

Regency Rooms: Application to vary a premises licence

1. Since 2013 Directors of Public Health have been a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003. Public Health has a responsibility to protect the health of the population, in order to reduce alcohol harm. The Public Health approach is to encourage responsible drinking and upholding the licensing objectives.
2. Public Health has specialist expertise in relation to collation of data and analysing evidence and intelligence. The Public Health remit is expansive and knowledge of local licensing arrangements is an important aspect of protecting the health of the population, in line with the licensing objectives to creating a safe and thriving environment.
3. The objection to this application is on the basis that extending the terminal hours will undermine the licensing objectives, in particular prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. As per the Public Health representation (dated 18/12/2017), the following statement below provides additional information in relation to the Public Health objection.
4. Increasing the hours of alcohol sales increases the availability of alcohol and thus consumption. Evidence has shown that increasing alcohol availability has a significant impact on increasing alcohol related harms, in particular crime and disorder. A scientific review has evidenced that an additional two hours of alcohol sales will increase alcohol related harm, in particular public disorder and violent related crime.
5. The applicant seeks to expand alcohol sales from 3am to 4am from Monday to Friday. Although less than two hours the additional hour of alcohol sales will contribute to existing alcohol related crime and disorder within the Borough. In the Stockton Town Centre Ward this is particularly demonstrated by:
6. Significantly higher level of ambulance call-outs within the ward compared to the Borough (Alcohol Related)
 - a. Between April 1st 2017 to September 30th 2017 ambulance call-outs were significantly higher between the hours of 11pm – 3am, with 56% of call-outs linked to alcohol during this time, a further 12% of call-outs were between the hours of 3am -7am (*NEAS Data via Balance*)
7. Stockton Town Centre already has a higher than average level of crime and disorder compared to other wards in the Borough
 - b. Cleveland Police have highlighted over 100 incidents in relation to the night time economy
 - c. Nationally it has been reported that between the hours of midnight and 6am 84% of all violent incidents are alcohol related, compared with 23% between midday and 6pm (*Public Health England*)
8. The review of the application has also considered the nature of the operation; Regency Rooms operates as a night club. Public Health has considered this type of activity in relation to the context of the premise as described in line 167 of the SLP, Stockton Town Centre:
 - a. Highest level of ambulance call outs
 - b. Highest level of ASB and Crime and disorder linked to the night time economy
 - c. Highest ranked for outlet density

9. Stockton-on-Tees as a whole nationally has higher levels of alcohol related hospital admissions and has higher costs per head associated with alcohol related harm. In 2015/16 Alcohol cost the police in Stockton an estimated £26.7million (Balance NE)
10. Nightclubs such as the Regency Rooms have specific factors that increase the likelihood of alcohol consumption and consequently concerns for public safety and crime and disorder (Institute Alcohol Studies). The features include discount drinks promotions/happy hours or in the case of Regency Rooms 'Power Hours' **See Appendix 1**. Regency Rooms have already held several drinks promotions including buy one get one free and power hours, these promotions encourage excessive alcohol consumption and do not promote responsible drinking and fundamentally risk undermining the licensing objectives.
11. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Statement of licensing policy (SLP) was developed taking into consideration the evidence linked to promoting a thriving night time economy, the needs of residents and protecting the public from harm. The SLP specifies:
12. **'In non-residential areas new or variation applications for licences to allow the sale of alcohol or the supply of late night refreshment beyond 3.00am will normally be refused , subject to relevant representations being received'**
13. Whilst Public Health have not attributed specific incidents to the applicant's premise, based on the evidence and our expertise we believe that extension of the terminal hour will compound existing problems in the local area. There are concerns particularly in relation to the increasing risk of provision of alcohol to those who are already intoxicated and the known evidence linking this to issues relating to crime and disorder and public safety. We also note Cleveland Polices concerns in relation to policing resources.

Appendix 1

Regency Rooms Social Media:



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Biancos Club Classics Guestlist Party

Public - Hosted by The Regency Rooms Stockton and DJ Lee Haggath

★ Interested

✓ Going



🕒 16 December at 22:00–4:30
16 December at 22:00 to 17 December at 4:30

📍 The Regency Rooms Stockton
29 Prince Regent Street, TS18 1DF Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingd... [Show map](#)

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