



**Stockton-on-Tees**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Representations On An Application By  
A Responsible Authority  
(Form LA10RA)**

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**Representations On A Current Application For A Grant/Variation Of A Premises  
Licence Or Club Premises Certificate Under The Licensing Act 2003**

**Section 1 – Licence Application Details**

Applicant Name (If Known)	<b>Mr Behnam Azadi</b>
Premises Name and Address	<b>Regency Rooms 28-29 Prince Regent Street Stockton. TS18 1DF</b>

**Section 2 - Responsible Authority**

- Trading Standards  
 Cleveland Police  
 Environmental Health  
 Cleveland Fire Service  
 Planning  
 Protection of Children From Harm

**Section 3 – Representation Grounds**

<p><b>The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Please tick relevant box(es)</b></p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Crime and Disorder  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Public Nuisance  <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Children from Harm  <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety         </p>
<p>Please Select:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I object to the application being granted at all  <input type="checkbox"/> I object to the application being granted in its current form*         </p> <p>*If you choose this option remember to tell us what changes you would prefer to see.</p>	

**The grounds of the representation is based on the following:**  
(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

This is a variation to a premises licence to extend the sale of alcohol from 09.00 – 03.00 hours to 09.00 – 04.00 hours Monday to Sunday and also to extend all other licensable activities until 04.00hrs with the closing time being 04.30hrs.

The premises are a nightclub situated in Stockton town centre which by its location already suffers from alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour. Cleveland Police have received numerous complaints to this effect.

There are numerous licensed premises of all types in this area; the vast majority of those do not have alcohol sales until 4am.

It is of concern to Cleveland Police that another licensed premises wishes to extend its hours on its licence and the nature of this extension would mean a serious drain on already limited Police resources for the town centre area as well as the rest of the district of Stockton.

The current premises licence holder only took over the running of this premise in September 2017 and Cleveland Police are of the opinion that he has not been at the premises long enough to justify applying to extend the hours at this time.

This application also goes against the Licensing Policy from Stockton Borough Council which states; **'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'**

In the event that this application is not withdrawn or amended a statement will be provided by Cleveland Police.

Signed:

James Johnson

Position:

Licensing officer to the Chief  
Constable of Cleveland Police

Dated:

13/12/2017

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The Public Health approach to reducing alcohol harm is to encourage and promote responsible drinking and to protect children from harm; fundamentally the Public Health approach supports all aspects of promoting the licensing objectives; particularly their link to protecting the health of the Borough and local communities.

The applicant has requested to vary the existing license to allow for an extension of all licensable activities by an hour, licensable activities will end at 4:00 hours with the premise closing at 4:30 hours. In line with point 131 of the statement of licensing policy, Public Health has considered the appropriateness of the hours of operation in relation to alcohol harm and promotion of the licensing objectives. Public Health objects to the variation in licence on the basis that extending the terminal hours of operation at the Regency Room is not in accordance with promoting the license objectives, specifically prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

Internationally recognised evidence demonstrates that alcohol related harms are directly linked to increasing alcohol availability in particular outlet density and days/hours of alcohol sales (NICE PH24) Alcohol harm is not limited to health of the individual, it considers anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence and crime. The evidence shows that an increase in availability is also linked to adverse social consequences such as domestic abuse and sexual assaults.

The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally for binge drinking, with residents in Stockton-on-Tees more likely to drink excessively than the rest of the North East on average. Binge drinking and drinking excessively is linked to high levels of alcohol related harm for the individual and the wider community. Within the vicinity of the proposed licence variation data shows there is particular concern in relation to excessive levels of alcohol consumption and vulnerability.

The ward in which Regency Rooms is situated (Stockton Town Centre) is ranked worst in the Borough when considering the following cumulatively:

- Outlet density
- Hospital stays for alcohol related harm
- All crime under the influence of alcohol
- Violent crime under the influence of alcohol

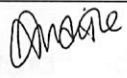
Regency Rooms describes itself as a nightclub; in line with section 119 of the SLP Public Health have also determined it appropriate to take into consideration the nature of the establishments operation, including the link to vertical drinking and crime and disorder.

Public Health objects to the application being granted given the increased likelihood of alcohol provision to individuals who are already intoxicated, increasing the potential to compound existing alcohol related problems within the community and growing crime and disorder.

Public Health is concerned that although the variation is for what may seem like a small increase in hours, the cumulative impact is potentially significant in terms of public safety and crime and disorder irrespective of a CIP as per section 167 the applicant should have considered the context in which the premise operates. Public Health is also concerned that the nature of the how the premise operates will also add to the existing alcohol related harms within the area.

The application also goes against the Local Authority SLP section 134; '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'

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Signed: 	Position: Public Health Projects & Partnerships Officer	Dated: 18/12/2017
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