


Appendix 4b

Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority to an application for the variation of a Premises Licence				
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	09	11	18	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Number 3			
Address	Devonshire Square			
	Blackpool			
	Lancashire			
Post Code	FY3 9BW			
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 of Operation in relation to Live music, recorded music and supply of alcohol to 01:00 hours every Thursday and Sunday night and to 02:00hours every Friday and Saturday night. Also for the premises to remain open to the public for 30 minutes after these terminal hours.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, having reviewed the application the Police make a formal objection to the increase in licensing hours</p> <p>Lancashire Constabulary has significant concerns that the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance will be undermined if this premise is allowed to increase the licensable hours.</p> <p>The premise is situated in a heavy populated residential area on the outskirts of the town centre. For the past approximately 8 years it has been operated as a predominantly food led premises and as such, due to the low risk impact such an operation holds, the Police have had no issues. However, this application seeks to not only increase the hours of operation but also change the type of operation</p>				

the premises will run. Although the wine bar section of the venue will have food available it does not form a substantial element of the Operation of the business, making it a predominantly a drinking venue. This alone increases the risk of crime and disorder as customers will consume mainly alcohol and in addition, allowing a further two hours for such consumption, Police fear, will intensify levels of drunkenness and associated disorder.

A further concern for the Police in relation to the late hours relates to the egress. The town Centre has several large taxi ranks in key locations ready to take customers away from the area. Being on the outskirts of town there is currently a lack of taxi facilities at the premises with only a small taxi rank at the front which can only hold two taxis. Due to it being situated on a very busy junction this can lead to traffic build up at the junction. Furthermore, the rear car park is not currently equipped for a rank as there is no run through for taxis to pick up and drive out. Also, due to the fact that the car park backs onto residential housing, noise from waiting customers and vehicles would highly likely cause noise to the residents.

Experience has additionally shown that taxi ranks and those waiting for taxis are often flashpoints for disorder as people get frustrated with waiting and disagree on 'who is next' in the queue. Having a lack of facilities will only increase the likelihood of such queues and moreover the risk of such incidents.

There are no similar premises in the area which sell alcohol later than 00:00hours and should this extension of hours be granted Police believe that it will encourage customers who would normally either go into town or go home to instead continue drinking in this venue. Allowing people to drink for potentially a further two hours when they would normally go home will only increase levels of drunkenness , which as stated, increase the risk and likely of crime and disorder.

Police do recognise that the management from 'Ma Kellys' company do work closely with the Police and make efforts to correct issues raised and improve the running of their venues where able. This has again been the case with this application and conditions have already been agreed and signed to limit the impact of the Licensing Objectives. Police however believe that it is the location of the premises, along with the increase in hours, which is the main issue in relation to this application. There is only so much the management can put in place to resolve any concerns.

In 2005 a similar application was applied for at this premises where an extension of hours was requested until 2am. Similar issues were then raised due to the intensity of residential housing nearby. Police believe that the concerns raised then still apply to this application. In 2005 the application was refused and the hours were given were those currently on the licence. As such Police request that the extension of hours is not granted

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

- When the premises are open for the sale of alcohol after midnight there shall be no new admittance of customers after midnight. For the avoidance of doubt, this condition shall not apply to those customers who were on the premises prior to midnight, and who have temporarily exited the premises, e.g. to smoke.