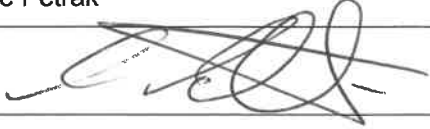


Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority				
Responsible Authority				
Name of Responsible Authority	Licensing Authority			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	Lee Petrak			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253-477861			
Date representation made	26	07	2022	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Coastal Bay Hotel			
Address	377-379 Promenade			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 6BH			
Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)				
<p>I am the above named person and I make these representations in my capacity as the Trading Standards & Licensing Manager for Blackpool Council.</p> <p>The premises to which this application relates previously operated under the trading name The Cornhill Hotel until 2019. On the 28 January 2019 a panel of the Licensing Committee took the decision to revoke the Premises licence relating to the Cornhill Hotel following a review brought by the Health & Safety responsible authority. At that time the premises Licence holder was OMG Leisure Limited, which was a company operated by Mr Diamond. It was Mr Diamond who attended the hearing in January 2019 when the premises licence was revoked and it is Mr Diamond who now makes the application for a new Licence.</p> <p>The issues leading to the review in 2019 related to a series of statutory notices served on Mr Diamond due to serious failures on his part to maintain his premises to a safe standard. This included up to ten statutory improvement Notices served by Council officers and service of a prohibition notice served by the Fire Service.</p> <p>A summary of the issues relevant to the Committees decision at the time can be found in a paragraph of the decision letter dated 29 January 2019 as follows:</p> <p><i>Mr Maddock on behalf of Health and Safety explained that his department had visited the hotel on a number of occasions in 2018 following complaints received from guests who had stayed there. Attempts were made to gain compliance informally by allowing Mr Diamond the opportunity to list the</i></p>				

defects at the hotel and submit a schedule of works by 11 June 2018. By 12 July 2018 this still hadn't been provided and further complaints had been received from members of the public so ten improvement notices were issued. A further visit took place on 27 July 2018 to check that Mr Diamond had received the notices. He confirmed that he had but he had not had the chance to read them. He was advised to do so straightaway as they were legal notices with a deadline. An inspection took place on 22 August 2018 after the notices had expired when it was discovered that of the ten notices only one had been complied with. Perhaps more worrying than the failure to comply with the improvement notices, there was also evidence from the Fire Service before the panel that despite two agreements to close on a voluntary basis and the service of a prohibition notice this hotel continued to take bookings and allow people to stay overnight placing their safety at risk. Failure to pay business rates was also referred to as further evidence of non-compliance.

The Fire Service prohibition referred to in this decision notice is a matter of public record. That Notice dated 06 August 2018 is viewable online at <http://www.cfoa.org.uk/11823?pv=view&id=2566357>

Following conversation with colleagues at Lancashire Fire & Rescue and The Council Health & Safety Officers, it is my understanding that the issues prevalent in 2018/19 are not yet resolved to the satisfaction of the authorities. In fact I understand that the fire prohibition notice has yet to be resolved meaning that the premises cannot legally be operated at the time of writing.

Given that these issues are yet to be resolved and clearly cannot be resolved before the end of the statutory consultation period, I make these representations on the basis that the premises cannot currently be operated without at least one of the Licensing Objectives being undermined should it do so. I also have concerns of Mr Diamond's ability to operate Licensed Premises to an acceptable standard.

Supplementary information is likely to follow.

**For New / Variation Applications only.
It is recommended that the licence should only be granted if the application is amended, or if conditions are applied, as detailed below.**