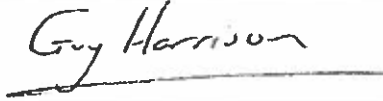


Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority In support of an application for the Review of an existing Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate				
Responsible Authority making representation				
Name of Responsible Authority	Lancashire Constabulary			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PC 515 Guy HARRISON			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604074			
Date representation made	20	09	2022	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
Name of Responsible Authority / Applicant who requested a review of this Licence				
Mr Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, Blackpool Council				
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Trades Hotel			
Address	51-55 Lord Street			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 2BJ			
Details of your representation in support of the review application (Please reference & attach supporting any documentation)				
<p>I am Police Constable 515 Guy Harrison of Lancashire Constabulary. I have been a serving Police Officer for 19 years and a Police Licensing Officer for the past 2 years.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Constable I would like to make representations in support of the review of Trades Hotel, 51-55 Lord Street, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY1 2BJ.</p> <p>The review has been instigated by Mr PETRAK on the basis that the operation of the premises undermines the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.</p> <p>The evidence is provided to assist the Licensing Committee to make an informed judgement on the evidence submitted.</p> <p>Evidence <u>Police Logs 31/08/21 – 31/08/22</u></p> <p>These dates have been included because they tie in with the review period.</p>				

LC-20211104-1607

Theft

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

04/11/21 22:03 Hours

The informant from the hotel stated that a male had jumped behind the bar and had stolen a bottle of gin before running from the premises.

LC-20211107-0339

Assault

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

07/11/21 05:36 Hours

A female complained that she was assaulted by staff who removed her from the premises. No further action was taken.

LC-20211205-0305

Licensing

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

05/12/21 06:13

A report was received from a member of the public stating that the Trades Hotel are repeatedly breaching their alcohol licence.

LC-20211205-1120

Nuisance

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

05/12/21 18:35

Report of a drunken male causing a disturbance in the hotel. Police attended and reported the male had gone to bed.

LC-20220122-0495

Assault

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

22/01/22 10:15

Victim stated that he had been assaulted by door staff and thrown out of the premises. The victim did not co-operate any further and no further police action was taken.

LC-20220320-0396

Assault

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

20/03/22 09:22

A male reported that he had been assaulted in the hotel by another male. He stated this was during a dispute about the victim's ex-partner. No further action was taken as the alleged offender could not be identified.

LC-20220712-0436

Suspicious Circumstances

Trades Hotel, 51 Lord Street, Blackpool

12/07/22 10:26

A report was received of a male running around the hotel with a knife. Upon police attendance a naked male was present. He had to be restrained and was described as being "under the influence and burning up". No knife was located. An ambulance attended and the male had to be sedated before he

could be taken up to the hospital.

As seen in the breakdown of logs above, 4 of the incidents above involved a reported crime. Two others relate to reports of disorderly behaviour at the premises. The other log is in respect of an allegation of Licensing laws being broken at the establishment.

Further Evidence:

On 22nd July 2021 PS Nat COX from the Police Licensing Department, sent a letter to Mr Neil CROPPER, DPS at the TRADES HOTEL. This followed a delay in Mr CROPPER being able to provide CCTV footage from the premises after a request from a detective investigating a street robbery in the area. The letter warned Mr CROPPER of his obligations under his Licence conditions and the fact that a copy of the letter would be retained and could be used against him in any subsequent hearings. A copy of the letter is attached as Appendix 1. Also attached as Appendix 2, is a copy of an electronic entry from the Police "Innkeeper" Licensing system, which evidences the fact that the CCTV system was subsequently upgraded as requested by the Police.

I would also like to draw the committees attention to the fact that Mr CROPPER received a Conditional Discharge on 15/01/14 from FYLDE MAGISTRATES COURT for the offence of "Carrying out a Licensable Activity from a premises other than in accordance with an authorisation".

Previous Convictions:

In addition to the above conviction in respect of Licensable Activity, Mr CROPPER also has the following previous convictions:

26/11/03 Blackpool Magistrates Court:

Driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, Driving other than in accordance with a licence, Driving whilst insured: 18 month driving disqualification and fined.

15/04/05 Telford Magistrates Court:

Driving whilst disqualified, Driving whilst uninsured: 8 penalty points and Community Service order.

08/07/19 Lancashire Magistrates Court:

Driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol: 20 month disqualification from driving and fine.

01/06/22 Lancashire Magistrates Court:

Re-Using a Prohibited Company Name contrary to section 216 of the Insolvency Act 1986: Fine and Costs.



West Licensing Department
Bispham Police Office
Red Bank Road
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY2 0HJ

Mr Neil Cropper
Trades Hotel
51 – 55 Lord Street
Blackpool
FY1 2BJ

22nd July 2021

Dear Mr Cropper,

Re: Trades Hotel, Lord Street, Blackpool.

Please can I draw your attention to the following conditions of the premises licence:

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CCTV will be installed internally and externally at the premises. Said CCTV system shall comply with the following criteria: (a) The CCTV system shall be installed, maintained and operated to the reasonable satisfaction of Lancashire Constabulary. All public areas of the premises, with the exception of the toilets, shall be covered by the system. (b) The system shall be recording during all hours the premises is open to the public. (d) VCR tapes or digital recording shall be held for a minimum of 30 days after the recording is made and will be made available to the police for inspection upon request. (e) the system shall, as a minimum, record images fo the head and shoulders of all persons entering the premises.

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A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system will be on the premises at all times the premises are open to the public. This staff member will be able to show recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested to a Police Officer or to a Local Authority Enforcement Officer.

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The Police Licensing Unit shall be notified on any occasion when the CCTV or radio system is to be inoperative for a period in excess of one working day and shall provide a certificate from a competent person stating the reason for the system being inoperative and the measures which have been taken to satisfy the licence conditions.

On 8th July 2021 a detective attended the Trades in an attempt to recover footage relating to an investigation of a double robbery on Lord Street the previous night. They were informed no one was able to operate the system and left contact details for a recall from yourself.

On 12th July the same detective reattended and spoke to you on the phone, where you stated you would obtain footage and recall.

On 13th July you recalled to inform the detective that the footage was only storing for 3 days and had therefore copied over itself.

On 14th July I spoke to you by phone and you explained to me that the system had been reset causing it to revert to factory settings. You informed me you had now amended the settings and it would be recording for the correct 30 days.

On 22nd July I attended the premises with PC Pritchard and you showed us the CCTV system, which had retained 5 days of footage.

I would advise that in accordance with section 136 (1) of The Licensing Act 2003 "A person commits an offence if a) he carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than in accordance with an authorisation, b) he knowingly allows a licensable activity to be so carried on".

The maximum penalty for this offence is six months imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.

I must also draw your attention to paragraph 11:10 of the Home Office Guidance that where authorised persons and responsible authorities have concerns about problems identified at a premises, it is good practice for them to give licence holders early warning of their concerns and the need for improvement, and where possible they should advise the licence or certificate holder of the steps they need to take to address those concerns. A failure by the holder to respond to such warnings is expected to lead to a decision to apply for a review. Co-operation at a local level in

promoting the licensing objectives should be encouraged and reviews should not be used to undermine this co-operation.

I appreciate that you have now taken steps to address this issue by ordering a new CCTV system. I look forward to hearing from you that the new system is up and running and suitable staff have been trained in its usage to allow you to comply with the above conditions.

I must inform you that both my department and the Blackpool Council Licensing department received complaints in relation to this incident.

A copy of this letter will be retained on your premises file and may be used against you in subsequent hearings, if required.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

N J Cox

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West Licensing Department
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Visit 56117

VISIT DETAIL SHEET

TRADES HOTEL - NEW

Printed: 13/09/2022

Visit Details:

Premises ID: 9152	Time: 14:00
Reference:	
Date: 13/09/2021	
Address: TRADES HOTEL NEW 51 - 55 LORD STREET BLACKPOOL LANCASHIRE FY1 2BJ	Main Phone: 01253 626401 Alt Phone: Email: BOOKINGS@TRADESHOTEL.CO.UK Fax:

Description:

VISIT WITH PLH NEIL CROPPER FOLLOWING ISSUES WITH THE PREVIOUS CCTV SYSTEM. NEW CCTV SYSTEM INSTALLED NOW 2 CAMERAS IN THE FRONT OUTSIDE AREAS ONE LOOKING EACH WAY, ALONE COVERING THE BACK ALLEY, FRONT DOOR AND INSIDE FRONT DOOR AND STAIRWAY COVERED, POOL TABLE AND OUTDOOR SMOKING AREA COVERED, ONE ON BAR AND ONE BEHIND BAR. CURRENTLY RECORDING FROM 21ST AUGUST TO PRESENT DAY, HOWEVER IT WAS ONLY INSTALLED ON 20TH AUGUST SO IT MAY EVEN RECORD FOR LONGER. NEIL KNOWS HOW TO BURN OFF FOOTAGE AS IT'S THE SAME AS PREVIOUS SYSTEM. CCTV IS ON DISPLAY SCREENS IN THE HALL AND THE LOUNGE AS WELL AS IN THE OFFICE.

Officers:

4107 PRITCHARD, EMMA - Constable

Responsible People:

ID: 9381 Name: NEIL MALCOLM CROPPER

Notes:**Narratives:**