

Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority to an application for the grant / variation of a Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate				
Responsible Authority				
Name of Responsible Authority	LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	Sgt 3390 Nat Cox			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604074			
Date representation made	11	10	22	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			NO	
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Kanee Convenience Store			
Address	58 Dickson Road			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 2AJ			
Reasons for making representations				
<p>I am in receipt of an application for a variation of 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 new licence or a variation that would negatively impact the licensing objectives.</p> <p>This premises falls in an extremely high-risk area which already suffers high levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.</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</p>				

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 Claremont Ward, close to the border with Talbot Ward. There are numerous off and on licences within this area, making the opportunity to purchase alcohol 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, Claremont and Talbot. There are already approximately 179 licensed premises in Blackpool, half of which are located in the most deprived wards in the town.

In the last year, Lancashire Police recorded 2898 alcohol related crimes in Blackpool and a further 2022 alcohol related incidents in the town. Claremont and Talbot wards were comfortably the highest individual wards on both counts, with 999 crimes and 736 incidents, all relating to alcohol. Claremont and Talbot are also the highest wards for alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

The Police are of the opinion that this premises would add to the cumulative impact already being experienced in the area, including encouraging street drinking. With it falling so close to the town centre, there is a further risk that a person refused entry to an on-licence due to their intoxication could seek further alcohol from an off-licence to continue drinking.

The applicant seeks to only sell single cans within the period of the variation, which suggests they are already open to selling them at all other times. Clearly, the vast majority of single sales of cans of alcohol will be to street drinkers, thus encouraging street drinking, anti-social behaviour and breaches of the Public Spaces Protection Order. This, in itself, is concerning in relation to how the premises is already run.

The Police are also concerned that a later licence would encourage children to attempt to obtain alcohol from this premises, either in person or via proxy sales.

We see nothing in this application that makes it “exceptional” to persuade the Licensing Committee to depart from their policy.

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