

# Blackpool Council

30 June 2020

To: Councillors Baker, Farrell and Hutton

The above members are requested to attend the:

## **LICENSING PANEL**

Thursday, 9 July 2020 at 10.00 am  
To be held via Virtual Zoom Meeting

## **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 TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE - MARDI GRAS HOTEL, 41-43 LORD STREET, BLACKPOOL, FY1 2BD** (Pages 1 - 64)

To consider an application to vary a premise licence for the Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool, FY1 2BD.

**Other information:**

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**Report to:****LICENSING PANEL****Relevant Officer:**

Sarah Chadwick, Licensing Officer

**Date of Meeting :**

9 July 2020

## **APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – MARDI GRAS HOTEL, 41-43 LORD STREET, BLACKPOOL, FY1 2BD**

**1.0 Purpose of the report:**

- 1.1 To consider an application to vary Premises Licence PL1566 issued in respect of the Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool, FY1 2BD.

**2.0 Recommendation(s):**

- 2.1 The Panel is requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this variation 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

**4.0 Background Information**

- 4.1 On 12 May 2020, the Licensing Service received an application from John Paul Street to vary the Premises Licence issued in respect of the Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool.

- 4.2 The licence currently authorises the following licensable activities:

Exhibition of Films (indoors) – Mon-Sat 19.00-03.00, Sun 10.00-03.00

Recorded Music (indoors) – Mon-Sun 11.00-03.00

Entertainment of a Similar Description Mon-Sun 11.00-03.00

Sale of alcohol (for consumption “on” the premises) 24 hours a day

The provision of the above activities is currently subject to the following condition:  
“The hotel is open and licensable activities are available to residents and their bona fide guests only.”

4.3 The application requests permission to allow up to 30 members of the public in to the premises at any one time to partake in permitted licensed activities. Initially this was requested until 02.00, but following discussions with the Police an agreement was made to reduce the terminal hour for non-residents to 00.30 (see 4.7 – Observations – below). A copy of the application as originally submitted is attached.

4.4 10 representations have been received from members of the public - 5 in support and 5 in objection to the application. Copies of the representations are attached.

4.5 **Local policy considerations**

None

4.6 **National policy considerations**

9.43 – 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.

4.7 **Observations**

This Premises Licence for the Mardi Gras Hotel was first granted in February 2006. The applicant, John Street, has been the Premises Licence holder since February 2020.

The conditions currently on the licence are as follows:

**Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

1 No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence -

- a) At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence,



or

- b) At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- 2 Every supply of alcohol under the Premise Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- 3 (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises -
- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
    - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
    - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
  - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
  - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

- 4 The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- 5 (1) The Premises Licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.  
(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the Premises Licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.  
(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either a holographic mark, or an ultraviolet feature.
- 6 The responsible person must ensure that -
- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks are sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
- (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
  - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
  - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.
- 7 (1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- (2) In this condition:-
- a. “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula  $P = D + (D \times V)$ , where-
    - i. P is the permitted price,
    - ii. D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

- iii. V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- b. “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- c. “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a Premises Licence-
  - i. the holder of the Premises Licence,
  - ii. the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - iii. the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- d. “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- e. “value added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

(3) Where the permitted price would not be a whole number of pennies, the permitted price shall be taken to be the price rounded up to the nearest penny.

(4) Where the permitted price on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax, the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

## 8 Exhibition of films:

Where the film classification body is specified in the licence, unless the following applies, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendations made by that body.

Where -

- a) The film classification body is not specified in the licence,
- or*
- b) The relevant licensing authority has notified the holder of the licence that this condition is applied to the film in question,

Admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that licensing authority.

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

- 1 The hotel is open and licensable activities are available to residents and their bona fide guests only.
- 2 The Licence holder is to support and rigorously enforce a Challenge 21 proof of age policy.

Any person who looks or appears to be under the age of 21 shall be asked to provide identification that they are over the age of 18. The following are the only forms of identification acceptable:

- i. UK photo driving licence
- ii. Passport
- iii. Proof of Age Standards Scheme Card

- 3 CCTV cameras shall be installed in all public drinking areas.
- 4 Fire doors are to be kept clear at all times and checked regularly. All Health and Safety regulations are to be complied with in full.
- 5 No bookings are to be taken for children under the age of 16.
- 6 Any persons aged between 16 - 18 years staying at the hotel will not be served alcohol and will not be permitted to take part in or view any other licensed activities.
- 7 Noise from any regulated entertainment, mechanical ventilation or refrigeration plant shall be inaudible within the nearest sensitive properties or, at the discretion of the Local Authority, shall not exceed some other pre-agreed limit, which does not cause unreasonable disturbance to the residents of these properties or their guests.
- 8 The volume of amplified sound used in connection with any regulated entertainment shall, at all times, be under the control of the Licensee or Management and the controlling mechanism shall be operated from a part of the premises inaccessible to the public.
- 9 All internal doors to any entrance / exit point, fire exit doors and external windows shall be closed during hours of any regulated entertainment except in the event of an emergency, save for the purpose of access and egress.

- 10 Vibration produced as a result of any regulated entertainment shall not be perceptible in any adjoining or nearby sensitive properties.
- 11 There shall be placed at all exit points from the premises in a place where they can be seen and easily read by the public, clear and legible notices requiring customers to leave the premises and the area quietly so as to minimise disturbance to nearby residents.

Throughout the 28 day consultation period for this variation application, a number of amendments were made and conditions added to the application following discussions with Lancashire Constabulary and Environmental Protection. As a result of these agreements, no objections were received from any of the Responsible Authorities.

The agreement with Environmental Protection is to close the outside terrace/patio area for the consumption of alcohol at 22.00 (it may be used after this time as a smoking area). A similar condition was also agreed with the Police along with a number of other conditions (16 in total) as well as a reduction in the terminal hour for non-residents to 00.30. A copy of the Police mediation agreement is attached.

On 11 June the applicant, John Street, provided some further background information in regards to his application by email. Confirmation was received that live music will only take place up to 11pm as permitted for licensed premises under the Live Music Act. This is attached at Appendix 4(c).

4.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.9 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4(a) - Application  
Appendix 4(b) - Police mediation agreement  
Appendix 4(c) - Email from applicant with further information (11 June 2020)  
Appendix 4(d) - Representation (in support) from Scott Benton MP  
Appendix 4(e) - Representation (in support) from David Hatton & Paul Lackerstein  
Appendix 4(f) - Representation (in support) from Angie Baddely & Frances Joyce  
Appendix 4(g) - Representation (in support) from Stephen Blanchard  
Appendix 4(h) - Representation (in support) from Veronica McCullough  
Appendix 4(i) - Representation (in objection) from Cllr Ivan Taylor  
Appendix 4(j) - Representation (in objection) from Virnetta Collings

Appendix 4(k) - Representation (in objection) from Ashley Harris  
Appendix 4(l) - Representation (in objection) from Geoff Brankston  
Appendix 4(m) - Representation (in objection) from Iain Ferguson

**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



**Blackpool**  
**Application to vary a premises licence**  
**Licensing Act 2003**

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\* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

mardigrashotelblackpool

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

### Applicant Details

\* First name

John

\* Family name

Street

\* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- ☐ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader  
☒ Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

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**Your Address**

Address official correspondence should be sent to.

* Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
* Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
* City or town	<input type="text" value="Blackpool"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
* Postcode	<input type="text"/>
* Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

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**APPLICATION DETAILS**

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

* Premises Licence Number	<input type="text" value="PL1566"/>
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Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

☒ Address    ☐ OS map reference    ☐ Description

**Postal Address Of Premises**

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Mardi Gras Hotel"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Lord Street"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Blackpool"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text" value="Lancashire"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="FY1 2BD"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Premises Contact Details**

Telephone number	<input type="text" value="01253283633"/>
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	<input type="text" value="14,500"/>

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**VARIATION**



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Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

#### **Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation**

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which 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 will be and its proximity to the premises.

At present we have a 24hr drinks licence and entertainment/music till 3am for residents and their guests, we have no adjoining property to the right of us and a hallway, wall and door separating us from the property on the left. We are catering for a safe space for the LGBT community and their straight friends. We wish to be able to serve drinks to selected members of the public who fit into this group of clientele. We would like a maximum of 30 members of the public at any one time to be able to come in and watch entertainment and have a drink. We are on Lord Street, which already has a few hotels with the facility of allowing non-residents in for drinks etc. We have a key only entry to the hotel and any members of the public who did want to visit would need to be let in by staff via a doorbell and sign in a visitors book for health and safety and security. Consumption of alcohol will still be ON the premises only.

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##### **PROVISION OF PLAYS**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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##### **PROVISION OF FILMS**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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#### **PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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### PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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### SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Standard Days And Timings

##### MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (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.

##### TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

##### WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

##### THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

##### FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

##### SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

##### SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

☒ On the premises      ☐ Off the premises      ☐ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

I currently have 24 hour license for residents, I would like that to remain the same

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##### ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which 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 for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

We do not allow under 16 year olds in the hotel at any time

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##### HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

###### Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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WEDNESDAY

Start  End

Start  End

THURSDAY

Start  End

Start  End

FRIDAY

Start  End

Start  End

SATURDAY

Start  End

Start  End

SUNDAY

Start  End

Start  End

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

I would apply for a special event licence for things like Blackpool Pride

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

alteration of the condition 1, annex 2 "the hotel is open and licensable activities are available to residents and bona-fide guests only" to state "the hotel is open and licensable activities are available to residents and bona-fide guests and open to the general public to a maximum of 30 people at any one time"

☐ I have enclosed the premises licence

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☐ I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

Its has not been issued to me

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### **LICENSING OBJECTIVES**

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

To provide a safe and secure place for a maximum of 30 lesbian, bisexual, gay and trans-gender customers and their straight friends as non-residents, by invitation of the staff or myself by ringing the doorbell at the door and assessing their suitability for a mixed bar ( and numbers already inside), this would allow a few non residents to enjoy our facilities with their friends in a safe place, there would be no open door policy that would allow letting anyone to walk in off the street, and a record of non-residents via a signing in book for health and safety and security, thus stopping drunk, aggressive or criminal behaviour.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Controlled entry by having people press doorbell before allowed access and sign visitors book and also limit non-residents to 30 people, cctv on doorway recording 24hrs

c) Public safety

Only allowing non-residents until 2am, an hour before our music is lowered and wound down. Providing free calls to taxi companies where needed

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Outside terrace locked from 2am to all in hotel at weekends and at midnight weekdays, free taxis phoned for people, 30 maximum non-residents allowed, notices on behaviour when leaving hotel

e) The protection of children from harm

no under 16s allowed in hotel, except where a special events licence is applied for, ie: dance competitions, bar has electric shutter to cordon off whole area and gaming machines would be unplugged

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### **NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT**

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, on any premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08:00 and 23:00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

**Section 18 of 18**

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Variation Fees are determined by the non-domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at [http://www.voa.gov.uk/business\\_rates/index.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm)

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £450.00\*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00\*

\*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then you are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

If you own a large premise you are subject to additional fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39000 £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

\* Fee amount (£)

190.00

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AUTHORITY POSTAL ADDRESS**



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**DECLARATION**

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE  
\* STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

I understand that the information I have provided, will be held by the Council on both computerised and manual files.

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**From:** Pritchard, Emma  
**To:** [Licensing la2003](#)  
**Cc:** "John Street"  
**Subject:** Variation to premises licence - Mardi Gras Hotel  
**Date:** 03 June 2020 10:29:28  
**Attachments:** [police.jpg](#)

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Please see attached signed mediation front sheet and below email trail in order to reduce licensable activity to non-residents to 00:30hrs and add additional conditions to the operating schedule.

I can now confirm on behalf of the Police that we have no objection to the variation of this premises licence,

With thanks,

Emma

*PC 4107 Emma Pritchard  
 West Licensing Department  
 Bispham Police Station  
 Blackpool  
 01253 604073*

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**From:** John Street  
**Sent:** 03 June 2020 09:15  
**To:** Pritchard, Emma <Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Variation to premises licence - Mardi Gras Hotel

Hi there, yes it is signed and dated, best wishes.

John Street

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**From:** Pritchard, Emma <[Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)>  
**Sent:** 03 June 2020 07:10  
**To:** 'John Street'  
**Subject:** RE: Variation to premises licence - Mardi Gras Hotel

Hi John,

Thank you for doing this so quickly I appreciate it.

Could you please just confirm that you have signed the attached photo in order to add the below 17 conditions to the operating schedule then I will send this to Blackpool Council (just a quick email reply):

1	<p><b>The following changes to licensable activity:</b></p> <p>Non-residents may be served alcohol and may engage in all permitted licensable activities until 00:30hrs daily. There are no restrictions on the hours during which intoxicants can be served to residents.</p>
2	<p><b>The following conditions to be added to the operating schedule:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After 00:30hrs intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons residing there or their private friends, bona fide entertained by them at their own expense, and for consumption by such a person or his private friend so entertained by them on the premises. A Guest Book will be maintained, wherein the names of guests (and the residents of whom they are a guest) will be duly recorded.</li> </ol>

2. A controlled entry system will be in place to ensure access to non-residents is limited. Non-residents will be required to sign a visitor's book which will be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request.
3. Any outside area which is used for the consumption of alcohol shall cease to be so used at 22:00hrs. All tables and chairs in the outside area shall either be fixed to the floor or be stacked, secured and covered no more than 30 minutes after the time at which patrons are no longer permitted to consume drinks in the area.
4. The outside area of the venue will be regularly checked by a competent person.
5. Frequent collection of glasses and bottles will be undertaken to ensure that empty containers do not accumulate in or around the licensed premises.
6. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure staff prevent the removal of bottles or glasses from the curtilage and grounds of the licensed premises or any outside area under the control of the premises licence holder.
7. Another member of staff shall be nominated to act for the DPS in their absence whose identity is known by all staff when such absence occurs.
8. At least one personal licence holder will be contactable at all times the premises is open (whose identity will be known to all other staff engaged in the supply or sale of alcohol) except in the case of emergency.
9. An authorisation of sales, signed and dated by the DPS, shall be kept at the premises showing all persons authorised by them to make sales of alcohol at the premises.
10. Security/staff arrangements will be sufficient to discourage the sale and consumption of drugs and shall ensure such arrangements include regular documented checks of toilets.
11. An incident book will be maintained in which shall be recorded:-
  - i. All incidents of crime and disorder
  - ii. Refused sales to suspected under-age and drunken persons
  - iii. A record of any person asked to leave the premises or removed from the premises
  - iv. Details of occasions on which the police are called to the premises
  - v. A record of persons searched on suspicion that drugs are being carried and the reason for such suspicionThe book will be available for inspection by a police officer.
12. All external windows and doors should be closed after 10pm, except in the case of an emergency.
13. Functions which specifically target young people aged 17-18 years (for example birthday parties) will not be allowed to take place on the premises.
14. All members of staff shall receive suitable training with regard to serving drunks and are to receive regular refresher training at intervals of a maximum of 6 months, records to evidence this will be made available to authorised officer upon request.
15. All staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall receive suitable training in relation

to proof of age scheme to be applied upon the premises. All staff are to receive regular refresher training at intervals of at least 6 months. Records to evidence this will be made available to officers upon request.

16. A Challenge 25 proof of age policy shall be implemented and adhered to. Any person who looks or appears to be under the age of 25 shall be asked to provide identification that they are over the age of 18. The following are the only forms of identification acceptable:

A recognised proof of age scheme accredited under the British Retail Consortiums Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS).

Photo driving licence.

Passport.

Official ID card issued by HM Forces or European Union bearing a photograph and date of birth of the holder.

If no suitable identification is provided the sale of alcohol to them will be refused.

17. CCTV will be installed internally and externally at the premises and will comply with the following:

- i) The CCTV system shall be installed, maintained and operated to the reasonable satisfaction of Lancashire Constabulary. All public areas of the premises are to be covered by the system. The system will incorporate a camera covering the entrance door and will be capable of providing an image which is regarded as identification standard.
- ii) The system will display the correct date and time
- iii) The system will make recordings during all hours the premises are open to the public
- iv) Digital recordings shall be held for a minimum of 21 days after the recording is made and will be made available to the Police or any authorised persons for inspection upon request.
- v) The system will, as a minimum, record images of the head and shoulders of all persons entering the premises.
- vi) A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system will be on the premises at all times the premises are open to the public. This staff member will be able to show recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested to by a Police Officer or a Local Authority Enforcement Officer.
- vii) The Licence Holder or Designated Premises Supervisor shall notify the Police Licensing Unit on any occasion when the CCTV is to be inoperative for a period in excess of one working day and shall provide a certificate from a competent person stating the reason for the system being inoperative and the measures which have been taken to satisfy the licence conditions

Thanks and take care,

Emma

*PC 4107 Emma Pritchard  
West Licensing Department  
Bispham Police Station  
Blackpool*

01253 604073

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**From:** John Street  
**Sent:** 02 June 2020 17:11  
**To:** Pritchard, Emma <[Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Variation to premises licence - Mardi Gras Hotel

Hello there Emma, thank you for both listening and understanding our vision for Mardi Gras, I have signed and agreed the form and attached a scanned copy, I make you a cast iron promise to adhere to the rules and give you no concern or need for employing door staff for Mardi Gras Hotel.

Best wishes

John Street

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**From:** Pritchard, Emma <[Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emma.Pritchard@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)>  
**Sent:** 02 June 2020 14:13  
**To:** 'John Street'  
**Subject:** Variation to premises licence - Mardi Gras Hotel

Dear John Street,

As discussed on the telephone please see the attached mediation agreement in order to add conditions to the operating schedule for the Mardi Gras Hotel and amend the hours for alcohol to non-residents to 00:30hrs daily.

If you could please look at the attached agreement and if you are happy for the above conditions to be added then sign and return to me by email if possible.

If you have any queries at all about the attached please do not hesitate to ring or email me.

If you could please respond before 11<sup>th</sup> June I would be grateful,

With thanks,

Emma

*PC 4107 Emma Pritchard  
West Licensing Department  
Bispham Police Station  
Blackpool  
01253 604073  
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## Notification of Mediation Agreement

## Premises Details

Name of Premises: **Mardi Gras Hotel**Premises Address: **41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool**Post Code: **FY1 2BD**

## Responsible Authority

Service / Department: **Lancashire Constabulary**Officer (Print Name): **PC 4107 Emma Pritchard**

Signature

*EPritchard*

## Proposed changes to Application Operational Schedule

Mark one

Adequate changes proposed during the representation period. No representation made. ☒ xSome changes proposed. Representation will follow for remaining concerns. ☐Some changes made after representation submitted. Continue to hearing. ☐Full and adequate proposals made after representation. Representation withdrawn. ☐

## Applicant's consent to amend Licence Application

I the undersigned am the applicant and hereby authorize Blackpool Licensing Service to amend my application as detailed below. I understand that these amendments may be included as conditions on the Premises Licence should one be issued.

Applicant's Name (Please print clearly) **Mr John Street**

Applicant's Usual Signature

*[Signature]*

Date of signing

**2nd June 2020**

## Amendments

## 1 The following changes to licensable activity:

Non-residents may be served alcohol and may engage in all permitted licensable activities until 00:30hrs daily. There are no restrictions on the hours during which intoxicants can be served to residents.

## 2 The following conditions to be added to the operating schedule:

- After 00:30hrs intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons residing there or their private friends, bona fide entertained by them at their own expense, and for consumption by such a person or his private friend so entertained by them on the premises. A Guest Book will be maintained, wherein the names of guests

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**Sarah Chadwick**

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**From:** John Street  
**Sent:** 11 June 2020 15:45  
**To:** Licensing la2003  
**Subject:** Re: Mardi Gras Hotel

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Hello Sarah, yes include my email please in the hearing papers, I was hoping that the new agreed alterations agreed by the Police and Environmental Health would have alleviated any objections, but never mind, we are the new people on the street and have spent over 27,000 pounds renovating the hotel, this obviously causes some jealousy from rival hotels and hostility. You can also add this email to the hearing paperwork.

Best wishes

John Street

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**From:** Licensing la2003 <licensing.la2003@blackpool.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 June 2020 14:12  
**To:** John Street  
**Subject:** RE: Mardi Gras Hotel

Hello Mr Street

I can confirm that we have received the mediation agreements you made with both the Police and Environmental Protection and the amendments have been made to your application accordingly. We have also received a representation in support of your application from Scott Benton MP's office.

As per our email below, the last date for objections is 11 June. However, on the newspaper advert that was published, the last date for objections was given as 18 June. Please note therefore, that should anyone try to submit an objection up to the 18<sup>th</sup> based on the date published in your press ad, we will have to accept it.

We have received some objections from members of the public in respect of your application which will therefore have to go to a hearing. I will be in touch in the next few weeks in regards to a hearing date and the process that will be followed – the hearing is likely to take place remotely over video conferencing software as we are unable to arrange “in person” hearings at the Town Hall due to the current social distancing requirements.

Finally, please can you confirm whether you want the email that you sent below to be included with the hearing papers? You may wish to consider whether you want your wording of an alleged witch hunt to be made public as hearing reports are published on the Council's website for anyone to read. If you could let me know I would appreciate it.

If you have any queries please just give me a call.

Kind regards

Sarah

**Sarah Chadwick**

*Licensing Officer*

**Licensing Services**

Public Protection Division | Community and Environmental Services | Blackpool Council | Municipal Buildings | Corporation Street | Blackpool | FY1 1NA

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**W:** [www.blackpool.gov.uk](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk)

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**From:** John Street

**Sent:** 11 June 2020 13:50

**To:** Licensing la2003 <licensing.la2003@blackpool.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Mardi Gras Hotel

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**Blackpool Council Licensing Service - Premises Licence application received**

Premises Name	Mardi Gras
Premises Address	41-43 Lord Street, FY1 2BD
Applicant	John Street
Application start date	15/05/2020
Last date for representations	11/06/2020

Good afternoon, as this is the final day objections can be out in against my application, I would like to add some things to support my case.

I have spoken and mediated both with the Police and Environmental Health and have agreed to the limitations to my original proposal.

No live entertainment after 11pm

No use of the outside terrace, apart from smoking after 10pm

Invited members of the public only, via doorbell and visitors' book, no open-door policy, served until 12:30am only, residents and their guests as per previous licence agreement

I have had support from the Police and Environmental Health on the above and my local MP Scott Benton.

Today allegedly, the owners and friends of Rueben's hotel have once again mounted a witch hunt against us and telephoned local hotels such as Legends (our neighbouring hotel) and asked them to make a last-minute objection and to go down the street asking others too and used lies about our application to persuade them, saying we are opening a fun pub. This is unfair, untrue and has made me feel very victimised and bullied for no reason.

All I am trying to do is bring Lord Street a decent, clean and friendly venue

BEST WISHES

John Street

Mardi Gras Hotel



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**From:** MITCHELL, Bradley  
**To:** [Licensing Ia2003](#)  
**Subject:** Mardi Gras Hotel  
**Date:** 02 June 2020 17:56:05

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Good evening,

I write on behalf of Scott Benton MP, who has been contacted by the business owner of the Mardi Gras Hotel, Blackpool, FY1 2BD.

I believe they are currently trying to obtain a license for up to 30 invitation only non-residents.

The licence would allow the business to expand and offer a wider menu to customers, including putting on Sunday lunch and teatime soup and rolls events. They would appeal to a wider audience than previously, including day trippers, which many hoteliers are unable to benefit from. As some visitors are only be able to come for the day, they could still offer them food, drink and socialising. This would add substantial revenue to the hotel and allow them to diversify their business.

They have invested a lot of money into renovating and improving the property after it sat empty for years with a collapsing roof and damp. This has a wider benefit to the rest of Blackpool and helps improve the overall image. After the difficulties of the current climate the license could help prevent the hotel going bankrupt.

Could you please note Scott's support for their license?

All the best and take care,

Bradley

**Bradley Mitchell**

Office Manager to Scott Benton MP

Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way, Blackpool, FY4 2RP

Tel: 01253 361 350

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**THE HOTEL BLACKPOOL  
22-24 LORD STREET  
BLACKPOOL FY1 2BD**

**Dated 16th May 2020**

**To whom it may concern.**

**It is such a pleasure to see that the Mardi Gras has been taken over after being empty for 18 months plus and the previous lease holder who run the hotel down. To see to gents put such love, time and money into transforming this into one of the best in the street, not only on the outside but inside too as I invited myself to have a peek, WOW looks so welcoming and classy, tastefully and sympathetically updated to what guests expect and they are obviously aiming for the nicer middle class of client like we do.**

**We think the idea of having guests upto 30 by invite to the bar is a great idea, and to close the terrace off at 10pm. They informed me that they have separated sound so that the bar side is quite and also being of the same sort of age as us music not load as again they are not teenagers and they respect neighbouring**

**hoteliers and guests and to top it they said that Blackpool has many pubs and clubs for the load dancing disco music. Also at least they are being honest as some other hotels just let any Tom Dick & Harry or friends in as paying bars of which they shouldn't. We ourselves have had a temporary events notice for private party and all went very well.**

**We have been hassled a few times to fill in a form of opposing, we DO NOT see what the problem is. Let these guys have a chance, Blackpool needs new hoteliers with fresh blood and fresh clean hotels to bring a lot of the neighbourhood into the 21st century.**

**With all that's gone on in the world give these guys a break, too much jealousy and gossiping lies going around, these guys have put there hard earned cash and sweat into trying to improve a tired old building into a A1 hotel. They get my vote.**

**David Hatton.**

**Director**

**Paul Lackerstein**

**Manager**

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**From:** John Street  
**Sent:** 14 June 2020 11:29  
**To:** Licensing la2003  
**Subject:** Fw: License Application  
**Attachments:** Council letter for MG.docx

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Good morning, this is the third letter of support for our licence and comes from our immediate neighbouring hotel, can you confirm this has been received along with the other two, best wishes

John Street  
Mardi Gras Hotel  
41-43 Lord Street  
Blackpool  
FY1 2BD

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**From:** legends hotel  
**Sent:** 14 June 2020 09:11  
**To:** john street  
**Subject:** License Application

Good Morning John/Tony

We have attached a letter of support for you license application.

We sincerely hope it is approved.

Kind Regards

Angie & Frances

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45 Lord Street,

Blackpool.

FY1 2BD.

Date 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

To whom it may Concern

We are delighted to finally have the Mardi Gras Hotel under new ownership. The previous lease holders were ill equipped to run such an establishment and they just ran the hotel down and vacated overnight leaving a trail of destruction and debris behind them.

Now nearing 2 years later we are pleased to have been introduced to the new owners who have shared their vision for their hotel and the future for all of us hoteliers from 2020 onwards.

The enthusiasm, commitment and passion as well as the money and time invested into transforming an empty derelict shell to this tasteful, classy modern hotel is very welcoming and well received.

We were very lucky to be given a sneak preview of their endeavours and we can truly say it is WOW, so welcoming, chic and sympathetically updated to their guests' expectations, it is obvious they are aiming for the nicer middle class clientele.

We think the idea of having guests up to 30 people by invite only to their bar and terrace area is modest and acceptable, (other hoteliers just let any Tom, Dick & Harry or friends in to the paying bar which they shouldn't). The closing of the terrace at 10pm is respectful to others and the fact they have separated the sound so the bar side is quiet demonstrates that they have thought of neighbouring hoteliers and guest and all the necessary noise reduction and disturbance thoroughly and in accordance with their license, we feel this is very refreshing and professional.

Their clientele are on par with our own guests who do not entertain or would tolerate loud music late into the night, we ourselves have had private parties and the evenings were a huge success and all went very well.

We have been approached and hassled a few times to fill in a form of opposition to the licence and we truly DO NOT see what the problem is. We say let these guys have a chance.



With this COVID-19 Pandemic and other natural disasters and devastation that have plagued the world in recent years it has proven that Blackpool needs new hoteliers with fresh blood, flare and a most importantly a clean hotel to bring a lot of the neighbourhood into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We feel these guys deserve a break other people's jealousy, gossip and mistruths shouldn't be an obstacle or barrier to their application.

We have over the last few months watched these guys put their hard earned cash, sweat and toil in to improving a tired old building into an A1 Hotel, and we whole heartedly feel honoured to have them as our neighbours.

Regards

*A. Baddeley*

*F. Joyce*

A. Baddeley & F. Joyce

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Mr Stephen Blanchard  
Spain

14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Sir,

REF: LICENCE REVIEW

I am writing this letter in support of the licence review which is currently in the process.

I understand that you have had some objections to the licence review. Namely from the owners of the Rubens Hotel, directly next door to the applicants.

I was the previous owner of the Mardi Gras Hotel, and my experience with the owners of Rubens, was a good one until as a business we became highly successful. When this happened, we became a target of harassment and victimisation, every department within the council that had power to inspect the premises was called for alleged discretions, which all were found to be invalid. A memorable moment was when the food standards agency was giving ratings for cleanliness. Our rating was 5 and next doors was a 4, we became a target again. I must add that the Rubens Hotel was one of the main reasons as to why we felt it necessary to leave our business, and I hope that they do not succeed with there actions to make another person feel this way.

I'm afraid you'll find that if this change is approved the Mardi Gras will only have more absurd claims of indiscretions.

I'm aware that I no longer live in Blackpool, but I felt it was necessary to place in writing my support and give you a background to my and the current owners issues.

Yours

Stephen Blanchard

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**Sarah Chadwick**

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**From:** John Street  
**Sent:** 18 June 2020 10:39  
**To:** Licensing la2003  
**Subject:** Fw:

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Premises Name	Mardi Gras
Premises Address	41-43 Lord Street, FY1 2BD
Applicant	John Street
Application start date	15/05/2020
Last date for representations	18/06/2020

Please find attached another letter of support for my licence application, this now has 4 letters of support, three of which are immediate neighbours and one local MP, can you confirm you have all these before the deadline of today?

Best wishes

John Street

**From:** veronica mccullough  
**Sent:** 18 June 2020 08:13  
**To:** john street  
**Subject:**

To whom it may concern

My name is Veronica McCullough I run the Lark Inn opposite The Mardi Gras and just want to let you know how hard they are working in the hotel. I fully support their licence application. John Street has been working non-stop improving the hotel from outside and the inside. The building looks beautiful and become asset to the street. They are both lovely guys and they are very welcoming and looking forward to getting to know the guys better.

Would like wish them all the best on their new venture The Mardi Gras

Regards

Veronica



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**From:** (Cllr) Ivan Taylor  
**Sent:** 18 May 2020 14:06  
**To:** Licensing la2003  
**Subject:** Re: Licence Applications 18/05/20

Good afternoon,

As a councillor for Claremont Ward, I wish to submit an objection to the proposed extension to the license for the Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool.

As you know this is situated in a terrace of small/medium sized hotels. To extend the alcohol license for this hotel to 2.00 am, including non-residents would, in my view, lead to increased noise and activity, both inside and outside the hotel, and increased anti- social activity in an area already subject to ASB.

If and when this application comes to a hearing, I would like to be present and speak on the application. I will then supply any further information necessary to support my objection.

Thank you

Ivan Taylor

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# Blackpool Council

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

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	JOHN PAUL STREET
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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

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## Section 1 – Premises or Club details

Name & Address of Premises	MARDI GRAS HOTEL											
	41-43 LORD STREET, BLACKPOOL.											
						Post Code	F	Y	1		2	B

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

## Section 2 – Your Details

### A. Details of individual interested party

Title:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms		Surname	COLLINGS.					
							Please tick					
Forenames	VIRNETTA					I am 18 years old or over	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No				
Home address	APOLLO											
	26 LORD STREET, BLACKPOOL.											
						Post Code	F	Y	1		2	B
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													
First Names <small>(of person representing the body)</small>						Surname <small>(of person representing the body)</small>							
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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

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**Section 4 – Information and details of the representation**

Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date that the previous representation was made:	N/A.	
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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I would like to make a representation to the Licensing Committee to refuse the application for a Public Licence at the Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool.

My reasons fall into two categories:

The Prevention of Nuisance

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

I am a long term resident and business owner of the Apollo Hotel, 26 Lord Street, directly opposite the Mardi Gras hotel. My explanation below covers these two categories.

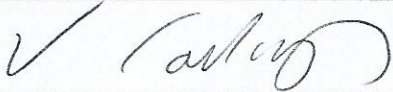
In the time I have been here, I have had numerous problems with both noise from drunken guests and from very loud music being played in this bar, especially at the weekend. Unfortunately, they use the small enclosed outside balcony as a smoking area, this means they open and close the doors almost constantly letting entertainment noise out. People tend to be very loud when drunk and have no consideration for residents and guests in the surrounding properties. They flick their cigarette ends into the street and road and have used the side alley at the side of my property as a toilet.

Lord Street has always been a place of small B and B's in a predominantly gay area where people behave very well and does not, in my opinion, lend itself to public licensed premises as there are three or four public gay bars within 200 metres. Guests have complained about the noise from the Mardi Gras before and have said that they will not stay with me again because of this. If this license is granted, it will obviously affect my business. The only other public licensed bar on my part of Lord Street has caused a lot of problems with noise and bad behaviour on the street by patrons and the police and council having to visit them on numerous occasions. I think we could very well face the same problems if this licence is granted.

Please provide as much information as possible to support your representation. Note that if you have not disclosed this information, you may not be able to introduce it at the hearing unless all parties consent.

## 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:
	INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED PARTY (NEIGHBOUR).	4/6/2020



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# Blackpool Council

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

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	JOHN PAUL STREET
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## Section 1 – Premises or Club details

Name & Address of Premises	MARDI GRAS HOTEL											
	41-43 LORD STREET BLACKPOOL											
						Post Code	F	Y	1		2	B

Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)
JOHN PAUL STREET.

## Section 2 – Your Details

### A. Details of individual interested party

Title:	<del>Mr</del>	<del>Mrs</del>	Miss	M <sup>s</sup>		Surname	HARRIS						
Forenames	ASHLEY					I am 18 years old or over	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick				
Home address	RUBENS												
	39 LORD STREET BLACKPOOL												
						Post Code	F	Y	1		2	B	D
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													
First Names <small>(of person representing the body)</small>						Surname <small>(of person representing the body)</small>							
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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

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- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

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**Section 4 – Information and details of the representation**

Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?	Yes	No ✓
Date that the previous representation was made:		
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		Yes ✓

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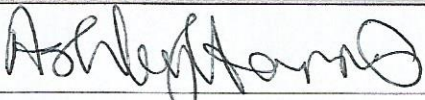
Please state the grounds for your representation: - {Please continue on additional sheets if necessary}

Please see sheets 6 + 7

Please provide as much information as possible to support your representation. Note that if you have not disclosed this information, you may not be able to introduce it at the hearing unless all parties consent.

### 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:
	INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED PARTY / NEIGHBOUR	04/06/2020



**Re: Open Variation Application 082474****Mardi Gras Hotel, 41-43 Lord Street, Blackpool, FY1 2BD**

We wish to make representation under the Licensing Act 2003 against the above Licensing Register for the promotion of the following licensing objectives:-

1. The Prevention of Nuisance
2. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The part of Lord Street where the Mardi Gras Hotel is located (between Banks Street and Springfield Road) is a mix of residential and holiday accommodation. There are 12 small guest houses, which are all occupied by the owners, 4 self-catering holiday units and 3 residential buildings with a total of 28 self-contained residential flats.

Currently, 1 non-residential premises licence has been granted to a guest house on this part of the street.

1. The Prevention of Nuisance

If this non-residential premises licence is granted, there would be a significant increase in noise and vibration caused by members of the public entering and exiting the premises. The property, which sleeps up to 46 persons, could have its footfall increased by a further 30 non-residential persons at any one time. This may be increased further with the arrival of other non-residential customers waiting at the entrance. Such large numbers will inevitably cause a noise nuisance to neighbouring properties.

We share an internal wall with Mardi Gras Hotel and our entrance is adjoining theirs. Because the walls are relatively thin and not soundproofed, the continual foot traffic from the extra non-residential visitors will inevitably cause an intolerable nuisance to ourselves and our guests.

Considerable noise will be generated in the street by people being on the external terrace, whether drinking, sitting or smoking, potentially until midnight on weekdays and 02.00 am at weekends. The inevitable noise will cause a nuisance to both neighbours and our guests and, therefore, to our business.

Following the recent non-residential premises licence being granted to a guest house on our street, it immediately led to a significant noise nuisance to neighbours, particularly to those living in connected properties due to the nature and fabric of the buildings. Although this licence is not currently being operated, when it was operational, many guests were disturbed by the noise and complained about it.

2. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There will be continual issues with members of the public arriving and leaving late at night when guests and ourselves are trying to relax or sleep. Without doubt, there is every likelihood that it will cause disorder and breaches of the peace.

Because the licence holder is not responsible for the conduct of individuals once they leave the vicinity of their property, the granting of this licence will simply add to the frequency of crime and disorder on our street. The character of this street should remain as a combined residential and holiday area for guest houses and we do not wish it to be



turned into a 'drinking' street, especially when there will be no security staff, or public CCTV outside the vicinity of the Mardi Gras Hotel.

The granting of the other non-residential premises licence certainly led to anti-social behaviour on this normally quiet street, including shouting, swearing, and, occasionally, public urination. Although this was not the fault of the owners, there were many complaints from guests who felt unsafe returning at night because of the anti-social behaviour.

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In summary, if this non-residential premises licence is granted, it would be a major threat to our own wellbeing and livelihood, to the enjoyment of our facilities by our guests and to the character of this street. It will cause increased noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

We therefore ask you not to grant the variation licence of the Mardi Gras Hotel.

Ashley Harris & Lara Richbell  
 Rubens Hotel  
 39 Lord Street  
 Blackpool  
 FY1 2BD

#### **From the 2013 Blackpool Joint Health and Well Being Strategy**

"Alcohol is a factor in 14% of all crimes in the town, 36% of violent crimes and 77% of domestic violence incidents"

"53% of alcohol related violent crime is concentrated in Bloomfield, Claremont and Talbot wards".



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## Section 1 – Premises or Club details

Name & Address of Premises	MARDI GRAS HOTEL									
	41-43 LOZO STREET									
	BLACKPOOL	Post Code	F	Y	1		2	B	D	

Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)
JOHN PAUL STREET

## Section 2 – Your Details

### A. Details of individual interested party

Title:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr	<input type="radio"/> Mrs	<input type="radio"/> Miss	<input type="radio"/> Ms		Surname	BRANKSTON			
Forenames	GEOFF					I am 18 years old or over	Please tick Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Home address	15-17 LORD STREET									
	BLACKPOOL									
		Post Code	F	Y	1		2	A	Z	
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											
First Names <small>(of person representing the body)</small>						Surname <small>(of person representing the body)</small>					
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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)

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- The Protection of Children from Harm

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**Section 4 – Information and details of the representation**

Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?	Yes	No ✓
Date that the previous representation was made:		
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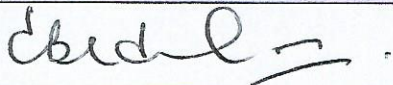
Please state the grounds for your representation: - {Please continue on additional sheets if necessary}

SEE SHEETS 5-6.

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Signature:	Capacity:	Date:
	owner	10/JUN/20



## Part 3 – Reason for Review

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s):

Please tick

1) the prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) public safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) the prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4) the protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2 before completing)

- LORD STREET IS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AS A HOLIDAY AREA / ZONE
- LORD STREET CONSISTS OF HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION AND FLATS.
- = EVERY BUSINESS PREMISE HAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT BY WAY OF AN OWNER, LESSEE OR TENANT
- LORD STREET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS MUCH A RESIDENTIAL AREA AS A HOLIDAY AREA AND THE BUSINESS OWNERS ETC SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN OR IGNORED.
- = THE CURRENT LICENCE IS FOR RESIDENTS WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE.
- = THERE IS NO NEED FOR A NON-RESIDENTS LICENCE WHEN THERE ALREADY IN EXCESS OF TEN PUBLIC LICENSED VENUES WITHIN 100 METRES.
- = CONSIDERATION HAS TO BE GIVEN REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCE WHICH IN TURN EFFECTS BOTH DISORDER AND SAFETY WHEN THERE IS AN OUTSIDE TERRACE.
- = HAVING THE POTENTIAL OF UP TO 80+ PEOPLE USING THE OUTSIDE TERRACE UNTIL IT IS LOCKED AT 02.00 WILL CREATE THE SAME PROBLEMS AS THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY DID, CALLED "THE FERNLEA"
- = POLICE REPORTS AND ALSO AMBULANCE RECORDS CAN CONFIRM THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT OF THE "FERNLEA".

- = ~~W~~ORD STREET IS NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN A STREET FOR PUBLIC BARS AND THIS IS EASILY SHOWN BY THE NATURE OF THE TERRACED BUILDINGS. LOUD NOISE IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND IS NOTORIOUS FOR CARRYING OVER LONG DISTANCES. THIS IS EVEN MORE SO AT EVENING AND NIGHT TIMES WHEN THERE IS LESS GENERAL FOOTFALL AND TRAFFIC
- = WHEN HOLIDAYMAKERS RETURN TO THEIR ACCOMMODATION AT NIGHT AND RESIDENT OWNERS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, IT IS TO SLEEP AND NOT TO BE KEPT AWAKE BY PUBLIC NUISANCE.
- = GUESTS STAYING AT OUR PROPERTY COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE "FERN LEA" WHEN IT WAS OPERATIONAL.
- = SINCE THE "FERN LEA" HAS CLOSED THE PUBLIC NUISANCE IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE WHICH WILL BE SUPPORTED THROUGH THE REDUCTION IN POLICE REPORTS.
- = IN SUMMARY IF THE NEW OWNERS OF THE MARDI GRAS HOTEL WANTED A PUBLIC BAR THEN WHY DID THEY PURCHASE A TERRACED PROPERTY WHICH WAS BUILT TO SERVE AS AN ACCOMMODATION PROPERTY AND AS SUCH IS UNFIT FOR PURPOSE AS A PUBLIC BAR.



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	BLACKPOOL	Post Code	F	Y	I		2	B	D	

Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)
APPLICANT - JOHN PAUL STREET

## Section 2 – Your Details

### A. Details of individual interested party

Title:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr	<input type="radio"/> Mrs	<input type="radio"/> Miss	<input type="radio"/> Ms		Surname	FERGUSON						
								Please tick					
Forenames	IAIN PAUL					I am 18 years old or over	Yes	No					
Home address	THE MOORE'S HOTEL												
	42 BANKS STREET												
	BLACKPOOL					Post Code	F	Y	I		2	B	E
Telephone Number						Mobile Number							
E-Mail Address													

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<b>Date that the previous representation was made:</b>	<hr/>
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Please state the grounds for your representation: - (Please continue on additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

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Signature:	Capacity:	Date:
<i>Gavin P. Ferguson</i>	OWNER / PROPRIETOR	11.6.20

Dear Licensing Committee,

Licence Objection - Mardi Gras Hotel 41- 43 Lord Street Blackpool.

I wish to object to the application for a public licence by the above premises, particularly in relation to public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I would support the granting of a licence but only in respect that it enables alcohol to be provided to residents and their guests.

There have previously been problems in this street with another property [FERNLEA 25 Lord Street] when these premises operated with a public licence. This was the subject of considerable discussion at meetings held by the North Central Business Action Group and addressed regularly by the Head of Public Protection Mr Tim Cogan.

No matter what the best intentions there may be stated by the applicant, why is there a need for a public licence ?

This property, although within the designated holiday area, it is primarily for residential use. The public visit for residential use and not to premises that are commercially open to the public or to provide entertainment.

Noise echoes considerably in this area and even being a short distance from this property, noise would be heard quite clearly, more so during the night time when there is less residual noise from traffic and everyday life.

When Pier Jam events and Promenade Concerts take place, they can be heard clearly and these venues are even further away.

Most local residents, whether hoteliers or not, take the issue of noise and unruly behaviour extremely seriously as it effects our lives, sleep needs and livelihoods. Excessive noise reflects greatly on repeat business.

Even some hotels with a hotel licence have had their licences reviewed and limited for excessive noise. [The Lark Inn – Licensing Panel 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011] Supported by Mr Mark Marshall Blackpool Council and Lancashire Constabulary.

In these difficult times, particularly as these premises have been closed and unoccupied for some considerable time, I wish the new occupants every success, but clearly a change of use in respect of private verses public use in respect of the provision of alcohol and entertainments clearly needs to be carefully considered.

If events are going to be a regular occurrence, I would additionally suggest that a limit of 12 midnight be imposed to utilise the outside area as this is relatively small and allowing the double doors to be open after this time would enable considerable noise to emanate. The requirement for CCTV to be in operation at all times to monitor events would additionally support adhesion to any rules and regulations imposed.

I would support the granting of a licence to provide alcohol to residents and their limited guests only in the first instance, with restrictions. If that works satisfactorily, it could be reviewed after a period of 12 months perhaps.

The provision of a public licence merely allows for the premises to become more commercial with the outcome of more people being attracted into the area who might otherwise utilise the many existing establishments in the town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iain Ferguson. Moore's Hotel and Licensee.

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