

### 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)	Muhammad Adnan RABANI
Premises Name and Address	Yarm Lane Convenience Store 53 Yarm Lane Stockton On Tees TS18 3DL

#### Section 2 - Responsible Authority

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

#### Section 3 – Representation Grounds

<b>The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Crime and Disorder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Public Nuisance
<b>Please tick relevant box(es)</b>	
Please Select: <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* *If you choose this option remember to tell us what changes you would prefer to see.	

<b>The grounds of the representation is based on the following:</b> (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)
This is a new application for a premises licence to allow an already existing convenience store to sell alcohol as an off licensed premise

The times for the sale of alcohol were originally 06:00 – 23:00hrs every day, however since the application was made we are aware the applicant has modified this to 09:00 - 22:00

Cleveland Police are of the opinion that by granting this application the crime and disorder and public nuisance objectives would be undermined.

The premise was previously refused a licence to sell alcohol at a Licensing hearing on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The committee gave its reasons in the determining notice that they **“were mindful of the location of the premise and that it was in an area that was a hotspot for alcohol related incidents”**.

The committee stated “

**After giving consideration to all of the evidence and representations made both in writing and orally the Committee were satisfied that on the evidence available to them that if granted the licensing objectives would be undermined and therefore the application for the premises licence was refused.**

Although this is a different applicant, the current applicant states that he has worked at the store for 7 years and owned the store since 2016.

Cleveland Police are of the view that the area is still a hotspot for alcohol related incidents. The shop sits on the Boundary of 2 Council Wards, Parkfield and Stockton Town Centre. Ward profiles conducted by Stockton Council identify the Town Centre ward as the most deprived out of Stockton’s 26 wards and Parkfield as the 6<sup>th</sup> most deprived ward.

The government’s Index of Multiple Deprivation breaks the whole country down into 32,844 smaller areas, called Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA). The last study conducted in 2015 identified the LSOA where this store is located as 014G. This area is in the 73 most deprived areas in the whole country out of a total of 32,844 areas.

The area suffers from alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour, which manifests in street drinking, violence and prostitution. There have been 2 violent street murders in this LSOA in the last 18 months.

By allowing the premise to sell alcohol it will attract further problems which will then be fuelled by the need for/consumption of alcohol causing the exacerbation of these problems. The area is already suffering from anti-social behaviour and crime without the addition of another premise which is able to supply alcohol.

The shop has been at this location for a number of years, in recent times Police have been concerned that criminals use the shop to purchase items with stolen bank cards using contactless payments repeatedly to buy goods in numerous transactions instead of one single transaction where the PIN would be needed. This raises questions about the effectiveness of staff at the premises to prevent crime and disorder, a key Licensing Objective.

Cleveland Police do not believe issues have substantially changed since the last application was refused and for these reasons believe the application will undermine the Licensing Objectives identified.

Signed: Andrew Thorpe	Position: Licensing officer to the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police	Dated: 17/04/2020
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