



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

Section 2 - Responsible Authority

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

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

<p>The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:</p> <p>Please tick relevant box(es)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of Crime and Disorder • Public Safety
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Please Select:

I object to the application being granted at all

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.

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:
(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

Public Health is 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 12th 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.

The current applicant states that he worked in the store before taking ownership of the premise in 2016. Current Public Health evidence demonstrates health harms are consistent with those in 2016 and therefore we remain of the same opinion, namely that provision of this license to this premise would undermine the licensing objectives.

The Public Health approach to reducing alcohol harm is to encourage and promote responsible drinking and to protect public and 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.


Public Health has considered and fully supports the objection made by Cleveland Police. The borough of Stockton-on-Tees is ranked 15th nationally for binge drinking. Binge drinking and drinking excessively is linked to high levels of alcohol related harm for the individual and the wider community. A recent survey identified that of those residents who drink, Stockton-on-Tees-residents are more likely to drink heavily when they do drink than is the North East average – 26% of people admitted to drinking 10 or more standard drinks when they did drink.

A recent study from Balance linked the act of increasing availability to an increase in physical assaults associated with alcohol consumption. This evidence is wholly relevant when considered locally, as within Stockton Borough there is a rate of 3.53 alcohol related violent crimes per 1,000 people per year, which is higher than the regional rate of 2.84 per year. In addition, there is evidence that repeat incidences of domestic abuse are high in Stockton-on-Tees (Stockton-on-Tees Domestic Abuse Strategy).

It is also crucial to acknowledge that the ward in which Yarm Lane Convenience Store is situated (Stockton Town Centre) is ranked worst in the Borough for all of the following datasets. This provides further cause for concern around the issues highlighted above regarding excessive levels of alcohol consumption and associated alcohol related harm, crime and disorder.

- Outlet density
- Hospital stays for alcohol related harm
- All crime under the influence of alcohol
- Violent crime under the influence of alcohol
- Admissions wholly attributable to alcohol
- Admissions partially attributable to alcohol
- Hospital admissions for self-harm
- Rates of reported domestic abuse

In context of the evidence, local alcohol related harm outlined in statements provided by Cleveland Police - Public Health feels that this application undermines the SLP licensing objectives of Public Safety, Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.

Signed: 	Position: Director of Public Health	Dated: 20/04/2020
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