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To: Councillors G Coleman, Collett and Ryan

The above members are requested to attend the:

LICENSING PANEL

Thursday, 9 February 2017 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room B, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:-

(1) the type of interest concerned

(2) the nature of the interest concerned; and

(3) whether they have or have not sat on a Planning Committee which has previously considered a planning application in respect of a licensed premises which is also subject to consideration for a premises licence as part of the agenda for this meeting.

If any Member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

(Members are asked to also pay particular attention to the guidance sheet on interests supplied with the agenda).

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman of the Panel will summarise the procedure and announce the equal maximum amount of time for each party to speak for the hearing.

- A. Items 1 and 4 (b) will be undertaken in private session by the Panel and not in the Meeting Room.
- B. Items 2, 3, 4(a) and 4(c) will be recommended to the Panel to be held in public.
- C. The Panel may decide to exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. (This includes a party and any person assisting or representing a party)

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- LOCO CLUB

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- a. APPLICATION AND REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED. To consider the attached report
- b. DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- Loco Club
- c. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- Loco Club

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting :	9 February 2017

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Loco Club

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application for a Premises Licence in respect of the Loco Club, Back Ribble Road.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The panel are requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this licence would adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Representations have been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once an application has been submitted and representations received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 On 15 November 2016, the Licensing Service received an application from Patrick Christopher Maher for the grant of a Premises Licence for the Loco Club, Back Ribble Road.

- 4.2 The application requests a premise licence giving permission for recorded music and the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises as follows:

Recorded music

Monday Thursday	11.00 – 19.00 20.00 – 00.00
Friday – Saturday	11.00 – 19.00 21.00 – 03.00
Sunday	14.00 – 00.00
Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve	11.00 – 02.00

Sale of alcohol

Monday Thursday	11.00 – 18.00 20.00 – 23.00
Friday – Saturday	11.00 – 18.00 21.00 – 02.00
Sunday	14.00 – 23.00
Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve	11.00 – 02.00

A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 4a

Representations have been received from Councillor Cain, the local ward Councillor. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 4b.

Local policy considerations

None

National policy considerations

9.42 – The authority’s decision should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

9.43 – Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. Whilst this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder as well as the potential benefit in terms of promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the licensing objectives and nothing outside those parameters.

4.4 **Observations**

This premises also has the benefit of a Club Premises Certificate which has been suspended since 2014 for non-payment of the annual fee. Although Mr Maher is proposing to operate his business as a members' club he is not able to use the existing certificate because he is proposing to operate the club for his own profit (a proprietary club). Only members' clubs which are operated in such a manner that the profits are shared between the members (usually going back into running the club) are allowed a Club Premises Certificate.

4.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4a: Application

Appendix 4b: Representation from Councillor Cain

5.0 **Legal considerations:**

5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

6.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Equalities considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 **Financial considerations:**

8.1 None

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Blackpool Council

15 NOV 2016

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Applicant Name(s):

PATRICK CHRISTOPHER MAHER.

Contact

Licensing Service
Blackpool Council
Municipal Buildings, PO Box 4
Blackpool, FY1 1NA

T: (01253) 47 8572 / 8589
F: (01253) 47 8372

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Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
 If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We PATRICK CHRISTOPHER MAHER
(insert name of applicant/s)

apply for a premises licence under Schedule 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described under Part 1 below and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or club premises if any, or if none the ordinance survey map reference or description.			
Premises Name	BLACKPOOL SPORTS CONNECTIONS Loco club		
Premises Address	BACK OF RIBBLE ROAD.		
	BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE		
	Post Code	FY 4	4 AB
Telephone Number of premises (if any)	01253 980411		
E-Mail Address	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		
Non-Domestic Rateable Value of Premises	£ 8,700 - 00		

Part 2 – Applicant details

In what capacity are you applying for a licence?

Please tick:

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| a) An individual * | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section A |
| b) A person other than an individual* | | |
| I. As a limited company | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| II. As a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| III. As an unincorporated association | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| IV. Other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| c) A recognised Club | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| d) A charity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |
| e) The proprietor of an educational establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Section B |

- f) Health Service Body Complete Section B
- g) A person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales Complete Section B
- ga) A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent Hospital in England. Complete Section B
- h) The Chief Officer of Police of a police force in England and Wales Complete Section B

***If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:**

I am carrying on or propose to carry on business

If yes please tick

- I am making the application pursuant to a
 - Statutory function



Title:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr	<input type="radio"/> Mrs	<input type="radio"/> Miss	<input type="radio"/> Ms	
Surname	MAHER			Forenames	PATRICK CHRISTOPHER
I am 18 years old or over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Birth		
Home					
	BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE			Post Code	FY 1
Telephone Number				Mobile Number	
E-Mail Address					

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT IF APPLICABLE

Title:	Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms		
Surname				Forenames		
Date of Birth	Day	Month	Year	I am 18 years old or over	<small>Please Tick</small> Yes	No
Home address						
				Post Code		
Telephone Number				Mobile Number		
E-Mail Address						

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of the applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name					
Address					
				Post Code	
Telephone Number					
E-Mail Address					
Registered number (where applicable)					
Description of applicant (e.g. partnership, company, unincorporated association)					

Part 3 - Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start

Day		Month		Year		
A	S	A	P			

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

Day		Month		Year		
N	A					

If 5000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

N/A.

Please give a general description of the premises (Please see guidance note 1)

The premises are situated in a secluded area at the back of Ribble Road, Blackpool. It is a two storey building comprising of, a bar area, bar lounge, locker room, gym, a wet area which includes a saung jacuzzi, and showers. Also male, female and a disabled toilet.

First Floor, there are rest rooms, therapy rooms, male & female toilets.

It is a private members club for over 21's only, for which alcohol would be sold for consumption on these licenced premises only.

Alcohol would only be allowed in the bar area & bar lounge for safety reasons, therefore any member who does not comply with the rules would have their membership revoked.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment:

If yes please tick

- a) A performance of a play (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) An exhibition of a film (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) An indoor sporting event (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) Boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) A performance of live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) Any playing of recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) A performance of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) Entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Performance of a play Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
				Both	
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thurs					
Fri			<u>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of a play at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Exhibition of film Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon				Both	
			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)		
			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibitions of film at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		

C

Indoor sporting events Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainment Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thurs					
Fri			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Performance of live music Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thurs					
Fri			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

F

Playing of recorded music Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	11.00	19.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3) The dance floor is situated in a room in the centre of the building, we would like to play recorded music at a low level during the day, but would be louder in the evening, but not so it would disturb the neighbours.	State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (please read guidance note 4)	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
	20.00	00.00			
Tue	11.00	19.00			
	20.00	00.00			
Wed	11.00	19.00			
	20.00	00.00			
Thurs	11.00	19.00			
	20.00	00.00			
Fri	11.00	19.00			
	21.00	3.00			
Sat	11.00	19.00	only Bank holidays Mondays, Christmas Eve & New Years Eve 11.00 - 02.00		
	21.00	3.00			
Sun	11.00	19.00			
	14.00	00.00			

G

Performance of dance Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 4)	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Tue					
Wed					
Thurs					
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

H

Entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors, outdoors or both. Please tick. (Read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Mon				Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thu			State any seasonal variations for entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late Night Refreshment Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors, outdoors or both? Please tick (Read guidance note 2).	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
				Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue			We would like to provide a buffet on Friday & Saturday evenings.		
Wed					
Thu			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri	12:00	11:00			
Sat	12:00	11:00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun			We would also like to provide a buffet on Christmas Eve & New Years Eve should they fall on a week day.		

J

Supply of alcohol Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption on the premises, off the premises or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 6)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start	Finish		Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mon	11:00	18:00	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	20:00	23:00				
Tue	11:00	18:00				
	20:00	23:00				
Wed	11:00	18:00				
	20:00	23:00				
Thurs	11:00	18:00		Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
	20:00	23:00				
Fri	11:00	18:00		On Bank Holiday Mondays, Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 11:00 - 02:00	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
	21:00	02:00				
Sat	11:00	18:00				
	21:00	02:00				
Sun	11:00	18:00				
	14:00	23:00				

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (Please read guidance note 8)

We have a sauna, jacuzzi, gym and showers, so there will be nudity at times in that area, which is not part of the licensed area therefore no alcohol would be consumed in that area.

L

Hours premises are open to public Standard timings (read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11.00	19.00	
	20.00	00.00	
Tue	11.00	19.00	
	20.00	00.00	
Wed	11.00	19.00	
	20.00	00.00	
Thurs	11.00	19.00	
	20.00	00.00	
Fri	11.00	19.00	
	21.00	3.00	
Sat	11.00	19.00	
	21.00	3.00	
Sun	11.00	00.00	
	14.00	00.00	

Non-standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)

Bank holiday Mondays, Christmas Day & New Years Eve. 11.00-02.00

M

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as the designated premises supervisor.

Surname	M AHER	Forename(s)	PATRICK CHRISTOPHER						
State any previous names	N/A.								
They are 18 years old or over	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Their Date of Birth	<table border="1"><tr><td>Day</td><td>Month</td><td>Year</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Day	Month	Year			
Day	Month	Year							
Address	[Redacted] BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE								
Post Code	F Y 1	[Redacted]							
Telephone Number	[Redacted]								
Email Address	[Redacted]								
Personal Licence Number (if known)	PA 2896								
Expiry date of Personal Licence	N/A								
Issuing Licensing Authority (if known)	BLACKPOOL								

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (See guidance note 9)

We have regular staff training to make them aware of the four licensing objectives.
We will not sell alcohol to anyone who we feel is intoxicated and could cause a disturbance.
I would also like to say as the DPS, as I already have this position on another premises (Touchwood Hotel) the bar will be closed as I can only be in one place at once.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

We have CCTV operating outside and in the Foyer, on the inner double doors there are maglocks so entry will only be when staff are happy.
Our membership is no ID - no membership - no entry, hence only over 21's will be able to enter.
The selling of alcohol will be in plastic glasses for consumption in the bar area only. The sale of alcohol will cease half an hour before closing.
We also sell soft drinks, tea, coffee & water.

c) Public Safety

The fire exits are clearly signed and with instructions for the evacuation process.
We will not be having any alcohol promotions.
Our drugs policy is zero tolerance.
We will have signs asking patrons to leave quietly.
We have a computerized logging in system, so we will know who and how many are in at any given time.
We will also have a designated premises supervisor.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Noise reduction measures to address the public nuisance objective. Clear signage will be displayed at the exit asking customers to leave quietly.
Deliveries to be made at a reasonable hour as not to disturb the residents.
Any outside lighting to be positioned in a way not to disturb nearby residents.

e) The protection of children from harm

Due to our membership scheme there will be no one under the age of 21 allowed in at any time.

If yes please tick

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application, including the plan and consent by the proposed supervisor form (if applicable), to the responsible authorities
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application. (You may be asked to prove this, it is therefore in your best interests to provide a copy of the advert to the Licensing Department).
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (please read guidance note 11) **If signing on the behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signed	<i>A PC Maher</i>
Print Name	PATRICK CHRISTOPHER MAHER.
Capacity	APPLICANT.
Date	

Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. (Please read guidance note 12) **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signed	
Print Name	
Capacity	
Date	

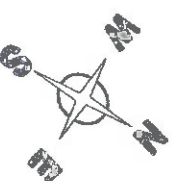
Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application. (Please read guidance note 13)										
Title:	Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms						
Forename(s)					Surname					
Address for Correspondence associated with this application										
						Post Code				
Telephone Number					Mobile Number					
E-Mail Address										

Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, it's general situation and layout and any other information that could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place is and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in the building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. For example state the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day, e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24-hour clock format (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish for people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi nudity, films of restricted age groups, the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here the steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address that we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

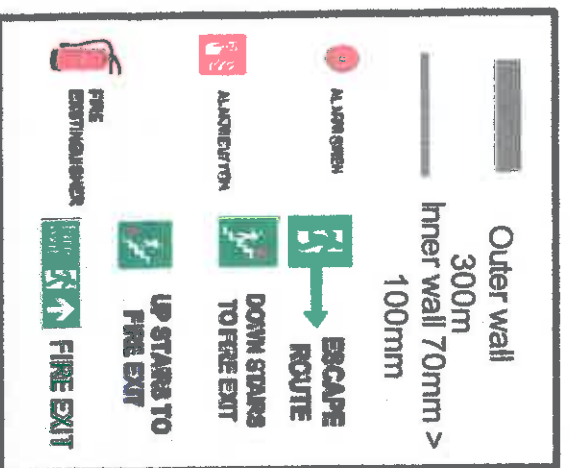
LOCCO CLUB

Back Ribble Road
 Blackpool
 FY4 4AB

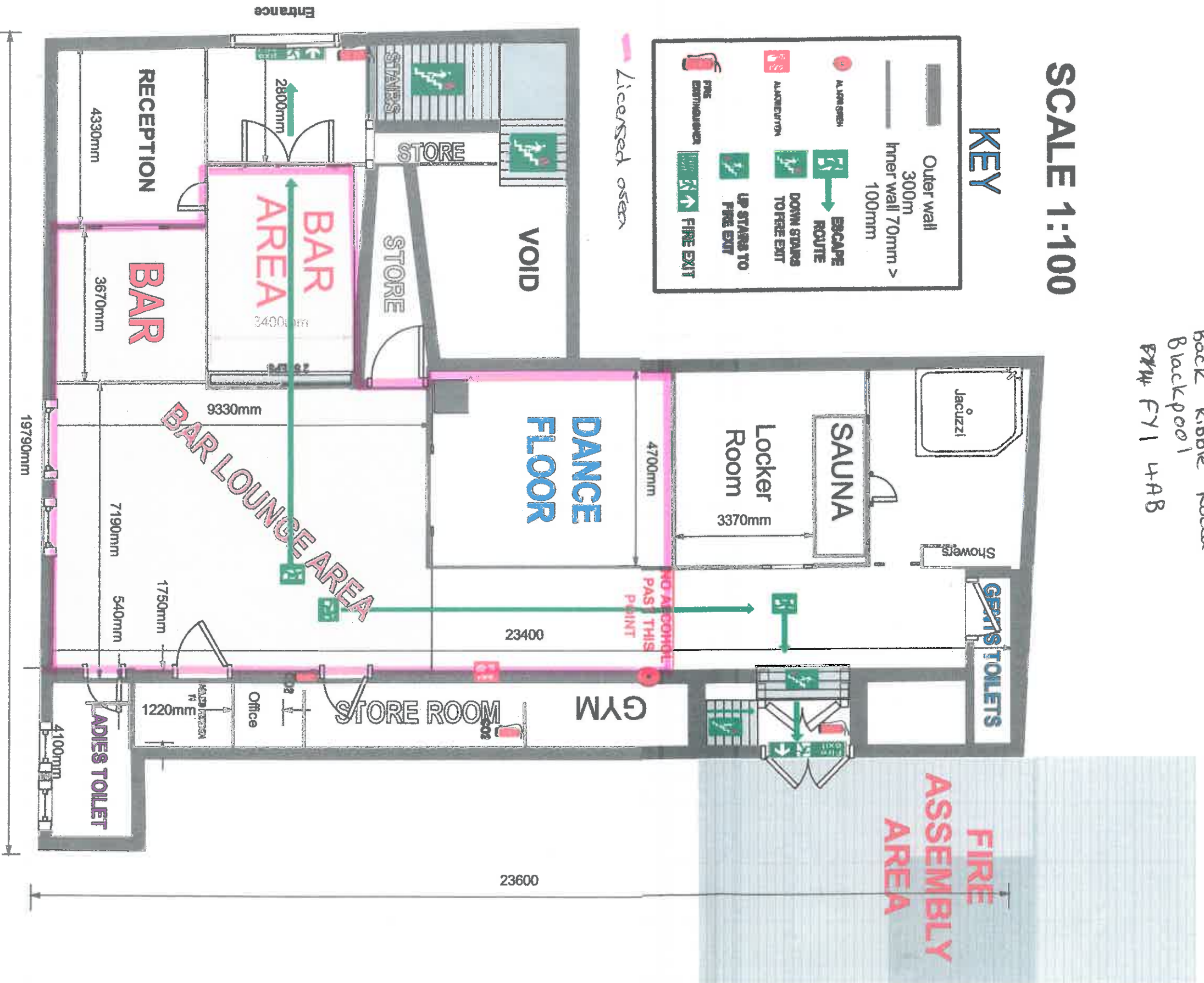


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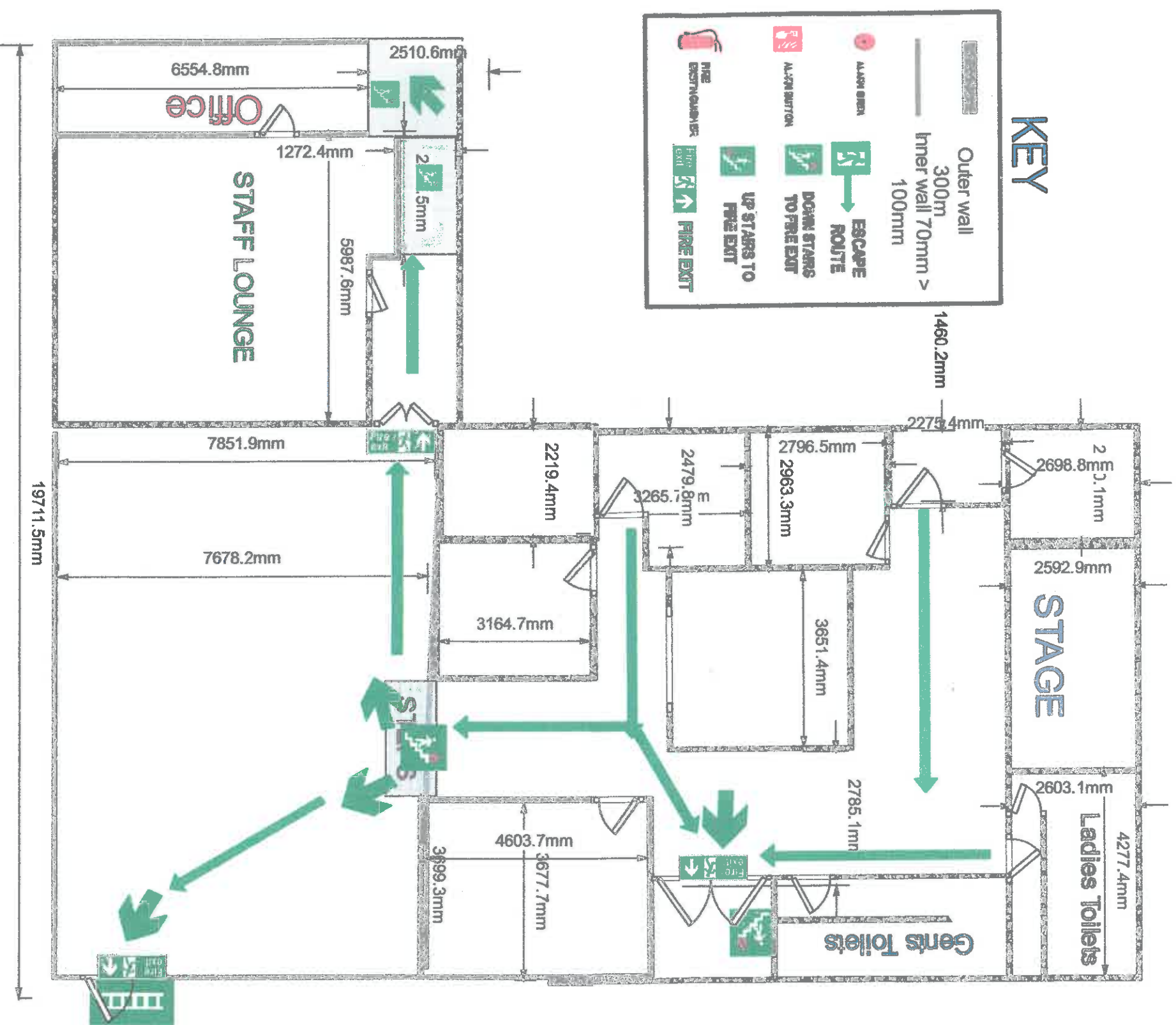


Licensed area



Ground Floor

LOCCO CLUB



First floor

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<i>For Office use only</i>	
LalPac Application No.	
Licence Number	

Blackpool Council

**Representation in respect of a
Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate**

Applicant Name:	Graham Cain, Bloomfield Ward Councillor
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Licensing Service
Blackpool Council
Municipal Buildings, PO Box 4
Blackpool, FY1 1NA

Contact

T: (01253) 47 8572
F: (01253) 47 8372

www.blackpool.gov.uk



Section 1 – Premises or Club details

Name & Address of Premises	Loco Connections Club									
	Back Ribble Road									
	Blackpool	Post Code	F	Y	1		4	A	B	

Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)

Section 2 – Your Details

A. Details of individual interested party

Title:						Surname				
Forenames						I am 18 years old or over	Please tick		Yes	No
Home address										
		Post Code								
Telephone Number					Mobile Number					
E-Mail Address										

B. Details of other interested parties, such as a body representing residents or businesses

Name of the Body	ELECTED WARD COUNILLOR									
First Names <small>(of person representing the body)</small>	GRAHAM				Surname <small>(of person representing the body)</small>	CAIN				
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Telephone Number					Mobile Number					
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Section 3 – Details of the licensing objectives that will be undermined by the application.

This representation relates to the following licensing objective/s

(Tick as appropriate)

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

Section 4 – Information and details of the representation

Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?	Yes	No x
Date that the previous representation was made:		
I understand that the Licensing Authority is obliged to give notice of a hearing to all parties to the hearing and this must include a copy of this representation.		Yes x

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

I am Graham Cain and I hold the position of Ward Councillor for the area that this premises is situated, I have held this position since May 2011 as such I have an excellent knowledge of the issues facing the community and have good links to individuals and community group.

The community tensions regarding this application have been present for at least 6 months, with speculation of who would be behind the organisation and the type of operation it would become. These tensions have become more pronounced since the submission of this application and whilst the activity that is going to form the main part of this operation is not a licensable activity the issues never the less cause huge concerns for myself and the residents.

My representation will confine itself to the Licensing Objectives with only passing reference to the sexual activity which will form a major part of what the club does.

Before making this representation I have studied the Section 182 Guidance and will be linking my points to the guidance wherever I can.

Having read the application it is clear that the applicant has not considered the pre-existing issues in the locality. Paragraph 8.33 of the guidance sets out the following expectations;

In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.34 Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;

any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and

any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

8.35 Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact policy), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder


My own assessment of the area is that it has suffered for many years with a street prostitution problem, the Church on the corner of Livingston Road and Palatine Road has been a hot spot for at least the last 2 years with residents calling the police regularly. Associated issues such as drug dealing and the general perception of criminality are also very prevalent.

High profile policing operations, community meetings and even Members of Parliament interest have taken place as recently as 6 months ago to deal with the street prostitution issue. Other local initiatives include;

Signage, extra lighting, high visibility police patrols and the installation of alley gates on Livingston Road and Ribble Road which will form the entry and exit to the premises.

Section 5 Signatures

Signature of the person making the representation or their solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on the behalf of a person or body representing a person living or carrying on business in the vicinity of the premises, please state in what capacity.

Signature:	Capacity:	Date:
	Ward Councillor	9 th December 2016

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The operating schedule has only made reference to controls inside the premises without considering the huge issues already taking place on the doorstep. It is both mine and the communities' belief that no steps or measures have even been considered to the likelihood of the following;

- 1.The new club would draw the prostitution back to the Livingston Road
- 2.The club may create a demand for prostitution as the customers are in search of sexual activity.

Prevention Of Public Nuisance

Because the applicant as failed to take account of the geographical area I also think the public nuisance objection will be undermined, the operator schedule is light on any meaningful detail and only offers signage and no intrusive external lighting.

My own assessment of the likely impact is that the customers for this club will be travelling from all over the Northwest region as Swingers Clubs create their customer base from established social network sites such as FAB SWINGERS. As such the catchment area for customers is likely to be at least regional and if successful could extend to a National level .With all these issues in mind no consideration has been given to the following;

1. Customers arriving at an unknown location by car to a premises that has no parking facilities
2. The immediate area is residents parking and the impact that could cause is a significant nuisance point.
3. The location is hard to find so the likelihood that customers could knock on residential property is also a significant concern
4. The arrival and dispersal arrangements have not even been mentioned and I feel revellers leaving the premises intoxicated could cause a huge disturbance in the early hours of the morning.
5. The properties in the area are either residential or hotels so this type of premises will be the sole operator late at night and the noise from customers coming and going especially if they have parked some distance away could have a wide spread impact.

Protection of Children From Harm

There has been no mention about the outside smoking area which will inevitably have to be created, the protection of children from harm is much wider than just preventing entry into these premises it also includes protecting them from moral physiological harm and it is this that I am concerned about. The rumour and speculation about what goes on in this premises will no doubt become a talking point in every house hold in the area with parents finding themselves in an

awkward and embarrassing position. A more likely scenario is that lewd and offensive conversations could be overheard when customers are coming or going or whilst in the outside smoking area, this situation is not based on speculation but came to light after making enquiries with Council Departments who had received a complaint about another swingers clubs smoking area.

The conversation and comments that were overheard caused significant distress to the parents of a young child who lived nearby. Any outside area at the LOCO Club would be literally yards from a residential property and no controls or even an appreciation of the risk has been anticipated by the applicant.

In Summary on behalf of the residents I would ask that the committee rejects the application as no considerations to the likely harm to the Licensing Objectives has been made and the application's operating schedule is short sighted and does not take account of the more serious issues already happening on this club's doorstep.

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