

<b>Blackpool Council Licensing Service</b>				
<b>Representation made by a Responsible Authority</b>				
<b>Responsible Authority</b>				
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		29	09	2022
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate				NO
<b>Premises Details</b>				
Premises Name		Kaos Bar		
Address		38-42 Queen Street		
		Blackpool		
Post Code		FY1 2AY		
<b>Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)</b>				
<p>I am the above named person and I make these representations in my capacity as the Licensing and Trading Standards Manager for Blackpool Council. I am in receipt of the review proceedings instigated by Lancashire Police in respect of Kaos bar and by way of supporting representations I am able state the following:</p>				
<b>Background</b>				
<p>Around late summer/early autumn 2021 I became aware of some issues of disorder in the area situated on Dickson Road at its junction with Queen Street in Blackpool. The area in particular is close to a number of licensed premises including late night takeaways and a popular taxi rank a few meters South along Dickson Road. The issues I had been made aware were generally post 3am. It is noteworthy that the area concerned is an area of Cumulative Impact, making it a particularly high risk area. Kaos bar is situated within this area.</p>				
<p>There are a number of late night venues in the area referred to above, generally sharing terminal hours (for the purposes of selling alcohol by retail.) between 2am am and 4am. Only 2 venues are authorised beyond 4am, one of which being Kaos bar. That other premises shares a terminal hour equal to Kaos, but only in respect of Saturday nights. At all other conventional times Kaos bar is the only premises authorised to continue the sale of alcohol after 4am.</p>				
<p>I obtained a number of CCTV recordings showing examples of disorder in the area described above. These recordings are from a number of dates between the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021</p>				

capturing various recordings ranging between 2.53am and 6.10am. The recordings show a number of issues of disorder in the area. Further information regarding specific dates is provided later in this document.

Having regard to the issues described above, the existence of a complaint received by my Department dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and a concern regarding inadequate door security at the premises, I attended a meeting with Police Licensing and the operators of the premises held at Kaos bar on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Mr Cropper was issued with a warning letter following this meeting.

Further concerns arose in January 2022, therefore further CCTV opportunities were explored by me. Footage was obtained for the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022. The recordings again show clear evidence of crime and disorder in the area close to the premises.

### **Observations**

I have reviewed the footage referred to above and I make the following notable observations:

26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 5.09am male physically moved away from area in front of Kaos by door security. Male eventually arrested by Police officers attending. Stills A-E refer.

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 – 2.54:57am male ejected from Kaos by security staff. Male makes off East along Queen Street chased by 2 door security personnel. Female observed leaving Kaos just behind security. Female then attempts to cause damage to front of venue by pulling flag down. Initially prevented from doing so before succeeding at the second attempt. Female then detained by door security. Male who ran off returns to scene before eventually being detained by security then dealt with by Police. Stills F-O refer.

9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 5.41am female wearing jacket with "Security" written on the back causing disorder in the vicinity of Queen Street and Dickson Road close to Kaos bar. Incident occurred on a Saturday morning. At the date and time of this incident Kaos bar was the only premises licensed to serve alcohol after 4am. Stills P-U refer.

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 – 3.54am unprovoked assault occurring right outside door of Kaos in front of security personnel. Stills V-Y refer.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 – 5.44am fight between 2 males breaking out within external area at Kaos bar. Stills Z-AC refer.

### **Supporting Evidence**

The stills referred to above and accompanying these representations are paraphrased as follows:

- A – Shows significant gathering of revelers failing to disperse from area.
- B – Problematic male being physically restrained following ejection from premises
- C – Police in attendance retraining male
- D & E – male subsequently arrested
- F - Male in grey shirt ejected from premises
- G & H – male making off East along Queen Street
- I - Female being pushed away from premises
- J – female grabbing flag in attempt to pull it down
- K – Female restrained. Flag can be seen having been retrieved by third party.
- L – Female still restrained and male returns and enters verbal exchange with security
- M – male restrained from behind by unknown male
- N – male restrained by security staff
- O – Police on scene
- P – Females in verbal exchange on Queen Street
- Q – Female "security" arguing with male. Appears to be holding belt in hand.
- R – Female arguing with 3 males whilst being restrained by another

S & T – mass brawl breaks out. Security female in the thick of it.  
U – Police in attendance to deal with female.  
V – 2 males exchanging words directly in front of Kaos bar in full view of security staff  
W – male assaults other male and knocks him to the floor again in full view of security staff  
X – perpetrator is allowed to walk away from scene unchallenged despite again being in full view of security  
Y – male assaulted lies on the floor with no reaction from anybody in attendance  
Z & AA – fight breaks out on Kaos premises  
AB – male appears to be restrained by security  
AC – Police in attendance

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