

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 Constabulary			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PC 4107 Emma Pritchard			
Contact telephone number	01253 604007			
Date representation made	14	09	2016	
Do you consider mediation appropriate			YES	NO

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

Keith Marsden (Health & Safety)

Premises Details

Premises Name	Lolly's Hotel			
Address	26 Regent Road			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 4LY			

Details of your representation in support of the review application

(Please reference & attach supporting any documentation)

Lancashire Constabulary support the review application by Keith Marsden on behalf of The Health & Safety Department at Blackpool Council, on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.

I attended the premises on Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 12:30hrs following a request from Blackpool Councils Health and Safety Department. I attended in order to prevent a breach of the peace as I was told by Mark Marshall that on a previous visit a male at the hotel had been aggressive towards staff. I met with Keith Marsden and Jacqui Harrison a short distance from the premises and when we arrived a joiners van was parked on the forecourt of Lolly's hotel. The joiner said that when he arrived the front door was open and that a male asked him if he was there for this hotel, the joiner had told him he didn't know and the male went inside and locked the door. Several attempts were made to access the hotel including knocking, shouting through the letterbox and Keith Marsden attended the rear of the premises. Keith Marsden also attempted to contact the Licence Holder Kamran IQBAL by mobile but was unsuccessful. During this time a female approached me and said that she had paid through 'Booking.com' to stay at this hotel. Keith and Jacqui instructed the locksmith to gain entry and he opened the front door without causing any damage. I entered the property along with Keith, Jacqui and two males from Electricity NorthWest. I repeatedly shouted Hello and eventually at the rear of the premises saw three males making a drink in a kitchen area. Two of the males said they were painters and one male (Scott WALKER) said he wasn't in charge and was just living at the premises. I said that Electricity NorthWest had said the electricity supply had been tampered with and so they would have to

disconnect it as it was unsafe. Scott WALKER said he was nothing to do with the running of the premises but he did have keys to all the rooms and when asked said that guests paid through Booking.com and he would check through the computer system and give them a room. He said that the owner Kamran IQBAL does not attend the premises. I asked Scott WALKER if he was a personal licence holder to which he said no. I saw there was a bar area and asked who had access to the bar. Scott said that although he had keys to the bar he did not supply alcohol to guests. This was a concern as any person could enter the bar and access alcohol. I saw that the bar was fully stocked. The female that had previously said she had paid for a room at the hotel came inside and asked if Scott WALKER would speak to Booking.com which he did. Electricity NorthWest disconnected the power supply and Keith Marsden gave a notice to Scott WALKER. I then left the premises and have not had any dealings since.

The Police are very concerned in regards to the lack of management and control of the premises and there is no evidence that measures are in place to prevent crime and disorder, further more criminal offences of abstracting electricity are being committed on the premises. The Police have no faith in the Licence Holder/ DPS' ability to prevent crime and disorder given the fact that he has allowed if not caused offences to be committed on the premises. There is also a big concern that residents of the hotel including persons under 18 have unlimited access to alcohol. The Police feel that due to lack of management there are no suitable conditions that could be placed on the licence as we have no confidence they would be adhered to and as such would request that the committee consider revocation of this premises licence.

A brief summary of incidents recorded by The Police from 14/09/2015 - 14/09/2016:

LC-20160822-1377: 21st August a domestic assault occurred inside a hotel room, the landlord of the hotel 'Mr Cameron' knocked on the door and gave the victim a separate room to the offender. Police have since interviewed the offender and he has been bailed awaiting Mr Cameron's statement.

LC-20160821-0765: 21st August a hotel guest reports smelling cannabis and that there is an issue surrounding the payment of the room which was a civil matter. Police did not attend the premises and information re cannabis has been put on the police intelligence system.

LC-20160621-0782: 21st June PC White reports Electricity Northwest have found evidence that the electricity meter had been bypassed and they were making it safe. No further Police action.

LC-20160218-0441: 18th February Mr Collier from Corona Energy has an access warrant to enter the property but the male at the hotel is refusing him entry and is being aggressive. Police attended to prevent a breach of the peace and there was no further police action.

LC-20151011-0274: 11th October 2015 at 04:03hrs Scott WALKER contacted police to say he was a member of staff at the hotel and they had a family that had been arguing for over an hour now and thinks that they were fighting each other before. The informant and the 'hotelier' have asked them to leave but they have refused. Police arrive at 04:35hrs and were advised they had left the hotel.

LC-20150919-1412: 19th September 2015 Scott WALKER reports his phone has been stolen; he noticed it had been stolen 3 days ago and it was inside his hotel room which was locked so he doesn't know how it was stolen. Scott WALKER described himself as a member of staff. No CCTV covering offence and no further lines of enquiry.