

Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority to an application for the grant / variation of a Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate				
Responsible Authority				
Name of Responsible Authority	LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PS1747 Helen Parkinson			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604074			
Date representation made	10	10	16	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Ma Kelly's			
Address	77 Talbot Road			
	Blackpool			
	Lancashire			
Post Code	FY1 1LL			
Reasons for making representations				
<p>I am in receipt of an application for a Major Variation to the Premises Licence for the above address.</p> <p>The variation includes increasing the hours for recorded music and the supply of alcohol on Friday and Saturday nights from 03:00 to 04:00 and the closing time extended to 04:30.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make formal objections on the following grounds:</p> <p>The police base this objection on the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The premises falls within the current Town Centre Saturation area as part of the Council's Cumulative Impact Policy. 2) The number of current issues around crime and disorder the area is experiencing. 3) Issues already experienced at the premises themselves. <p>When the current Saturation area was reviewed in 2013 a large part was removed leaving only those areas which currently require significant resourcing from police and other responsible authorities and the area where Ma Kelly's is located remains within this area. The issues in this area of the Town Centre are mainly caused due to the behaviour of customers of all the premises together and not just one individual venue due to high concentration of late night licences already in place, both on-licences</p>				

and take-aways. The Cumulative Impact Policy applies to applications to vary existing licences, as well as new licences, where modifications are directly relevant to this issue. Police believe that in this case, an extension to current trading hours will have a detrimental impact.

Within the last 6 months police have identified 373 recorded incidents within the close vicinity (approx. ¼ mile radius) of Ma Kelly's between the hours of 02:00 – 06:00. These incidents range from public order, nuisance, concerns for safety, assault and suspicious circumstances. Of those incidents, 118 were recorded where a disturbance has taken place between Ma Kelly's and the junction of Dickson Road & Queen Street near Kaos and 44 of those have crimes recorded against them.

It is not only the number of on licences that impact on this but also the number of take-aways with late night licences in the vicinity. This increases the number of people that gather in this area into the early hours, once they have left the drinking establishment. With premises in the area already having 04:00 licences another premise opening to this hour will just intensify this issue as well as increase the availability of alcohol.

In relation to incidents at the premises themselves, there have been 30 calls to the venue in the last 6 months at all times of the day and night. There are three significant incidents in last 6 weeks between 02:30 – 05:00 directly related. These involve a male being assaulted, a female assaulted outside after drinking inside the venue and finally a large disturbance at 03:30hours.

Lancashire Constabulary has significant concerns that crime and disorder will increase if this premises is allowed to increase the licensable hours. This will add to the cumulative impact already being experienced within the Town Centre Saturation Area and would lead to further alcohol fuelled crime and disorder and contribute to the stress and further burden on the emergency services.

It is recommended that the licence should only be granted if the application is amended, or if conditions are applied, as detailed below.

N/A