


Appendix 4c

Blackpool Council Licensing Service

Representation made by a Responsible Authority in support of an application for the Review of a Premises Licence

Responsible Authority making representation				
Name of Responsible Authority	Licensing Authority			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	Lee Petrak			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	07468 472898			
Date representation made	26	09	2023	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			YES	NO
Name of Responsible Authority / Applicant who requested a review of this Licence				
Police				
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Revelry Bar			
Address	3 Birley Street			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY1 1EG			
Details of your representation in support of the review application (Please reference & attach supporting any documentation)				
<p>I make these representations in support of the review submitted by Lancashire Constabulary in connection with premises known as Revelry Bar located on Birley Street in Blackpool Town Centre. The premises benefits from a Premises Licence issued on the 26th August 2022, which authorises the playing of recorded and live music indoors, late night refreshments and the sale of alcohol by retail on premises. The current designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Neil Gary Boulton who has been so since the 4th November 2022.</p> <p>I first became aware of any problems at these premises on the 9th May 2023 when I received information from the Police regarding an incident in the premises that occurred on the 22nd April 2023, which resulted in the DPS being arrested. Having discussed the incident with Police Licensing colleagues, it was agreed that we would conduct a prearranged joint visit to the premises on the 30th May 2023. Consequently, the Police issued a warning letter dated 31st May 2023 to the DPS following a series of Licensing breaches having been identified during the meeting on the 30th May 2023.</p> <p>Further issues were identified to me by the Environmental Protection Team concerning noise nuisance issues as well as an altercation that was taking place outside the premises. On the 26th June 2023 at 1.54am an email was sent to me by Nicky Todd, Environmental Protection Manager, referring to a visit she carried out at revelry bar hours earlier. Notwithstanding the problems Nicky described in respect of nuisance</p>				

and disorder, she also describes the manager she spoke to as “under the Influence”, “very argumentative” and “very aggressive”. Furthermore, she also described that he began filming her as she attempted to conduct a lawful visit to the premises.

Following those concerns a meeting with the Licence holder and DPS was arranged at Council Offices on the 10th July 2023 at 11am. Present were Pc Harrison, Nicky Todd, Neil Boulton, Neil’s son and myself. The meeting had been convened to discuss recent problems experienced by officers in attending premises as well as the noise related issues. Clarification was also given to Neil in respect of the use of his Street Café Licence as he had continually allowed his furniture to remain outdoors until well after the cut off time for bringing it in. A critical part of the meeting was to find a resolution to the continued noise problems at the premises. Nicky put some conditions to Neil that it was felt would assist in promoting the preventing nuisance licence objective. I explained to Neil that if he was agreeable the conditions could be imposed through the minor variation process. At this point Neil’s son became obstructive to the process and expressed an extremely poor and disrespectful attitude towards everyone else involved. Neil appeared to accept the nature of the conditions being requested but felt he shouldn’t have to pay an application fee for variation and therefore refused to do so. It was explained to Neil that review may be the only option at that stage given his refusal to cooperate. Neil contacted me by phone later that day to advise that he had no intention of applying for minor variation.

Following the meeting on the 10th July 2023 and up to the date of submission of the review proceedings on 31st August 2023, I was aware that incidents were becoming more frequent at Revelry Bar as a result of nightsafe visits and out of hours noise visits.

Following receipt of the review papers submitted by the Police, the Licensing Authority affixed the statutory blue notice to the external parts of the premises on the 1st September 2023.

On the 8th September 2023 at approximately 12.30pm I was walking along Birley Street returning to the office following a meeting at Bickerstaffe House when I was approached by the DPS who was preparing his outdoor seating area. He wished to briefly discuss the review proceedings and how he viewed they would no longer be necessary as he intended to sell the business to a friend. He seemed to believe that the review related to him and not the premises, which I corrected him over. I advised that the review would proceed in any event and that if I were his friend I wouldn’t purchase the business until the outcome of the review was known. He seemed disappointed by this and ended the conversation. This was the last time I had any direct involvement with the DPS.

On the 11th September 2023 it was brought to my attention that the blue notice may have been removed from the premises, therefore I asked a member of my team to conduct a visit at his earliest opportunity. On the 12th September 2023 Dave Verity, Licensing Enforcement Officer, visited the premises and was able ascertain that the blue notice had indeed been removed.

I have read the review documents submitted by the Police and the supporting representations made by the Environmental Protection Manager. I have also had the benefit of viewing body worn video footage of some of the incidents referred to by the Police, in particular that footage referenced by the Police that relates to incidents that took place on the 22nd April 2023 and the 27th August 2023. This coupled with the representations I make above, leaves me in no doubt that the standard of management of these licensed premises has fallen well below the standard expected, which in turn has adversely impacted the licensing objectives. It is my view that this is a case where revocation of the licence should be considered.

Documents accompanying these representations:

- Email from Nicky Todd dated 25 June 2023 @ 01.54
- Statement of Dave Verity dated 25 September 2023