

Blackpool Council Licensing Service

Representation made by a Responsible Authority
In support of an application for the Review of an existing
Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate

Responsible Authority making representation

Name of Responsible Authority	Lancashire Police			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PS Caroline Hannon			
Contact telephone number	01253 604153			
Date representation made	22	05	14	
Do you consider mediation appropriate				NO

Name of Responsible Authority / Applicant who requested a review of this Licence

Licensing Department, Blackpool Borough Council.

Premises Details

Premises Name	Underbar
Address	Bank Hey St
	Blackpool
Post Code	FY1 4RU

Details of your representation in support of the review application

(Please reference & attach supporting any documentation)

This supporting representation is brought on behalf of the Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary. The issues include suspected breaches of the Licensing Act 2003 and operational practices that would appear to undermine the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

The Underbar is causing great concern for the Police with lack of prevention for drugs, lack of recording for incidents and drug searches and control over the premises and allowing drunkenness.

The issues of concern are as follows

03/05/14 File note from PC 3127 Reynolds.

A multi-agency visit was conducted, the premises had only been open a short time and an empty snap bag was found in the male cubicle which is believed to have contained drugs. A sawn off snooker cue was found behind the bar which the DPS stated was to turn on electrical equipment.

18.20 Sunday 20th April 2014 Statement of PC 3459 Michael McVeigh

PC 3459 McVeigh that's he had to request the door staff to remove a heavily intoxicated female from the premises who was incapable of standing.

Crime - AX1407915 / Log - LC-20140329-1775

A verbal argument has taken place between two groups, the offender then head butts the aggrieved causing no injury.

File note from PC 3842 Evans visit 22/03/14.

The premises did not have their drug searches and incident book. A lack of drug searches causes concern for the Police as there has been a previous issue with the premises in August 2012 where incident books had been lost. (File note and warning letter attached regarding lost incident books)

Crime - AX1407220 / Log - LC-20140216-0104

A male aggrieved was subjected to an unprovoked assault in the toilets and whilst washing the blood from his face he was assaulted again.

File note and warning letter 08/02/14 from PC 3842 Evans

Whilst viewing CCTV it was noted that it wasn't working correctly and no stored data.

Saturday 1ST February 2014 Log LC-20140201-1309 / Email from PC 905 Showell / File note from PC 3842 Evans.

A large problematic group had been removed from licensed premises due to them fighting and exposing themselves. Underbar let the group into their venue as the door staff were down in the bar area and not monitoring the point of entry, the door staff were not monitoring the link radio when other venues transmitted the disorderly behaviour and requested that entry should not be allowed.

Crime - AX1406918 / Log - LC-20140101-0542

Offender has been ejected from the Underbar nightclub earlier in the evening for harassing women and told to leave the area by police. The offender has then returned. The offender has then started throwing punches at an unknown male and has been arrested for drunk and disorderly.

Crime - AX1304843 / Log - LC-20130906-1627

Female offender committed unprovoked assaulted on male partner causing a cut to right side of neck and near to left eye.

Crime - AX1302407 / Log - LC-20130519-0053

Two offenders have been in conversation with two aggrieveds and punched them causing injury.

