

<b>Blackpool Council Licensing Service</b>				
<b>Objection made by Lancashire Constabulary to a Temporary Event Notice</b>				
<b>Responsible Authority</b>		<b>Lancashire Constabulary</b>		
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PS 3390 Nat Cox			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	<b>01253 604074</b>			
Date representation made	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Premises Details</b>				
Premises Name	<b>Sagaa News</b>			
Address	30 Deansgate			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 1BN			
<b>Reasons for objecting</b>				
<p>I am in receipt of a Temporary Event Notice at the above premises in relation to them wishing to sell alcohol off the premises from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</p> <p>The Police are concerned that this will significantly impact on the licensing objectives in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.</p> <p>The Police recently objected to a premises licence application in relation to the same address which was subsequently withdrawn. The objection from PC Pritchard of the Police licensing team was as follows:</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p>				

licence.

This premises falls in an extremely high-risk area which already suffers high levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. The Police would expect that an application of this nature would offer an extremely robust operating schedule in an attempt to demonstrate that the applicant is aware of their surroundings and risk, however the applicant has merely stated:

*“Breaches of licensing conditions, authorized activities or authorized hours, A criminal offence (which should be reported to the police first), Anti-social behaviour”*

Even more concerning under the protection of children from harm the applicant has stated they would *“Report the incident to the relevant authorities in the first instance, for example the sale of age restricted products”* as opposed to preventing the sale in the first place!

The Police are also concerned that the applicant wishes to commence the sale of alcohol at 6am which could encourage already drunk patrons from nearby Clubs/ Pubs to continue drinking after they have closed.

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. For instance there have recently been reports of groups of youths drinking alcohol outside the Town Hall steps on Friday & Saturday nights; some of this group will be over 18 and it is unknown where the alcohol has been obtained from but it is logical that more availability would create more problems.

This premises falls within Talbot Ward close to the border with Claremont Ward. 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.

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.

The Police are of the opinion that this premises would add to the cumulative impact already being experienced in the area and it seems apparent that the applicant has done nothing so far to persuade the Licensing Committee to depart from their policy.

The Police feel that nothing has changed since this initial premises licence was requested and ultimately withdrawn on Police objection.

The area is still within the cumulative impact zone and still suffers from some of the highest alcohol related ASB, incidents, crimes and health-related issues in Blackpool. If anything, this application is event more concerning than the premises licence application in that it would effectively allow the applicant to sell alcohol for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week with absolutely no restrictions in place.

In summary the Police feel that if this TEN was granted there would be a detrimental effect on the licensing objectives as stated above, therefore the Police object to this application.

**The Police recommend to the Panel that a Counter Notice be served by the Licensing Authority unless the following restrictions or requirements can be imposed by condition.**

N/A