however on the following occasions at least one SIA registered member of door staff will be on duty from 20:00hrs until close:

- Every Friday and Saturday
- Bank holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve
- When a private function takes place on the premises

2) Functions which specifically target young people aged 18 years (for example birthday parties) will not be allowed to take place on the premises.

3) All alcoholic drinks will be served in polycarbonate or other appropriate non-glass vessels after 20.00 hours each day, and all day and night on Saturdays. Any glass bottles should be decanted during these times.