


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 3842 Lisa Evans		
Signature of Officer			
Contact telephone number	01253 604005		
Date representation made	27	04	15
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Premises Details

Premises Name	Bolton News
Address	90-92 Bolton Street
	Blackpool
Post Code	FY1 6AA

Reasons for making representations

I am in receipt of an application for a New Premises Licence for the above address.

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make formal objections on the following grounds:

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. The Policy sets out the following;

- 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 objections 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 saturation zone. The location of the proposed premises is on the outskirts of the town, servicing both the day time and night time economy. These premises will only add to the availability of alcohol and increase crime and disorder.

The proposed new premises falls within the Bloomfield area of Blackpool, which is surrounded by HMO, Hotels, Holiday Flats, Residential houses and numerous business premises most of these with an alcohol licence.

The Bloomfield Ward already consists of 21 premises that are Off Licences this is not including the other premises with an alcohol licence.

I also have concerns that the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor is already the Dps at another Off Licence also within the Saturation area, we would expect for a high risk premises that the Dps has the day to day control of the premises.

Concerns have also been raised by the Local Community Beat Manager for the area, statement attached.

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.

- N/A

Witness Statement

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Natali Harper**

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Age if under 18 over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18"). Occupation **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of | 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 **25** day of **04** **2015**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded
(supply witness details on rear)Signature *N Harper 133*

I am PC 133 HARPER of Lancashire Constabulary currently based at Blackpool South Police Station.

I am a Community Beat Manager for the Bloomfield 2 and 3 areas of Blackpool and I have held this post since January 2008. I make this statement in relation to Bolton St News, Bolton St, Blackpool making an application to sell alcohol; this is an application I would object to.

I will begin by giving a brief overview of the Bloomfield area, specifically between Lytham Rd and the Promenade which includes Bolton St and is an extremely deprived part of the country. Blackpool itself is split down into 21 wards and recent data shows that the Bloomfield ward accounted for 15% of all Violent Crime and 11% of Criminal Damage which are the second highest levels out of the 21 wards. Anti Social Behaviour also places Bloomfield third out of the 21 wards taking on 12%. Bloomfield has a severe level of deprivation, within the worst 1.0% deprived wards in England.

The area of Bolton St, Waterloo Rd and Lytham Rd suffer from a high amount of alcohol fuelled crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour. This can be at all times of the year and is often led by the local people who live here. There are a high number of alcoholics on the area who rely on buying cheap alcohol and Bolton St news is an establishment which they frequent.

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N Harper 133

Signature witnessed by

This leads to drinking on the street which leads to the local businesses in the area complaining to police and it becomes a very time resourceful issue for the neighbourhood policing team.

There have also been past issues with underage drinking on Bolton St and the surrounding areas and kids either attempting to get served or hanging around outside the off licence waiting for someone else to buy alcohol for them.

The NHP team oppose this application as there are still licenced premises in the area and it is unnecessary to give the local people so many opportunities to buy drink which leads to a vast amount of problems.

Natali Harper 133

Signature *Natali Harper 133*

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