

<b>Blackpool Council Licensing Service</b>				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority to an application for the grant / <del>variation</del> of a Premises Licence / <del>Club Premises Certificate</del>				
<b>Responsible Authority</b>				
Name of Responsible Authority	<b>LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY</b>			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PC 4107 Emma Pritchard			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	<b>01253 604073</b>			
Date representation made	<b>25</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>21</b>	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			NO	
<b>Premises Details</b>				
Premises Name	<b>Food Plus @ Polon</b>			
Address	47-53 Abingdon Street			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 1DH			
<b>Reasons for making representations</b>				
<p>I am in receipt of an application for a New Premises Licence for the above address. On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police having reviewed the application the Police wish to make a formal objection on the following grounds.</p> <p>The Police base the objection on the fact that the new premises is within the Off Licence Cumulative Impact Assessment Area. The purpose of this Policy is to create a rebuttable presumption that any applications such as the above will be refused a licence.</p> <p>The number, type and density of the premises selling alcohol in a particular area can lead to serious problems of nuisance and disorder. In these circumstances the impact of the premises taken as a whole can be far greater than that arising from individual premises. In most cases it would be impossible to identify an individual premise as being the sole cause or major contributing factor.</p>				

It is noted that Blackpool has high levels of alcohol related harm for the size of the population and has widespread deprivation within the Central Wards of the town. There are already approximately 179 licensed premises in Blackpool, half of which are located in the most deprived wards in the town.

In 2019 Lancashire Police recorded 12,001 alcohol related incidents and the highest suffering area was Blackpool with 2,511 with the next highest being Preston at 1,444. Of these incidents the two most affected wards are Claremont and Talbot.

This premises falls within Talbot Ward close to the border with Claremont Ward and is a large premises (previously Bright House). Within a two minutes stroll from here is News & Booze, Co-op, Iceland, Home Bargains, Booze Buster and Marks & Spencers. The availability of alcohol in this immediate area is already excessive.

According to Police logs in the last year (between 25/06/2020 – 25/06/2021) there have been 229 recorded incidents on Abingdon Street alone. The highest incident location on Abingdon Street during this time was the Co-op. These incidents included theft, nuisance, police generated, harassment, assault and concern for safety. Many of these incidents relate to individuals that suffer from alcohol and drug abuse. Abingdon Street also has regular rough sleepers and street drinkers that have become verbally abusive to the public on many occasions. The Police concern is that by allowing another off-licence in this area alcohol is even more available and this would further exasperate the problems already being experienced in this area.

It can be noted that the applicants solicitor did make contact with the Police prior to submitting this application in order to get recommendations to reduce any impacts on the licensing objectives, however the Police are of the opinion that this premises would add to the cumulative impact already being experienced in the area.

A hearing would allow the Licensing Committee to examine the prospective operators' intentions and rebut the presumption that the operation of the premises will add to the cumulative impact and therefore crime and disorder.

**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