

Statutory Licensing Sub Committee

Agenda

Date:

Thursday 23 October 2025 at 1.30 pm

Venue:

Council Chamber, Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 6BJ

Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair)

Cllr Marc Besford and Cllr Elsi Hampton

Agenda

1. Evacuation Procedure

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- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Declarations of interest
- 4. Licensing Act 2003 Application For A Premises Licence Richardson Road Convenience Store 10 Richardson Road, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 3LH(Pages 11 148)
- Licensing Act 2003 Application For A Premises Licence Richardson Road
 Convenience Store 10 Richardson Road, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 3LH(Pages 149 198)

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- 6. Licensing Act 2003 Application For A Premises Licence Mcdonald's Restaurant Yarm Road, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 3RU (Pages 199 232)
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Key - Declarable interests are :-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members - Declaration of Interest Guidance





Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

| Subject | Description |
|--|--|
| Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation | Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain |
| Sponsorship | Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. |
| | Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or |
| Contracts | a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council |
| | (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged. |
| | |
| Land and property | Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income. |
| Licences | Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer. |
| Corporate tenancies | Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of. |
| Securities | Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class. |

^{* &#}x27;director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

^{* &#}x27;securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.



Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
- (i) exercising functions of a public nature
- (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
- (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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<u>Council Chamber, Dunedin House</u> Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping

Entry

Entry to the Council Chamber is via the Council Chamber entrance indicated on the map below.



In the event of an emergency alarm activation, everyone should immediately start to leave their workspace by the nearest available signed Exit route.

The emergency exits are located via the doors on either side of the raised seating area at the front of the Council Chamber.

Fires, explosions, and bomb threats are among the occurrences that may require the emergency evacuation of Dunedin House. Continuous sounding and flashing of the Fire Alarm is the signal to evacuate the building or upon instruction from a Fire Warden or a Manager.

The Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point is in the overflow car park located across the road from Dunedin House.

The allocated assembly point for the Council Chamber is: D2

Map of the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point - the overflow car park:



All occupants must respond to the alarm signal by immediately initiating the evacuation procedure.

When the Alarm sounds:

- 1. **stop all activities immediately**. Even if you believe it is a false alarm or practice drill, you <u>MUST</u> follow procedures to evacuate the building fully.
- 2. **follow directional EXIT signs** to evacuate via the nearest safe exit in a calm and orderly manner.
 - o do not stop to collect your belongings
 - o close all doors as you leave
- 3. **steer clear of hazards**. If evacuation becomes difficult via a chosen route because of smoke, flames or a blockage, re-enter the Chamber (if safe to do so). Continue the evacuation via the nearest safe exit route.
- 4. **proceed to the Evacuation Assembly Point.** Move away from the building. Once you have exited the building, proceed to the main Evacuation Assembly Point <u>immediately</u> located in the **East Overflow Car Park**.
 - do not assemble directly outside the building or on any main roadway, to ensure access for Emergency Services.

5. await further instructions.

- do not re-enter the building under any circumstances without an "all clear" which should only be given by the Incident Control Officer/Chief Fire Warden, Fire Warden or Manager.
- o do not leave the area without permission.
- ensure all colleagues and visitors are accounted for. Notify a Fire Warden or Manager immediately if you have any concerns

Toilets

Toilets are located immediately outside the Council Chamber, accessed via the door at the back of the Chamber.

Water Cooler

A water cooler is available at the rear of the Council Chamber.

Microphones

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when invited to speak by the Chair, to ensure you can be heard by the Committee and those in attendance at the meeting.

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Agenda Item 4

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REPORT TO THE STATUTORY LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

23 OCTOBER 2025

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATED SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION

LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
RICHARDSON ROAD CONVENIENCE STORE – 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON-ONTEES, TS18 3LH

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 to which there have been representations from responsible authorities, local councillor and local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members determine the application.

THE APPLICATION

- An application for a premises licence has been received from Alaimagan Thangarajah, 184 Severn Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7QB in relation to Richardson Road Convenience Storew, 10 Richardson Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3LH
- 2. The application is for the supply of alcohol, off sales:
 - Monday to Sunday 06:00 23:00
 - opening times of Mondy to Sunday 06:00 23:00.
- 3. A copy if the full application and detail is attached at Appendix 1.

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 4. Representation has been received from Licensing Authority and is attached at appendix 2.
- 5. Representation has been received from Cleveland Police and is attached at appendix 3.
- 6. Representation has been received from Environmental Health and is attached at appendix 4.
- 7. Representation has been received from Public Health and is attached at appendix 5.
- 8. Representation has been received from Community Safety and is attached at appendix 6.

INTERESTED PARTIES

9. A representation has been received from a local resident, representing herself and another 55 residents and is attached as Appendix 7.

- 10. Representations have been received from several residents, when checked some of which had also signed the petition, copies of the representations are attached at appendix 8.
- 11. A representation has also been received from local ward Councillor Shakeel Hussain and is attached at appendix 9.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12. The business is situated on a residential street. A Google street map and ariel view, showing the location of the proposed premises, is attached at Appendix 10.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

13. Members are respectfully reminded of the need to give due consideration to Stockton Borough Councils Licensing Policy Statement and Section 182 Revised Guidance issued in February 2025 under the Licensing Act 2003 when determining this application. Copies of which can be found at: Welcome to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003

14. Current Council Policy States:

'The Council recommends that applicants risk assess their operation against the four licensing objectives to identify potential areas of concern. An operating schedule should include information which is necessary to enable any responsible authority or other person to assess whether the steps to be taken to promote the licensing objectives are satisfactory.' Pg 9.

Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but new or variation applications requesting that the sale of alcohol starts before 9.00am or finishes after 10.00pm in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, new or variation applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises before 9.00am or after 11.30pm (12 midnight on a Friday and Saturday night) in residential areas will normally be refused. Pg 22.

MEMBERS OPTIONS

- 15. Members must carry out their functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Members may consider the following options:

- 1. To refuse the application.
- 2. To grant all or part of the application subject to the necessary conditions to promote the four licensing objectives.
- 16. Responsibly authorities, local councillors and local residents have been invited to todays meeting should members have further questions.

ASSOCIATED PAPERS

The following appendices are attached for information: Appendix 1 - 8

Assistant Director - Regulated Services Marc Stephenson

And Transformation

Contact Officer: Leanne Maloney-Kelly

Telephone No. 07384 797728

Email Address: Leanne.Maloney-Kelly@stockton.gov.uk

Financial Implications: None

Environmental Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

• Public Safety.

• The Prevention Of Public Nuisance

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for environmental harm.

Community Safety Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

The Prevention Of Crime And DisorderThe Protection of Children from Harm

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for crime and disorder.

Legal Implications: Depending upon the determination of this application

Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides the applicant, the holder of a licence and/or any person who made a relevant representation in relation to the application, with the right of appeal to the Magistrates'

court.

Human Rights Implications: Members should have regard to Human Rights Act

when determining this application

Background Papers: Stockton Borough Council Licensing Policy Statement

and Licensing Act 2003 Section 182 Guidance

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Councillor Shakeel Hussain

Councillor Sufi Mubeen



Stockton-on-Tees Application for a premises licence Licensing Act 2003

For help contact

licensing@stockton.gov.uk
Telephone: 01642 524802

* required information

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| You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume. | | | | |
| System reference | Not Currently In Use | This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system. | | |
| Your reference | | You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority. | | |
| Are you an agent acting on bel | | Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for. | | |
| Applicant Details | | | | |
| * First name | ALAIMAGAN | | | |
| * Family name | THANGARAJAH | | | |
| * E-mail | ijrushy@hotmail.com | | | |
| Main telephone number | | Include country code. | | |
| Other telephone number | | | | |
| ☐ Indicate here if the appli | cant would prefer not to be contacted by telep | hone | | |
| Is the applicant: | | | | |
| Applying as a business o | r organisation, including as a sole trader | A sole trader is a business owned by one | | |
| Applying as an individua | I | person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby. | | |

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| Address | | |
| * Building number or name 184 | | |
| * Street | SEVERN WAY | |
| District | BLETCHLEY | |
| * City or town | MILTON KEYNES | |
| County or administrative area | | |
| * Postcode | MK3 7QB | |
| * Country | United Kingdom | |
| | | |
| Agent Details | | |
| * First name | IAN | |
| * Family name | RUSHTON | |
| * E-mail | ijrushy@hotmail.com | |
| Main telephone number | 07909 511953 | Include country code. |
| Other telephone number | | |
| ☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone | | |
| Are you: | | |
| An agent that is a busine | ess or organisation, including a sole trader | A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. |
| A private individual actir | ng as an agent | person without any special legal structure. |
| Agent Business | | |
| Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? | | Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form. |
| Is your business registered outside the UK? | | |
| Business name | JL LICENSING | If your business is registered, use its registered name. |
| VAT number | NONE | Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT. |
| Legal status | Sole Trader | |
| Your position in the business | OWNER | |
| Home country | United Kingdom | The country where the headquarters of your business is located. |

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| Agent Business Address | | If you have one, this should be your official address - that is an address required of you by law for receiving communications. |
| Building number or name | 77 | |
| Street | WOMACK GARDENS | |
| District | | |
| City or town | ST HELENS | |
| County or administrative area | MERSEYSIDE | |
| Postcode | WA9 5UY | |
| Country | United Kingdom | |
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| Section 2 of 21 | | |
| PREMISES DETAILS | | |
| I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003. | | |
| Premises Address | | |
| Are you able to provide a posta | al address, OS map reference or description of t | he premises? |
| AddressOS maj | p reference O Description | |
| Postal Address Of Premises | | |
| Building number or name | 10 | |
| Street | RICHARDSON ROAD | |
| District | | |
| City or town | STOCKTON ON TEES | |
| County or administrative area | CLEVELAND | |
| Postcode | TS18 3LH | |
| Country | United Kingdom | |
| Further Details | | |
| Telephone number | | |
| Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£) | 13,000 | |
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| | ICATION DETAILS | | |
| In wh | at capacity are you applyi | ng for the premises licence? | |
| \boxtimes | An individual or individua | als | |
| | A limited company / limit | ted liability partnership | |
| | A partnership (other than | n limited liability) | |
| | An unincorporated assoc | iation | |
| | Other (for example a stat | utory corporation) | |
| | A recognised club | | |
| | A charity | | |
| | The proprietor of an educ | cational establishment | |
| | A health service body | | |
| | A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales | | |
| | A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England | | |
| | The chief officer of police | of a police force in England and Wales | |
| Conf | firm The Following | | |
| \boxtimes | I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities | | |
| | ☐ I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function | | |
| | I am making the applicat virtue of His Majesty's pre | ion pursuant to a function discharged by erogative | |
| | on 4 of 21 | | |
| INDI | VIDUAL APPLICANT DET | AILS | |
| | licant Name | | |
| Is the | e name the same as (or sin | nilar to) the details given in section one? | If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. |
| • ' | Yes | ○ No | Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details. |
| First | name | ALAIMAGAN | |
| Fami | ly name | THANGARAJAH | |
| Is the | e applicant 18 years of age | or older? | |
| • ' | Yes | ○ No | |
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| Current Residential Address | | |
| Is the address the same as (or s | similar to) the address given in section one? | If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details |
| Yes | ○ No | from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details. |
| Building number or name | 184 | |
| Street | SEVERN WAY | |
| District | BLETCHLEY | |
| City or town | MILTON KEYNES | |
| County or administrative area | | |
| Postcode | MK3 7QB | |
| Country | United Kingdom | |
| Applicant Contact Details | | |
| Are the contact details the san | ne as (or similar to) those given in section one? | If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details |
| Yes | ○ No | from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details. |
| E-mail | ijrushy@hotmail.com | |
| Telephone number | | |
| Other telephone number | | |
| * Date of birth | 25 / 09 / 1978 dd mm yyyy | |
| * Nationality | SRI LANKAN | Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK |
| Right to work share code | WBJ GSC 6N6 | Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents |
| | Add another applicant | |
| Section 5 of 21 | | |
| OPERATING SCHEDULE | | |
| When do you want the premises licence to start? | 27 / 09 / 2025 dd mm yyyy | |
| If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end | dd mm yyyy | |
| Provide a general description | of the premises | |

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| For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises. | | | |
| This is a new business venture and the site, currently empty, will be fully refurbished with a big investment as a new convenience store. The applicant, a personal licence holder with retail experience, would like to offer some alcohol sales to allow the business to offer the complete all-round general convenience service. | | | |
| The new shop will sell a wide range of goods including magazines, dairy, frozen goods, soft drinks, bread, sweets, cigarettes, household goods, etc. The focus of the shop will be as a general convenience store, with alcohol sales just being a part of the overall business. | | | |
| If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend | | | |
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| PROVISION OF PLAYS | | | |
| See guidance on regulated entertainment | | | |
| Will you be providing plays? | | | |
| ○ Yes | | | |
| Section 7 of 21 | | | |
| PROVISION OF FILMS | | | |
| See guidance on regulated entertainment | | | |
| Will you be providing films? | | | |
| ○ Yes | | | |
| Section 8 of 21 | | | |
| PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS | | | |
| See guidance on regulated entertainment | | | |
| Will you be providing indoor sporting events? | | | |
| ○ Yes | | | |
| Section 9 of 21 | | | |
| PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS | | | |
| See guidance on regulated entertainment | | | |
| Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments? | | | |
| ○ Yes | | | |
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| PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC | | | |
| See guidance on regulated entertainment | | | |
| Will you be providing live music? | | | |
| ○ YRage 19 | | | |

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| PROVISION OF RECOR | DED MUSIC | |
| See guidance on regula | ated entertainment | |
| Will you be providing re | ecorded music? | |
| | No | |
| Section 12 of 21 | | |
| PROVISION OF PERFO | RMANCES OF DANCE | |
| See guidance on regula | ated entertainment | |
| Will you be providing p | erformances of dance? | |
| ○ Yes | No | |
| Section 13 of 21 | | |
| PROVISION OF ANYTH DANCE | IING OF A SIMILAR DES | CRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF |
| See guidance on regula | ated entertainment | |
| Will you be providing a performances of dance | | nusic, recorded music or |
| | No | |
| Section 14 of 21 | | |
| LATE NIGHT REFRESH | MENT | |
| Will you be providing la | ate night refreshment? | |
| ○ Yes | No | |
| Section 15 of 21 | | |
| SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL | | |
| Will you be selling or su | applying alcohol? | |
| Yes | ○ No | |
| Standard Days And Ti | mings | |
| MONDAY | | |
| | Start 06:00 | Give timings in 24 hour clock. End 23:00 (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the day |
| | | of the week when you intend the premises |
| | Start | End to be used for the activity. |
| TUESDAY | | |
| | Start 06:00 | End 23:00 |
| | Start | End |
| WEDNESDAY | | |
| WEDINESDAT | Stort 0/.00 | End 22.00 |
| | Start 06:00 | End 23:00 |
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| THURSDAY | | | |
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| Start | | End | |
| FRIDAY | | | |
| Start | 06:00 | End 23:00 | |
| Start | | End | |
| SATURDAY | | | |
| Start | 06:00 | End 23:00 | |
| Start | | End | |
| SUNDAY | | | |
| Start | 06:00 | End 23:00 | |
| Start | | End | |
| Will the sale of alcohol be for co | onsumption: | | If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on |
| On the premises | Off the premises | Both | the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both. |
| State any seasonal variations | | | • |
| For example (but not exclusive | ly) where the activity will occu | ur on additional da | ays during the summer months. |
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| column on the left, list below | · | | ol at different times from those listed in the on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve. |
| | | | |
| State the name and details of the licence as premises supervisor | he individual whom you wish | to specify on the | |
| Name | | | |
| First name | ALAIMAGAN | | |
| Family name Page 21 | THANGARAJAH | | |

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| Date of birth | 25 / 09 / 1978 dd mm yyyy | | |
| Enter the contact's address | | | |
| Building number or name | 184 | | |
| Street | SEVERN WAY | | |
| District | BLETCHLEY | | |
| City or town | MILTON KEYNES | | |
| County or administrative area | | | |
| Postcode | MK3 7QB | | |
| Country | United Kingdom | | |
| Personal Licence number (if known) | MK 00085760 | | |
| Issuing licensing authority (if known) | MILTON KEYNES | | |
| PROPOSED DESIGNATED PRE | MISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT | | |
| How will the consent form of the supplied to the authority? | he proposed designated premises supervisor | | |
| Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor | | | |
| As an attachment to this application | | | |
| Reference number for consent form (if known) | | If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'. | |
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| ADULT ENTERTAINMENT | | | |
| Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children | | | |
| Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
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| Section 17 of 21 HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN | TO THE DURI IC | | |
| Standard Days And Timings | TO THE FUDEIO | | |

| MONDAY Start 06:00 End 23:00 (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. |
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| Start End to be used for the activity. |
| Start 06:00 End 23:00 Start End WEDNESDAY Start 06:00 End 23:00 Start End THURSDAY Start End FRIDAY Start End Start End SATURDAY Start End SUNDAY Start End SUNDAY Start End |
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| Start End |
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| State any seasonal variations |
| For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months. |
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| Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below |
| For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve. |
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| LICENSING OBJECTIVES |
| Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives: |
| a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) |
| List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together. |
| SEE ATTACHED |
| b) The prevention of crime and disorder |
| SEE ATTACHED |
| c) Public safety |
| SEE ATTACHED |
| d) The prevention of public nuisance |
| SEE ATTACHED |
| e) The protection of children from harm |
| SEE ATTACHED |
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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the
 holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their
 stay in the UK.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay
 indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an
 official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a
 Government agency or a previous employer.

- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to
 work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a
 licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder
 with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not
 subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity
 when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance
 number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK
 with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or
 reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration
 decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but
 who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in
 the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided 0 by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the 0 entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or O on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling 0 circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/ business rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college. If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39999 £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00 Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

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[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I

am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

| * Full name | IAN RUSHTON |
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| * Capacity | AGENT |
| * Date | 28 / 08 / 2025 |
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Add another signatory

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

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Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

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IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

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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) | Alaimagan THANGARAJAH |
|---------------------------|---|
| Premises Name and Address | Richardson Road Convenience Store 10 Richardson Road Stockton TS18 3LH |

Section 2 - Responsible Authority

Licensing Authority

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

| The representation is relevant to one or | |
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| more of the following licensing | X Prevention of Public Nuisance |
| objectives: | |
| | X Public Safety |
| Please tick relevant box(es) | 7.1.00007 |
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Please Select:

x 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)

The Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority object to the grant of a premises licence application at the above address, on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance and promotion of public safety.

Licensing formally object to the proposed grant for the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises from Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 23:00 hours at this premises. Page 32

The Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Statement of Licensing suggests that in residential areas, shops stores and supermarkets will in general be licenced to provide sales for consumption off the premises between 09:00 – 22:00.

The hours applied for are outside of the policy suggestion.

This is not a blanket policy applied to all premises / applications, each case is assessed on its own merits, and I determine there are no reasons to depart from the policy recommendation as premises in question is located within a residential setting, in a deprived part of the Borough, where alcohol harms and alcohol accessibility especially in early mornings is an issue.

By permitting the premises to sell alcohol at these days and times, there is a risk of increasing existing issues in the area. Availability of alcohol is a major factor in the misuse of alcohol therefore by having alcohol available in the residential area outside of the policy hours increases the availability and potential for misuse. The premises is situated in an area which is subject to a multi agency initiative known as Project Harmony to address concerns around organised crime and antisocial behaviour to improve the lives of residents.

As such, Licensing does not support the application and recommends that the terminal hour for alcohol sales is 09:00 - 22:00 in line with policy to minimise potential disruption to nearby residents.

Additional information may be provided to support this representation.

| Signed: | Position: | Dated: |
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| Kirsty Wannop | Licensing Officer | 24/09/2025 |

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| Premises Name and Address | Richardson Road Convenience Store 10 Richardson Road Stockton TS18 3LH |

Section 2 - Responsible Authority

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

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

| The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: | X Prevention of Crime and Disorder X Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Children from Harm Public Safety | |
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| Please tick relevant box(es) | | |
| Please Select: | | |
| I object to the application being granted at all x 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 | | |

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

This is an objection to a new premise licence.

The premise is on a residential road directly off an arterial road on the outskirts of a busy and vibrant Town Centre and is part of a larger residential area. Due to the area, it is situated in, it may have issues specific to such an area and requires conditions to try and prevent these issues arising. The area for which the premise licence has been requested is already, if not saturated, close to saturation in regards of premises selling alcohol for off sales. There are at least 6 other premises supplying alcohol for consumption away from the premise in the area.

Whilst we do not wish to stop the premise from carrying out a viable business there are precautions which need to be taken so as not to have a negative impact on the area which already suffers from alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour and street drinking.

The hours applied for also fall outside Stockton Borough Councils Licensing Policy for an off licensed premises near a residential area. The Licensing Policy clearly states "Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but new or variation applications requesting that the sale of alcohol starts before 9.00am or finishes after 10.00pm in residential areas will generally be refused." And we would support this policy in full.

If conditions and times for supply of alcohol can be reached Cleveland Police will happily withdraw it's objections to this application.

Further evidence will be provided if agreement cannot be reached.

| Signed: | Position: | Dated: |
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| Andrew Thorpe | Licensing officer to the Chief | 24/09/2025 |
| | Constable of Cleveland Police | |

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Section 1 – Licence Application Details

Section 2 - Responsible Authority

| Applicant Name (If Known) | Mr Alaimagan Thangarajah |
|---------------------------|---|
| Premises Name and Address | Richardson Road Convenience Store 10 Richardson Road Stockton-On-Tees Stockton-On-Tees TS18 3LJ |

| ■ Environmental Health | | |
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| Section 3 – Representation Grounds | | |
| The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: | ☐ Prevention of Public Nuisance | |
| Please tick relevant box(es) | | |
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| □ 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) | | | | |
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| Environmental Health have reviewed the application and note the proposed hours for sale of alcohol are 06:00-23:00 each day. | | | | |
| Stockton Council's licensing policy states: "Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but new or variation applications requesting that the sale of alcohol starts before 9.00am or finishes after 10.00pm in residential areas will generally be refused". | | | | |
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Appendix 5 Public Health Dunedin House Columbia Drive Stockton-on-Tees TS17 6BJ

Email: public.healthteam@stockton.gov.uk

REPRESENTATIONS ON A CURRENT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT/VARIATION OF A PREMISE LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Section 1 – Licence Application Details

| Applicant Name (If known) | Alaimagan Thangarajah |
|---------------------------|---|
| Premises Name and Address | Richardson Road Convenience Store, 10, Richardson Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3LH |

Section 2 - Responsible Authority - Please delete not applicable

Public Health

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

| The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: | Prevention of Crime and Disorder |
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| | 2. Prevention of Public Nuisance |
| Please delete not applicable | 3. Protection of Children from Harm |
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Please delete not applicable:

- 1. I object to the application being granted at all
- 2. I object to the application being granted in its current form and tell us what changes you would prefer to see

Please type the grounds of the representation in the box below:

Public Health as a Responsible Authority object to the new premises licence application at the above address in its current form, on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the promotion of public safety.

The current proposed supply of alcohol start time is 6am, with an end time of 11pm. This goes against the Stockton-on-Tees Statement of Licensing Policy, which states that: "Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but new or variation applications requesting that the sale of alcohol starts before 9.00am or finishes after 10.00pm in residential areas will generally be refused." Public Health support this policy.

It should be noted that the premises, as well as being in a residential area, is in one of the lowest deprivation deciles. The premises is just off a busy road and within walking distance of Stockton Family Hub, Rosedene Nursery and Bowesfield Primary School (see key statistics of the area below). There are also a number of other convenience stores in the nearby area, with three in close proximity. The nearest of these has alcohol licensing times between 8am and 10pm. Thus, the proposed hours are not only outside of policy, but also out of line with nearby premises, meaning that the proposed hours would increase the availability and accessibility of alcohol in the area.

It is commonly accepted in evidence that if the availability and accessibility increase (due to extended opening hours), there will be an increase in harm (including health harms, increases in anti-social behaviour and violent harm). This affects the wider community and goes against the Licensing Objectives mentioned above.

It is commonly accepted in evidence that if the opening hours of alcohol sales are extended, the availability and accessibility of alcohol increases, which results in increased harm (including health harms, increases antisocial behaviour and violent harm). This affects the wider community and goes against the Licensing Objectives mentioned above.

Locally, the view of restricting hours available for alcohol sales is popular in Stockton-on-Tees. In 2017, 62% of respondents supported restricting alcohol sales in off licenses to between 10am and 10pm (Balance, 207). Similarly, 43% of respondents felt there are too many off-licences, supermarkets and shops that sell alcohol.

In the 2025 Stockton-on-Tees Alcohol Harm Survey

- 58.7% of respondents thought that alcohol was a significant problem in the area they lived / worked / studied
- Participants suggested that limiting early morning sales, capping purchase volumes, and raising the legal drinking age could help reduce excessive alcohol use.
- 63.3% agreed that access to alcohol off-sales (buying from shops and corner shops should be restricted until after 9am at the earliest)
- 40.5% thought that there should be stricter regulations on pricing / offers
- 35.4% thought that there should be stricter regulation around opening times

Location of premises:

- Located in the Ropner ward (decile 3) and relatively close to the Stockton Town Centre ward (decile 1), making it in a deprived area (1 being most deprived and 10 being least deprived).
- The premises is in a residential area, just off one of the main roads into Stockton Town Centre.
- The premises is located in close proximity to the Stockton Family Hub (the back of the property is
 within eyeline of the premises, roughly diagonally across the road), which also has Rosedene Sunrise
 Nursery on site. The Family Hub is a service offering support and activities for families with children
 and young people up to 19 years old, and is one of four across the Borough.
- There are 3 other licenced convenience stores in close proximity to the premises, with others in the wider area.
- In the 12 months up to the end of May 2025, the Ropner ward had the fifth highest crime rate per 1,000 population (171/1,000) and fifteenth highest violent crime rate per 1,000 population (including sexual offences) in the Borough.
- 21% of crimes are violent crimes.

Additional information may be provided to support this representation.

| Signed: T Hyman | Position: Public Health Practitioner | Dated:24/09/25 | |
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Representations For A Review Of A Premises Licence Or Club Premises Certificate **Under The Licensing Act 2003**

Section 1 – Licence Application Details

| Applicant Name (If Known) | Richardson Road Convenience Store |
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| Premises Name and Address | 10 Richardson Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3LJ |

| Section 2 – Authority/Departmen | τ |
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| ☐ Trading Standards | |
| ☐ Cleveland Police | |
| ☐ Environmental Health | |
| ☐ Cleveland Fire Service | |
| ☐ Planning | |

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

□ Community Safety

| The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: | ☑Prevention of Crime and Disorder☑Prevention of Public Nuisance |
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| Please tick relevant box(es) | □Protection of Children from Harm |
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The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Representation Against Premises Licence Application – Richardson Road Convenience Store

This representation opposes the application to grant a premises licence for *Richardson* Road Convenience Store, in respect of the following:

Alcohol off-sales: Monday to Sunday, 6am to 11pm

The grounds for my objection are based on the belief that an off-licence selling alcohol at this location, during the proposed hours, would undermine Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's (SBC) community safety efforts to deter, detect, and prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminality in the Ropner ward. Subsequently, I believe such a premises would undermine the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance

My name is Adam Bateman, and I am SBC's Problem Solving and Partnerships Officer (Community Safety Officer), attached to the Community Safety Team, based at 16 Church Road, Stockton. I have held this post since October 2024. My current duties include having strategic oversight, from a local authority (LA) perspective, of Operation Shield, Project Harmony, and Operation Nightfall. My involvement in this case relates to Project Harmony and Operation Nightfall, which are place-based community safety initiatives centred on the Ropner ward, to which this application pertains, although references to Operation Shield (Stockton Town Centre) will be included throughout also.

The application seeks to place an off-license in the heart of the Ropner ward. The Ropner ward has had historically high crime rates, poor public perceptions of safety, and entrenched criminality. The area frequently topped local crime statistics and had strong links to serious and organised crime. It was for this reason that we established a strategic place-based partnership to tackle these matters of community concern, using the Home Office & College of Policing's principles of 'Clear, Hold, Build' (CHB) to do so, under the banner of 'Project Harmony.' Applying the CHB principles means that partner agencies must look at multiple different ways to pursue offenders and protect the community, including looking at how we can influence both planning and licensing applications, to 'hold' the area from further vulnerability or opportunities for criminals to flourish. We have made great strides in reducing crime and ASB in Ropner over the past few years. Running parallel to Project Harmony, is its sister operation, namely Operation Nightfall. During the course of Project Harmony, SBC conducted several community surveys and engagement events to understand the public's most pressing safety concerns. From this engagement, it became clear that residents were particularly concerned about on-street sex work in the Ropner ward, especially along Yarm Road (next to Richardson Rd.). Operation Nightfall was therefore established early in Project Harmony's lifespan to gather intelligence, safeguard vulnerable individuals, and proactively patrol the ward to prevent serious offences, associated with on-street sex work. The operation has led to the detection and apprehension of child kidnappers, identification of serious sexual offenders, and has undoubtedly contributed to falling crime figures in Ropner. While Project Harmony is nearing its conclusion, Operation Nightfall remains active and ongoing. Furthermore, since its launch, Project Harmony (and Op. Nightfall) has achieved significant reductions in crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) in Ropner. Crime statistics show a 41% reduction in total crime in December 2023, compared to December 2022, and a further 28.7% reduction in January 2025, compared to January 2024. These results demonstrate the project's long-term positive impact on the community, given that its initial phases occurred in the Summer of 2023.

Local residents, representatives, services, and myself, are keen to maintain our efforts to prevent these gains from slipping. Consequently, my first core concern about this application is that an off-license at this location, selling at those times in this residential area, metres from where Op. Nightfall is actioned, will undermine the Op. Nightfall Action Plan (June 2025), and all efforts associated, to reduce criminality & ASB related to on-street sex work. As per the action plan agreed between SBC, Cleveland Police, and the local charity *A Way Out*, supported by local Cllrs. and community representatives, we have one overarching strategic objective: "to encourage on-street sex work to occur away from residential dwellings, whilst ensuring we have the right partner services in place, to safeguard women experiencing multiple disadvantages..." (SBC, 2025, p. 1). The application undermines this

drinking on Yarm Road and Yarm Lane during their working hours. Based on professional testimony, I strongly believe that placing an off-licence deeper into the residential area we are working to safeguard, would not support our well-intentioned efforts to move sex work away from dwellings. At the times proposed, I'm concerned that on-street sex workers suffering from addiction, will utilise this shop to buy alcohol (and then continue to work close to the shop and nearby dwellings & street drink), therefore undermining the Op. Nightfall Action Plan and strategic objective.

Licensing matters being entwined with community safety work is not unique to Ropner. In the neighbouring ward of Stockton Town Centre, we have launched a similar flagship community safety programme called Operation Shield, which aims to tackle town centrebased crime and ASB, particularly where substance misuse is a contributing factor to said offending. As part of this initiative, SBC Licensing introduced the *Reducing the Strength Scheme*, targeting the sale of single cans of high-strength, low-cost alcohol. These cans are frequently seen in both Stockton and Ropner, and are often the drink of choice for individuals with addiction needs. The core rationale behind the *Reducing the Strength Scheme* and the wider Operation Shield strategy, is to reduce the daily alcohol intake of dependent individuals, thereby improving their long-term health and reducing levels of intoxication, which in turn enhances community safety. As the scheme operates in the neighbouring ward, I believe that granting this off-licence – especially with the proposed operating hours – would significantly undermine efforts to improve the whole region of the Borough. There is significant footfall between Stockon Town Centre, a mostly commercial area, to the Ropner ward, a mostly residential area.

In conclusion, granting a premises licence for alcohol sales at the *Richardson Road Convenience Store* would directly conflict with the results and strategic objectives of Project Harmony and Operation Nightfall, both of which have demonstrably improved safety and reduced crime in the Ropner ward. The proposed application risks reversing these gains by increasing vulnerability in a residential area already under pressure from complex social issues. It is my professional view that this application undermines the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, and reducing public nuisance, and should therefore be refused.

Additional information may be supplied by the Community Safety Team at a later date.

| Signed: A. Bateman | Position: Problem Solving & | Dated: 26/09/2025 |
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| | Partnerships Officer, SBC | |
| | Community Safety | |

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Date: 23.09.2025

To:

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 6BI.

Subject: Objection to Off-License Application at 10 Richardson Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of myself and the undersigned petitioners to formally object to the application for an off-licence at 10 Richardson Road.

Our objections are based on the following grounds:

- 1, Public Nuisance An additional off-licence in this location is likely to increase late-night noise, littering, and disturbances that will directly affect the peace and wellbeing of local residents.
- 2. Crime and Disorder There is concern that the premises could contribute to anti-social behaviour, alcohol-related crime, and disorder in the neighbourhood.
- 3. Traffic and Parking Issues Richardson Road is a primarily residential street with limited parking availability. The operation of an off-licence is likely to increase traffic, obstruct residents' access, and worsen an already difficult parking situation.

We therefore respectfully request that the Council refuse this licence application in order to protect the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of local residents.

Please find attached a petition signed by residents in support of this objection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,



On behalf of the undersigned residents

Petition Signature Sheet

Against Granting an Off-Licence at 10 Richardson Road,

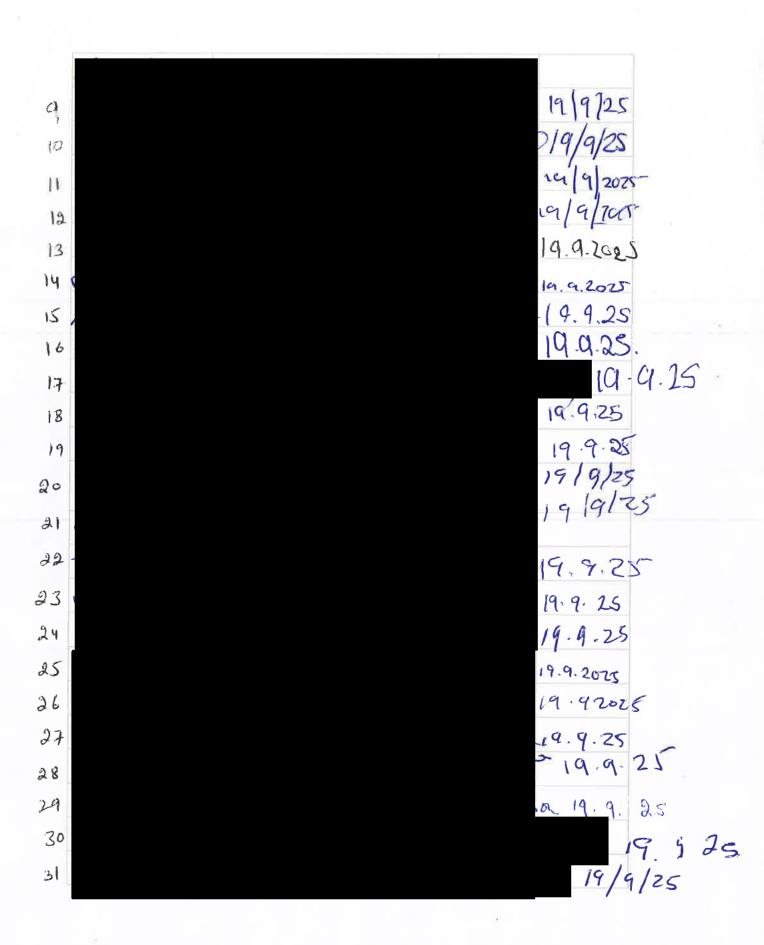
We, the undersigned petitioners, strongly object the granting of a licence to operate an off-licence at 10 Richardson Road.

Our objections are based on the following grounds:

- Public Nuisance An additional off-licence in this location is likely to increase late-night noise, littering, and disturbances that will directly affect the peace and wellbeing of local residents.
- Crime and Disorder There is concern that the premises could contribute to anti-social behaviour, alcohol-related crime, and disorder in the neighbourhood.
- 3. **Traffic and Parking Issues** Richardson Road is a primarily residential street with limited parking availability. The operation of an off-licence is likely to increase traffic, obstruct residents' access, and worsen an already difficult parking situation.

We therefore respectfully request that the Council **refuse this licence application** in order to protect the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of local residents.

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| Business addres | s | | | |
| Address line 1 | 10 Richardson Road | | | |
| Town or city | Stockton-on-Tees | | | |
| Postcode | TS18 3LJ | | | |
| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm, Public safety | | | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | It would bring the types of people you wouldn't want associated around a residential area, as there is a Family Hub and Nursery 80 yards away and that in itself can cause problems. A lot of kids live around this area with it being a residential area that they are always out playing with friends and would not want to be encountering that kind of behaviour that a store like this would attract by selling alcohol, 0600 to 2300. There are plenty of business' that already sell alcohol close by; Best One, Rokeby St, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3LT which is 150yards away from the proposed location, Yarm Road Convenience Store, Kaddy's News Store, Premier, Yarm Lane, Aldi, Yarm Lane & Lidl, Yarm Road, ALL within half a mile of the location in question. There is also a number of Adults, Young Adults & Children with learning difficulties and specials that this can hinder because they don't have the awareness of their surroundings. | | | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | This shop is not needed, we have three other shops well within walking distance. Also we have over the years had massive problems with drugs and alcohol overspill, and feel this will attract this kind of clientele. This shop would be on the doorstep of local residents with young children, and a local nursery. | | | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety | | | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | Our community already faces ongoing challenges with drugs, Alcohol and prostitution, which, while being managed, remain a concern for residents. Introducing another licensed premises risks undermining this balance and could potentially bring the problems currently concentrated in the town centre into our neighbourhood. The question must be asked: what benefit does another such establishment bring to this area? Residents are keen to protect the relative safety and stability of the community and to avoid the additional strain that could result from alcohol-related disorder. For these reasons, I urge the council to refuse this application. | | | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object to the following license being granted, We already have issues in the area with drugs and alcohol. As it stands we already have several shops within the area that sell alcohol and we can see the impact this has caused on members of the community! I fear this license being granted will further heighten my anxiety when leaving my home. Empty cans/bottles of alcohol already flood the streets of the local area, this will only worsen it. I really hope you think long and hard about this decision as it is one that shouldn't be taken lightly without the thoughts of hard working residents in this area. | | | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm, Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | We suffer from Drugs and working girls and alcoholics in the area. Stockton town centre, Yarm Road and Hartington Road are bad as it is. I have been living in the area for several years and we have lots of shops in the area as it is. Opening another shop which serves alcohol will bring more crime in our neighbourhood. We will attract more beggars and lots of drunken people. I object to this planning application being made and I think the council should listen to the public as we have to put up with this for the rest of our lives whilst living in the area. | |
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| Address line 1 | 10 Richardson Road | |
| Town or city | Stockton on Tees | |
| Postcode | TS18 3JL | |
| What does your representation refer to? | Public amenity including litter noise and antisocial behaviour, Something else | |
| Provide details of the licensing objectives your representation refers to | We already have 5 off license premises within half mile of the application. | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | We already have 5 off license premises within half mile of the address. We also have sex workers working with the area and having a premises open selling alcohol later into the night will not help with the issue. Parking is also a concern as when the former premises was open parking was an issues It is also located very close to the family hub and nursery | |
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| In what capacity are you lodging a representation? | Representative of residents association ward | |
| Would you like to upload the details of who you are representing? | No | |
| What are the details of who are you representing? | Sunderland glebe residents association | |

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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object to the following application being made for an alcohol license. The area is already bad and is under the selective licensing zone for ASB and Low housing demand. We currently have 6 Shops within 1 mile radius that serve Alcohol so why would we need another shop. This will cause lots of chaos in my street as I live around the corner from this shop opening. There will be groups of alcoholics hanging around and I will not feel safe leaving my home. In Stockton we currently deal with a lot of alcoholics and I don't think it would be a good idea for a new shop opening and serving alcohol. Also there is a family Hub and a nursery opposite the shop opening and it would not be nice for the area. Please can the council consider carefully and listen to objections before granting the licence. | |
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From:

To: Licensing Admin (ES)

Subject: Richardson Road Convenience Store
Date: 26 September 2025 09:09:59

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Dear Sirs

RE:

I object formally to the application.

Introduction

I write to register a formal objection to the application for a new alcohol licence within this locality. My objection is made under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, which sets out four statutory licensing objectives that every licensing authority must uphold when determining applications. These objectives are:

- 1. The prevention of crime and disorder.
- 2. Public safety.
- 3. The prevention of public nuisance.
- 4. The protection of children from harm.

After careful consideration of the application in light of these objectives, I am strongly of the view that granting this licence would be detrimental to the area and contrary to the purposes of the Act. The introduction of an additional late-night off-licence would not only fail to promote these objectives but would actively undermine them, with significant consequences for residents, local businesses, and the reputation of the wider community.

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The prevention of crime and disorder is a central concern of licensing law. Licensed premises have long been associated with a range of anti-social and criminal behaviours when not carefully managed or when located in areas that are already vulnerable. These behaviours can include drunkenness, drug misuse, violent confrontations, criminal damage, and low-level anti-social conduct.

The proposed off-licence poses an acute risk of exacerbating these problems. Allowing alcohol to be sold into the late evening encourages patterns of street drinking, loitering, and public intoxication. It is well established that alcohol consumption in unsupervised public settings correlates strongly with incidents of disorder, vandalism, and disturbances that draw on police resources.

The local authority has already identified this area as requiring special attention, having introduced a selective licensing zone to improve housing conditions and tackle long-standing problems. To authorise a new late-night alcohol outlet in precisely the same location would contradict these regeneration efforts and undermine the Council's stated objectives. The selective licensing scheme recognises that the area suffers from low housing demand, poor social cohesion, and heightened vulnerability to nuisance. A late-night off-licence would worsen these conditions by drawing individuals engaged in

disruptive behaviours and reinforcing a culture of alcohol misuse.

Residents are already aware of the negative effects of licensed premises in nearby locations, such as Yarm Road. This area has become a hotspot for anti-social behaviour, with reports of individuals congregating outside shops, cycling dangerously, and causing noise and intimidation late at night. There have even been instances of bottles being smashed in the street, creating both safety hazards and a hostile environment for lawabiding residents. Allowing another venue to operate under similar terms would replicate and intensify these problems.

2. Public Safety

Public safety is another statutory licensing objective that must be considered carefully. Licensing is not solely about commercial convenience but about ensuring that communities remain safe environments for those who live, work, and visit.

A late-night/Morning off-licence inevitably encourages gatherings at unsociable hours. Individuals may loiter outside the premises after purchase, consuming alcohol in the immediate vicinity and creating risks both for themselves and others. The likelihood of disorder, accidents, and confrontations rises significantly in such circumstances. Bottles and cans discarded in public spaces also present environmental hazards and risks of injury.

The Council must also consider the risks associated with vulnerable individuals in the area. Street workers are still present locally, and the availability of late-night alcohol sales risks intensifying associated problems such as exploitation, harassment, and violence. The presence of an easily accessible source of alcohol will only fuel unsafe situations, placing both those individuals and the wider community at risk.

It is difficult to reconcile such risks with the duty to promote public safety. While licence conditions can attempt to mitigate some dangers, the fundamental problem is the timing and nature of alcohol sales. Selling alcohol late into the evening in this particular location is simply incompatible with ensuring the safety of residents and visitors.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The third licensing objective focuses on preventing public nuisance, particularly in respect of noise, litter, and disturbance. It is almost inevitable that a late-night off-licence will generate exactly these issues.

Residents have legitimate concerns about noise late at night. Groups congregating outside shops create an atmosphere of disturbance, especially when alcohol is involved. Shouting, arguments, and other disruptive behaviours are not uncommon in such situations. These disturbances are especially harmful in residential areas where people are entitled to expect peace and quiet during evening hours.

In addition to noise, there are concerns about litter and environmental impact. Empty bottles, cans, and packaging are frequently discarded around existing licensed premises. Broken glass poses a clear danger to pedestrians, pets, and children. The cumulative effect is one of neglect and disorder, contributing to a cycle of decline in which community pride

and property values suffer.

The Council has invested significant resources into regenerating this area and addressing the problems of low housing demand. Introducing a new late-night alcohol outlet would be a step backwards, undoing progress and signalling that anti-social activity is being tolerated rather than discouraged.

4. Protection of Children from Harm

The final licensing objective concerns the protection of children from harm, a matter of particular sensitivity in this community. Children are entitled to grow up in safe, stable environments where they are not exposed to harm, disorder, or the normalisation of destructive behaviours.

Late-night off-licences increase the risk that children will be exposed to alcohol misuse, street drinking, and the associated behaviours of intoxicated individuals. Families should not have to navigate streets where shouting, fighting, and drunkenness are routine occurrences. Beyond physical safety, the very presence of such activity can have a lasting negative impact on children's sense of wellbeing and security.

Furthermore, in areas of deprivation, there is an increased risk of underage alcohol purchasing or proxy purchasing by adults on behalf of minors. Licensing authorities must be alert to these dangers. By enabling late-night sales, the Council would inadvertently increase opportunities for underage drinking, undermining years of effort to reduce alcohol-related harm among young people.

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Conclusion and Request

For all of the reasons outlined above, I respectfully submit that this application should be rejected in its entirety. To grant it would run counter to the statutory duties of the licensing authority and would undermine each of the four licensing objectives.

Should the authority nonetheless consider granting permission, I urge that alcohol sales be strictly limited, with a cut-off time of 6:00pm, to mitigate some of the risks identified. However, the preferred and most consistent course of action is outright refusal of the application.

Finally, I strongly request that this matter be determined at a full public hearing rather than through written representations alone. This will allow local residents to attend, voice their concerns directly, and ensure transparency in the decision-making process. Given the level of public interest, I encourage the Council to secure a venue of sufficient size to accommodate all who wish to participate.

The Council has worked hard to address long-standing problems in this community. To grant this application would be to undo that work, creating further crime, disorder, and nuisance at the expense of residents' safety and quality of life. I urge you to act in the best interests of the community and reject the application.

Yours sincerely

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| Town or city | Stockton On Tees | |
| Postcode | TS18 3JL | |
| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm, Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | Dear sirs, I write to make an objection for alcohol license application being made. I live locally in the area and I cannot stress enough how bad the area is with Drink, Drugs and Alcohol. We have way too many shops in the area that sell alcohol and we can see on most days drugs users and alcoholics stood outside in crowds. It is no longer a safe community. There is a community hub/Children's nursery right opposite the Shop. For these reasons I urge the council not to grant the license. | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder,Prevention of public nuisance,Protection of children from harm,Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I strongly object to the proposed alcohol licence. This area is already under a selective licensing zone for anti-social behaviour and low housing demand, with several shops selling alcohol within the area, so another outlet is unnecessary. A new off-licence would attract street drinkers, beggars, and anti-social behaviour, making residents feel unsafe. It is especially inappropriate as the premises are opposite a family hub and nursery. Our community already faces challenges with drugs, alcohol misuse, and prostitution, and another licensed premises would worsen these problems and undermine efforts to improve the area. There is no clear benefit to residents, only added risk of crime, disorder, and nuisance. I urge the council to reject this application in the interests of public safety and community wellbeing. | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm, Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I strongly object to the proposed alcohol licence on the basis that it will negatively impact community safety and wellbeing. The area is already under a selective licensing zone due to anti-social behaviour and low housing demand, and there are already six shops within a one-mile radius selling alcohol. Adding another outlet is unnecessary and would increase risks of crime, disorder, and public nuisance. Residents are concerned that a new off-licence will attract groups of drinkers, increase the presence of beggars, and make people feel unsafe in their own streets. The shop's location is also highly inappropriate, being directly opposite a family hub and nursery, where children and families should be protected from exposure to alcohol-related activity. Our community already struggles with issues linked to drugs, alcohol misuse, and prostitution. Introducing another licensed premises would undermine local efforts to manage these problem. | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance | | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object to the premises licence as it would undermine the licensing objectives. The area already suffers from prostitution, drug misuse, and alcohol-related disorder. Another off-licence would worsen street drinking, anti-social behaviour, and crime. Public safety would be at risk from increased gatherings and disorder, making the area less safe for residents and vulnerable people. Existing nuisance such as noise, litter, and public drinking would also increase, further reducing quality of life. Children are already exposed to harmful behaviour linked to drugs and alcohol, and granting this licence would heighten those risks. For these reasons, the application should be refused. | | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm, Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I'm concerned about the nuisance its going to cause we already have an off licence on the same road 30 seconds away and also another 2 just round the corner at St Peter's Road and at Yarm Road Ropner park news and also theirs a children nursery across from 10 Richardson Road which is quite concerning it's already quite bad at the moment round thier with the prostitution working from thier and also its drug related crimes going on the police already know about this situation so please take this in consideration before allowing any such license regarding these premises has we have more than enough off licence shops in walking distance in the area thank for your time | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | The area is already well known for significant issues with prostitution, drugs and street drinking. Granting a licence would inevitably attract further antisocial behaviour and criminal activity, adding to an already unsafe environment. Residents already feel vulnerable and this would only make matters worse. It will cause serious nuisance to nearby residents. Residents, including families with children, are entitled to peaceful enjoyment of their homes, which this would jeopardise. There are particular concerns about children and young people in the area. The premises is located close to schools. Children should not be exposed to risks associated including witnessing intoxicated behaviour and potential underage access. Increased alcohol consumption in the locality may heighten risks of accidents, fights, and disturbances. The surrounding streets are not suited to higher footfall late at night, and residents already feel unsafe walking in the area during evenings. |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I strongly object to the granting of an off-license at 10 Richardson Road. This area already suffers from high levels of crime, anti-social behaviour, and visible prostitution. Introducing another alcohol outlet will worsen these issues and directly undermine public safety. The location is in close proximity to schools and places of worship, increasing the risk to children and vulnerable members of the community. Alcohol availability contributes significantly to street drinking, disorder, and public nuisance, which are already persistent problems in the neighbourhood. Granting this license would likely escalate alcohol-fuelled disturbances, littering, and safety concerns, especially in the evenings. This application clearly conflicts with the licensing objectives—particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, and the protection of children from harm. The local community should not be further burdened by another alcohol retailer in an already struggling area. | | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Protection of children from harm,Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | we live on the same street there's already enough shops and you see people stood outside for alcholo our kids cant go out for the safety of the kids shouldnt not b granted any more alchol business its right opposite to kids nursery and community centre | |
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder,Prevention of public nuisance,Protection of children from harm,Public safety | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object to the licence application for Richardson convenient store/ 10 Richardson Road. Our area already suffers from serious drug and alcohol misuse, with street drinking, disorder, and intimidation of residents. The Council's own selective licensing scheme recognises this community has low housing demand, poor social cohesion, and heightened vulnerability to nuisance. Granting another alcohol licence will worsen crime, antisocial behaviour, and public health pressures. It risks more litter, noise, and gatherings outside shops, harming children, families, and vulnerable people. We have Childrens nursery right opposite where the shop will be and children each day will see all these drunken people outside. No community benefit exists to outweigh these harms, and the application clearly undermines the licensing objectives. I urge refusal. | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I am firmly opposed to granting an alcohol licence for the above shop. This neighbourhood already faces severe problems linked to drugs and alcohol, with frequent incidents on Yarm Road, Bowesfield Lane and Yarm Lane. Alcohol misuse is driving antisocial behaviour, crime and public disorder, while also exploiting vulnerable people who spend what little money they have on drink instead of essentials. The Council's own selective licensing scheme recognises that this area suffers from low housing demand, weak social cohesion and a high risk of nuisance. Adding another outlet will inevitably mean more street drinking, noise, litter and intimidation, exposing children and families to greater harm. The proposal offers no genuine benefit to the community and directly undermines the licensing objectives of preventing crime, ensuring safety and reducing nuisance. For these reasons, I urge the Committee to refuse this application. | | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object to the new application for a booze license because it will lead to more trouble, noise nuisance and addicted people causing more problems and a nursery over the road. We don't need any more alcohol establishments. | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | Dear sirs, We already have enough problems with Drugs, prostitution, Alcohol related crime and disorder and allowing this application will simply increase that. We do not need any more alcohol venues. | |
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| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | I object on all 4 grounds being 1. public nuisance - this will cause noise and congregating people on a night 2.antisocial behaviour - this will lead to more crime and bad behaviour 3. protection of children - there is a nursery over the road 4. public safety - how does this help people walking home on a night? I live in Middlesbrough but I have friends in Bowesfield and I am regularly up there. This is the last thing that we need for the area. Why does council allow this? If you do, then why bother with a selective licensing scheme - you try to help the area in one respect, then cause trouble in the other This will lead to all sorts of evening problems when we have recently had petitions and public members out trying to deter antisocial behaviour and street girls and crawlers This is just not acceptable How can my friends walk home safely when there is going to be this open till 10pm and then they will try and make it 11 or 12 Please refuse this. | |
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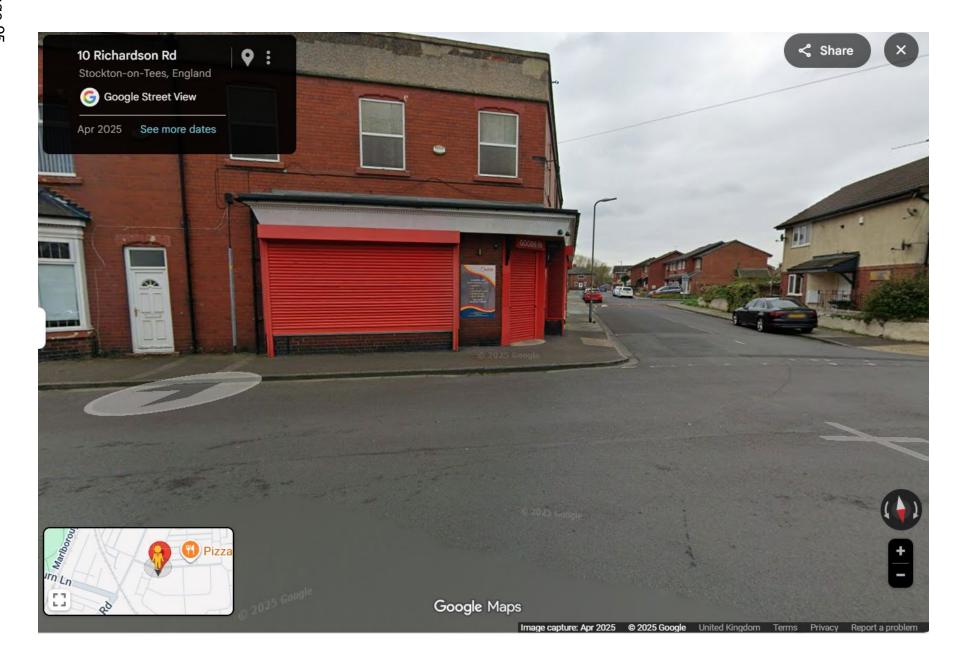
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| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety | | | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted at all | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | Councillor shakeel Hussain I am objecting against this application as granting the application would go against the work we have done in the ward to curve and reduce antisocial activity, crime, drug abuse and Prostitution. Having a convenience store in this location would increase traffic flow on Richardson Road which is already busy with access to Mulberry wynd. There are strong community feeling against this application for the above reasons and more subjective reasons that this is the wrong location for a convenience store. I would urge licensing to not approve this application. Regards Councillor Shakeel Hussain | | | |
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| Would you like to upload the details of who you are representing? | No | | | |
| What are the details of who are you representing? | I am representing my ward constituents | | | |

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| Are you a business owner? | No | | |
| First name | Shakeel | | |
| Last name | Hussain | | |
| Telephone number | 07866564404 | | |
| Email address | shakeel.hussain@stockton.gov.uk | | |
| Street | 80 HARTBURN LANE | | |
| Town | STOCKTON-ON-TEES | | |
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By submitting you are confirming that, to the best of your knowledge, the details you are providing are correct. A full copy of your representation including your contact details, will be shared with the applicant. Summaries of the comments received will also be displayed on our website. If a licensing sub committee hearing is arranged you would be expected to attend and a copy of your representation will be included in the licensing sub committee report.

Shakeel Hussain





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REPORT TO THE STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

23 OCTOBER 2025

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATED SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION

LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
RICHARDSON ROAD CONVENIENCE STORE – 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON-ONTEES, TS18 3LH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. On the 15 October 2025, the applicant Alaimagan Thangarajah via his representative JL Licensing, in response to representations made, agreed to reduce the alcohol supply hours to Monday to Friday 09:00 22:00. In addition, an updated operating schedule was submitted which included the licence conditions proposed by the police. A copy of the updated operating schedule is at Appendix 1 of this additional document.
- 2. Based on the reduction in hours and the updated operating schedule the police, licensing authority, public health, and environmental health formally withdrew their representations against the application in writing.
- 3. On the 20 October 2025 supporting information for the hearing was received from JL Licensing, consisting of "examples/samples of the types of due diligence records that would be used at the premises". Copies are at Appendix 2 of this additional document.
- 4. On the 20 October 2025 copies of letters sent to "Community Safety, Councillor Hussain and the residents (the letter for residents is an open letter which will be accessible on your website when the information is published)" were received from JL Licensing. Copies are at Appendix 3 of this additional document.
- 5. Emails between Community Safety represented by Adam Bateman and the applicant via his representative are at Appendix 4 of this additional document.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

6. Members are respectfully reminded of the need to give due consideration to Stockton Borough Councils Licensing Policy Statement and Section 182 Revised Guidance issued in February 2025 under the Licensing Act 2003 when determining this application. Copies of which can be found at: Welcome to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003

7. Current Council Policy States:

'The Council recommends that applicants risk assess their operation against the four licensing objectives to identify potential areas of concern. An operating schedule should include information which is necessary to enable any responsible authority or other person to assess whether the steps to be taken to promote the licensing objectives are satisfactory.' Pg 9.

Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but new or variation applications requesting that the sale of alcohol starts before 9.00am or finishes after 10.00pm in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, new or variation applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises before 9.00am or after 11.30pm (12 midnight on a Friday and Saturday night) in residential areas will normally be refused. Pg 22.

MEMBERS OPTIONS

- 8. Members must carry out their functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Members may consider the following options:

- 1. To refuse the application.
- 2. To grant all or part of the application subject to the necessary conditions to promote the four licensing objectives.

ASSOCIATED PAPERS

The following appendices are attached for information: Appendix 1-4

Assistant Director - Regulated Services Marc Stephenson

And Transformation

Contact Officer: Leanne Maloney-Kelly

Telephone No. 07384 797728

Email Address: Leanne.Maloney-Kelly@stockton.gov.uk

Financial Implications: None

Environmental Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

• Public Safety.

• The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for environmental harm.

Community Safety Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

• The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

• The Protection of Children from Harm

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for crime and disorder.

Legal Implications: Depending upon the determination of this application

Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides the applicant, the holder of a licence and/or any person who made a relevant representation in relation to the application, with the right of appeal to the Magistrates'

court.

This document was classified as: OFFICIAL

Human Rights Implications: Members should have regard to Human Rights Act

when determining this application
Stockton Borough Council Licensing Policy Statement
and Licensing Act 2003 Section 182 Guidance **Background Papers:**

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Councillor Shakeel Hussain

Councillor Sufi Mubeen

Application for a premises licence

10 RICHARDSON ROAD STOCKTON ON TEES CLEVELAND TS18 3LH

Operating schedule/proposed licence conditions - Oct 2025

This is a new business venture and the site, currently empty, will be fully refurbished with a big investment as a new convenience store. The applicant, a personal licence holder with retail experience, would like to offer some alcohol sales to allow the business to offer the complete all-round general convenience service.

The new shop will sell a wide range of goods including magazines, dairy, frozen goods, soft drinks, bread, sweets, cigarettes, household goods, etc. The focus of the shop will be as a general convenience store, with alcohol sales just being a part of the overall business.

A detailed and robust operating schedule is proposed to promote the licensing objectives;

Updated proposed hours for alcohol sales – 9am to 10pm (as proposed and agreed by the Police, Licensing, Public Health, Environmental Health)

Prevention of crime and disorder

A digital Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped. The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed, whilst complying with Data Protection legislation.

CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition. Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, outside areas and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs.

There will be a minimum of 28 days recording. The system will record for 24 hours a day. The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer. The Digital Recorder will have the facility to be password protected to prevent unauthorised access, tampering, or deletion of images.

There will be at all times a member of staff who is trained in the use of the equipment and upon receipt of a request for footage from a governing body, such as Cleveland Police or any other Responsible Authority, be able to produce the footage within a reasonable time, e.g. 24 hours or less if urgently required for investigation of serious crime.

Spirits will be kept behind the counter and not available for self-service by customers.

All staff selling alcohol shall be authorised to sell alcohol in writing and a record of the authorisation will be kept in the shop for inspection.

No beer, lager or cider of 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at any time, excluding recognised premium and craft beers, lagers and ciders.

The Premises will not sell any single cans of lager, beer or cider, excluding recognised premium and craft beers, lagers and ciders

The premises shall operate a strict alcohol refusals policy - alcohol will not be sold to;

- (1) Any person recognised or identified as a street drinker (regardless of their level of inebriation at the time);
- (2) Any person found to be drinking alcohol in the street;
- (3) Any person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (4) Any person suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (5) Any person unable to provide valid ID when requested by staff;
- (6) Any person who is verbally or physically abusive towards staff or customers.

A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.

Public safety

No specific risks have been identified under the Licensing Act 2003 (Note – the applicant is aware of other legislative requirements to ensure that the shop is safe for customers and staff).

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Prevention of public nuisance

Deliveries to the premises will be arranged at appropriate times so as not to cause public nuisance.

A notice(s) will be on display in the premises asking customers to leave the premises quietly, and not to loiter outside the shop.

The area immediately outside the shop shall be regularly checked and swept, and any litter will be properly disposed of.

A notice will be on display asking customers not to drop litter on the floor

Protection of children from harm

A "Challenge 25" policy will be implemented with all staff insisting on evidence of age from any person appearing to be under 25 years of age and who is attempting to buy alcohol. There shall be notices displayed at all points of sale and at all entrances and exits to inform customers and remind staff that the premises are operating a "Challenge 25" policy.

Only valid passports, UK "photo card style" driving licence, PASS approved proof-of-age cards or Ministry of Defence "Form 90" identification cards shall be accepted as proof of age.

All staff will be fully trained in relation to the laws relating to the sale of alcohol to underage persons, persons buying on behalf of under 18's (proxy sales) persons appearing to be under the influence of alcohol and also the operation of the associated "Challenge 25" policy. Staff will receive refresher training at least every 6 months.

Training records signed by both the staff member and the Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will be retained for future reference and shall be updated at least every 6 months. All staff training records will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

There will be a minimum of two notices displayed on the premises indicating that the sale of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is illegal and that those adults who buy alcohol for immediate disposal to those under the age of 18 are committing an offence.

The Business will maintain a refusals book to record all instances where the sale of alcohol has been refused. This shall include the date and time of the attempted sale, together with a Page 102

description of the incident. The Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the refusals book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

The Business will maintain an incident book to record all instances where the staff deal with people who have been unruly, drunk, abusive, and aggressive or have committed criminal acts or have had to call Police for such incidents. This shall include the date and time of the incident, together with a description of the incident and whether the police were called/attended. The Designated Premises Supervisor/store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the incident book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

Age Verification Scheme Challenge 25

Sales of Alcohol at the premises

- 1: When a customer asks to buy alcohol, if the customer appears to look 25 or younger, the customer MUST be asked at the time of ordering if they are over 18 years of age. If the customer either refuses to answer, becomes verbally aggressive or replies no, then the sale MUST be refused and you MUST enter the refusal details in the Red Refusal Log book kept in the shop.
- 2: If the customer confirms that they are over 18, you must ask the customer for valid Identification.

(VALID MEANS – NOT DAMAGED, TAMPERED WITH AND NOT OUT OF DATE)

- 3: The only types of I.D. that can be accepted are:
 - √ Valid passport (any nationality)
 - ✓ Valid BRITISH Driving Licence (Full or Provisional)
 - ✓ HM Services Warrant Card
 - ✓ PASS Accredited Proof of Age Card
 - ✓ Any other reliable photo ID that is approved for acceptance by the Police or other Authorised Officers.

It is our policy that we are unable to accept any other type of I.D.

You must check that the I.D. is VALID (within date), has not been tampered with and belongs to that person. You can then check by following this procedure.

- ✓ Check the date of birth to make sure the person is over 18.
- ✓ Check the photograph for a match.
- ✓ Check the personal details with the person ask for their postcode or date of birth, address etc.
- The easiest and best way to check is to take the I.D. from the person and ask the person to sign the ID Signature Book. Then check that both signatures match. You can ask the person to sign the ID Signature book again for your records if you are not sure.
- 4: If you 100% believe that the I.D. belongs to that person and they are over 18, then you can sell the alcohol.
- 5: If you have any doubts, you must refuse to sell the alcohol and immediately complete the refusals register.
- 6: If you believe or think that another person is attempting to buy alcohol for another person who may be underage, you must tell the customer that it is illegal and if they are you will report them to the police and inform them that they can be prosecuted and fined up to a £5000.

If you have any doubts, you must refuse to sell the alcohol unless the person can produce additional valid acceptable I.D.

- 7: If the customer becomes verbally abusive or aggressive, then refuse to sell and report this to your Manager
- 8: If the customer produces I.D. which you in your opinion does not belong to them, then this must be logged into the refusals book and reported to the police.
- 9: DO NOT BECOME PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN ANY ARGUMENT OR DISCUSSION WITH THE PERSON. If the person becomes physically aggressive, then call the Police for assistance.

REMEMBER: IF IN DOUBT - DO NOT SELL

Premises Age Verification Policy

(This premises operates the Challenge 25 scheme)

| | Name of | Premise | s Licenc | e Holde | er | | |
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This policy applies in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol on this premise.

| For | this policy the responsible person is one of the following: |
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| a] | The holder of the premises licence |
| b] | The designated premises supervisor |

c] A person aged 18 or over who is authorised to allow the sale or supply of alcohol by a person. No persons under the age of 18 are allowed to work behind the till.

The Age Verification Scheme this premises will be Challenge 25. The premises will train all staff prior to commencement of employment and re-training of all staff at regular intervals using the documented system.

Staff selling alcohol to customers must require any individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under the age of 25 years of age to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth, and a holographic mark.

Examples of appropriate identification include:

A photo card driving licence

A passport

A proof of age card bearing the PASS hologram (Citizencard)

The premises licence holder will ensure that all staff are made aware of the existence and content of this policy.

This business fully supports our Police and Trading Standards in the prevention and detection of crime and disorder using our CCTV system

CHALLENGE 25

You might think you look over 18 but we don't – and it's 'MY' licence

No ID - No Serve

Don't try to buy alcohol for kids

We will report you





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All ID presented must contain the following as outlined by the Home Office.

Photograph, date of birth, signature, holographic mark and issued by a government department.









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Staff Induction Log book

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That I have read and fully understand the following

| | Document Name | Date of completion |
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| 1 | The 4 Licensing Objectives | |
| 2 | Premises Licence and Conditions | |
| 3 | Age Verification Policy | |
| 4 | Age Verification Scheme and signage | |
| 5 | Refusals Policy Sale and Service of Alcohol to under 18's | |
| 6. | Section 57 & Business Names Notice | |
| 7. | Alcohol Authorisation Log book | |
| 8 | Customer Refusals Log Book | |
| 9 | Incident Report Log Book | |
| 10 | - | |
| 11 | - | |
| 12 | Age Restricted Products, Cigarettes & Tabacco Training & Age Verification Questions and Answers | |
| 13 | Staff Induction log sheets | |
| | Any Further Training received ie: PSPO's etc/ Imposed conditions etc (list details) | |

I have read & understand how this business can be affected and damaged by not adhering to them. I agree to abide by them at all times.

I also agree that whilst employed at these premises, I agree to abide by the policies that have been implemented by the management and will not deliberately carry out any actions that may cause concern for the business and Premises Licence.

| Signed | Date |
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Age Verification Training

Questions with Multiple choice answers (the answers are on the back)

| 1 | What is an Age Verification Policy? |
|---|---|
| | A It's a new entrance scheme for getting young people into night clubs quicker |
| | B: It's the name of a new European National identity card |
| | C: It's a mandatory written policy adopted by all licensed premises (that sell alcohol), to identify how the premises preventing alcohol being illegally sold or supplied to under 18's |
| | D: It's a policy to stop all under 18's from claiming family tax credits' and child benefits |
| 2 | Who is responsible for making sure an Age Verification policy is being carried out on the premises? |
| | A: The Home Office |
| | B: The Premises Licence Holder |
| | C: Any nominated member of staff that works on the premises |
| | D: The Designated Premises Supervisor |
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| 3 | What does the owner of a licensed premise need to do to operate this Age Verification Policy? |
| | A: Complete the relevant registration form and submit it to their local Licensing Authority and wait for further instructions |
| | B: Send a weekly report to the police on www.nowtellmeeverythingyou know.gov.uk |
| | C: Put a system in place to make sure all sellers of alcohol ask, view and record all ID challenges of any person whom they suspect to be under 18 years old |
| | D: Wait for the local Trading Standards Officer to visit you, who will fully explain what you must do to comply |
| 4 | Whattonessells |
| * | What types of Identification am I allowed to accept? |
| | A: Any document that bears the holders full name |
| | B: Passport or driving licence in any condition |
| | C: Any type of ID card bearing their full name and passport sized photograph |
| | D: Any type of ID but it must contain their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark |
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5 Can I accept ID that has been bought off the internet?

- A: No
- B: Yes
- C: Yes, as long as it bears their name and photograph
- D: Sometimes, it depends on which one is shown to you and how attractive the card is

6 How do I decide if I need to ask someone for ID?

- A: Appearances can be deceiving, just ask everyone
- B: Look for poor fashion sense and cheap smelling perfumes or deodorants
- C: It is very difficult, but basically if you need to think about their age when you look at them, then you must ask for ID
- D: Check to see if you can recognize their school uniform and look for sweet wrappers in their Pockets

7 How do I ask someone for ID without upsetting them?

- A: By being very polite, confident and professional. Inform the customer that it is not personal, and it is part of your job
- B: Just ask, because it doesn't matter if you upset them as they are only customers and they should be used to it by now
- C: By saying loudly "show me your ID or your not getting served".
- D: Ask them for their parent's telephone number and call them to check their age

8 What are the best methods for checking a persons ID?

- A: Follow the procedure shown to you by your Manager, be very thorough and if in doubt do not serve.
- B: Flick it against the counter to see if it bends without breaking
- C: Dip it into a glass of gin or cider to see if the ink runs
- D: There is no best method, young people are very clever and can easily deceive you

What is a good method to be really sure if the ID shown to me is genuine and really does belong to that person?

- A: Stare at the young person to see if they start fidgeting
- B: It is impossible to be 100% sure, so you must assume that the customer is telling the truth
- C: Ring the police and ask them to come and check the ID as you are not sure
- D: Ask the customer for their signature using the customer refusal book. Most people are unable to copy another person's signature without looking at the original one at the same time

How can I check if a persons ID is fake, has been forged or tampered with?

- A: Search on Google to see if anything has been reported on Crime Watch
- B: Ask the customer if he/she has tampered with it
- C: Place under a UV light and check for genuine watermarks. Look for water stains, frayed edges, the plastic developing air bubbles or becoming detached from the paper on the document. Raised edges on the card can also be signs of tampering
- D: Official documents like passports or driving licenses are virtually impossible to forge, so there is no need to check

11 Who must I by law, refuse the sale of alcohol to?

- A: Anyone who you don't like
- B: Police and authorised officers, either on or off duty
- C: Any person who is drunk, appears to be drunk or a person who you believe to be is buying alcohol for a drunk. Any young person whom you suspect of being underage and are unable to produce valid ID, or any person whom you believe is attempting to purchase alcohol for underage persons. You must refuse the sale of alcohol to 'everyone' if it is outside the hours stated on the Premises Licence
- D: Any person who is wearing a fancy dress costume

12 What is the best way to refuse the sale of alcohol to someone with no ID?

- A: Tell them you are not serving them with no explanation and ask them to leave
- B: Ask them to find a friend to buy the alcohol for them
- C: Take their photograph and upload it to Facebook
- D: Take the item from the customer (if in a shop), then politely inform the customer that you are unable to sell them the alcohol as they cannot produce valid ID.

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What is a proxy sale?

- A: The latest sale at the Pound shop
- B: A promotion offering 10% off all alcohol drinks purchased before 6pm
- C: The purchase of alcohol by an adult on behalf of an under 18 year old
- D: Buying alcohol with no ID

How can I tell if an adult is buying or attempting to buy alcohol for an under 18? (called a proxy sale)

- A: By following all customers out of the shop to see where they are going
- B: By paying for the alcohol with lots of small change
- C: Be vigilant and look for signs for example, young people hanging around outside the premises or a customer buying unusual alcoholic drinks or quantities of drinks. Paying for the drinks separately to their own purchases and sometimes other customers will tell you
- D: It is difficult, because there is no way of ever knowing

Are there any other products I cannot sell to underage persons without producing valid ID?

- A: Yes, just cigarettes and tobacco products only
- B: Yes, you must not sell them eggs due to salmonella contamination
- C: Yes, there are several other products you cannot sell to a suspected underage persons without valid ID
- D: No, because of the Human Rights Act, there are no restrictions to what an underage person is allowed to purchase

What is the best way to deal with angry, aggressive or violent customers?

- A: By being polite, remaining calm and assertive
- B: Learn self defence techniques so you can defend yourself more effectively
- C: Argue with them, then ask other customers to help you escort them out
- D: Just give them what they want and ask no questions because the customer is always right

17 What is a customer refusal register?

- A: It's a book for keeping a list of customer's names in who won't be invited to the staff Christmas party
- B: It's a police database for storing all names of known local criminal and drunks
- C: It's a register for recording all refusals of sales of alcohol and other products in
- D: It's a register for recording all the customers' names in that have been barred for fighting

Can a person under 18 'sell' alcohol on a licensed premise? 18 A: Never B: Yes, with the verbal or written approval of trading standards and the police C: Yes, but they must be a member of Facebook and have a minimum of 8,000 friends D: Yes, but only under certain conditions Can a 16/17 year old 'drink' alcohol on a licensed premise? (on sales only) 19 A: Yes; but only under certain conditions B: Only if they buy alcohol during a 'Happy Hour' C: No D: Yes: if the Manager believes them to be a responsible person who won't start fighting What is a test purchase? 20 A: It's a drinking game between friends B: It's an under-cover operation carried out by Weights & Measures Officers (trading standards) and the police to test if a premise will sell to an underage person C: It's a way of promoting new products that come onto the market to see if they sell D: It's a new method for checking if drinks have been spiked When is it is legal for a person under the age of 18 to purchase or attempt to purchase 21 alcohol? A: When the underage person is working as part of a team with Weights & Measures Officers and the police during a test purchase operation B: When the under age person is accompanied by an adult C: When the young person is having a table meal in a restaurant D: When purchasing alcohol for parties or a special occasion

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What are the penalties for a failed a test purchase?

- A: The premise is immediately closed, everyone is arrested, handcuffed, taken to the police station and possibly kept in the cells overnight for questioning
- B: On the spot fines, possible prosecution for the DPS and the Premises Licence Holder. In addition, following a conviction, the Premises Licence may also be forfeited.
- C: Loose the right to attend the weights & measures annual Christmas dinner dance
- D: The owner of the business and all the staff must attend a 1 week alcohol rehabilitation training course

What can happen to a person if they are caught selling alcohol to an underage person?

- A: Their name and photograph will appear in the local newspaper
- B: A person must take an eye test and send the results off within 21 days to police web site, www.tellmeallyouknow.gov.uk
- C: Verbal warning from the manager for getting caught.
- D: First offence is usually a caution or fixed penalty of £80. The second offence could be prosecution. A review of the Premises Licence may also be held.

24 What is Due Diligence?

- A: The name of the horse that won the Grand National in 1985
- B: Doing everything you can to prevent an offence against the Licensing Act 2003 from taking place
- C: A tracking device for catching local drug dealers
- D: A system of how to identify plain clothes Police Officers on your premises.

Is it a legal requirement for the Premises Licence Holder to train staff in the Age Verification Policy?

- A: Yes, it is part of the Age Verification Policy of the premises that all staff receives adequate training on the contents of the policy
- B: No, the only legal requirement is that the owner of the Premises Licence must make the staff aware of the policy and it's contents
- C: Yes, but only for new staff
- D: Yes, but only if the owners of the business have a criminal record for smuggling

Age Verification Training

Answers to multiple choice questions

1 What is an Age Verification Policy?

Answer: C

Summary

In October 2010, an additional mandatory condition was automatically added on all Premises Licenses making it a legal requirement that all premises that sell or supply alcohol in England and Wales, must by law, adopt and operate a written Age Verification Policy.

Who is responsible for making sure an Age Verification policy is being carried out on the premises?

Answer: B

Summary

The Age Verification policy is one of the mandatory conditions of the Premises Licence, it must be signed by the Premises Licence Holder, kept securely on the premises and produced on demand to a Police Constable or an officer authorised by the Licensing Authority.

Failure of the owner of a licensed premise to operate an Age Verification Policy would be viewed as breach of conditions of the Premises Licence and is a punishable offence, which can eventually lead to the closure of the premises.

3 What does the owner of a licensed premise need to do to operate this Age Verification Policy?

Answer: C

Summary

It is the responsibility of the owner of the business to put in place a checking system whereby all sellers of alcohol must be asked to request valid identification from individuals whom they suspect to be under the age of 18. Premises can adopt different schemes and the ones most widely used are Challenge 21 or Challenge 25.

The scheme that is chosen by your premise, depends on the risk assessment that has been completed by the owner of the business. Posters or signage must be displayed in a prominent position on the premises and all refusals of the sale of alcohol must be documented in the customer refusal register.

4 What types of Identification am I allowed to accept?

Answer: D

Summary

The most accepted forms of ID are passport, driving licence (provisional or full) and card issued by local schemes such as Citizencard or Validate UK bearing the official PASS hologram. It must not have been damaged or show signs of tampering or alterations.

However, some Licensing Authorities have agreed to accept additional forms of ID such as the UK Forces ID card. Some premises will refuse to accept any form of ID that has been issued outside the UK. A 'driving permit' or a 'motorcycle driving licence' are not legal forms of ID. To be sure premises must check with your local authority to verify exactly what you can accept. The penalties for accepting the invalid ID are severe.

5 Can I accept ID that has been bought off the internet?

Answer: A

Summary

There are thousands of different types of ID that can be bought over the internet. These cards are illegal to use and are sold as novelty cards.

The police and trading standards office will prosecute you if you accept them.

Learn to recognize what you can and cannot accept.

6 How do I decide if I need to ask someone for ID?

Answer: C

Summary

Don't try to guess their age, that's not your job!

Young people sometimes look much older than they really are especially if they are dressed for a night out on the town. Look for any signs of nervousness or maybe their friends are hanging around outside. Young people will try anything, use any methods to obtain alcohol or gain entry into a club. The rule of thumb is if you thought about their age when you first looked at them, then you need to check. This must be done before you sell them alcohol. Even after checking their ID, if they still cannot convince you they are 18 or over, then you must refuse to sell and log the refusal into your customer refusal book.

7 How do I ask someone for ID without upsetting them?

Answer: A

Summary

Most people will normally always carry ID as they will be used to being asked and will not become upset. However, others some will be offended and make nasty comments or even become aggressive.

Never ask a customer their age or apologise for asking for ID. By staying calm and not becoming involved in the argument will help to de-escalate the situation.

You must always follow the code of practice that your company has in place for dealing with conflict situations.

What are the best methods for checking a persons ID?

Answer: A

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<u>Summary</u>

The Licensing Act 2003 does not say in detail of how you must check a persons ID. Premises must adopt their own methods as what they believe to be 'best practice'. Hold the card and look at it carefully. Does it feel genuine? Check the photograph against the person. Look for any damage or evidence of tampering. Check their date of birth, ask the person to confirm their personal details. If the ID shown to you contains an unusual name, ask them spell it. Most mis-users tend to forget the postcode. A good method is to obtain their signature in the customer refusal register.

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What is a good method to be really sure if the ID shown to me is genuine and really does belong to that person?

Answer: D

Summary

Premises that have adopted this method of obtaining signatures witnessed a huge reduction in mis-users as it appeared to frighten people off. Some people do not write their signature exactly the same, so you can give them an opportunity to repeat just to make sure.

If it happens that you are accused or charged with selling alcohol to a young person by mistake, the signature obtained can be used as your evidence in court in your defence as the 'evidence produced would have convinced a reasonable person'.

This is called due diligence.

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How can I check if a persons ID is fake, has been forged or tampered with?

Answer: C

Summary

Fake ID's are widely available for anyone to purchase over the internet and can appear to be quite realistic. Some people even have equipment that can 'clone' ID's.

Driving licenses and passports are easy to verify. The hologram will show if you hold the driving licence or the covers of a passport under a UV money detector machine. Learn to recognize the different types of acceptable ID that you can and can't accept. Have a list of acceptable ID's (with photos) next to the point of sale on the premises. It is not illegal to use a damaged passport, but not recommended to accept it as valid ID.

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Who must I by law, refuse the sale of alcohol to?

Answer: C

Summary

The law is very strict as to who you must refuse the sale of alcohol to and the penalties are severe for not just you but possibly your colleagues (if they were in a position to prevent the sale taking place). The Designated Premises Supervisor and even the Premises Licence Holder may also be prosecuted if you are caught selling in these circumstances.

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What is the best way to refuse the sale of alcohol to someone with no ID?

Answer: D

<u>Summary</u>

By law you have the right to refuse to sell to any customer and you do not have to give a reason. However, this can create a conflict situation as customers need to have an understanding of why you will not sell to them. Do not apologise or enter into an argument with the customer, remain polite, calm and professional at all times. Call a colleague or a line Manager for assistance if necessary. Always follow your company's code of practice for these situations. Remember no ID, no sale every time.

13 What is a proxy sale?

Answer: C

Summary

As it is becoming increasing difficult for under 18's to purchase alcohol, adults are now been pressurised outside shops to buy alcohol for young persons. Most young people hide in back rooms or corners of pubs hoping not to be seen as their friends buy their drinks. This is a dangerous practice for the owner of the business even if the young person appears to be nice and nearly old enough.

The penalty for purchasing alcohol for an underage person is up to £1,000. The seller and other staff may also be prosecuted if it can be proved they knew at the time who the alcohol was purchased for and turned a blind eye to the sale.

How can I tell if an adult is buying or attempting to buy alcohol for an under 18? (called a proxy sale)

Answer: C Summary

Staff must learn to be more vigilant about who is on the premises and who is hanging around outside. At busy times it is difficult, however, you can always ask your customers questions about outside the premises. Displaying posters in prominent positions near the point of sale, warning customers of the penalties can also help.

By law, the premises must do everything they can to prevent all illegal sales from taking place.

Are there any other products I cannot sell to underage persons without producing valid ID?

Answer: C Summary

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By law, the age restrictions are as follows:

Restricted age - 18 Cigarettes, tobacco products, knives and other offensive weapons, fireworks or sparklers, solvents or volatile substances, lighter refills containing butane, crossbows, airguns and pellets.

Restricted age - 16 Lottery tickets, scratch cards, aerosol paints, caps, party poppers, cracker snaps, novelty matches and throw downs.

There are severe penalties for those who are caught selling these items to underage persons without valid ID, with fines of up to £5,000 and 6 months imprisonment. Lottery tickets can be up to 2 years imprisonment. Video games are sold as shown on the age of certificate identified on the box.

What is the best way to deal with angry, aggressive or violent customers?

Answer: A Summary

The majority of people who become angry when asked for ID do so because they are usually under 18. They become frustrated which can easily escalate to anger and aggression, sometimes' even violence. It can be very frightening and intimidating to be confronted by an angry or aggressive customer. For your own personal safety, all staff must develop the skills they need to deal with these volatile situations.

By becoming verbally engaged with the customer in what is really 'their' argument only feeds the situation. Once you know the customer is becoming increasingly angry then call for assistance. If assistance is not available, then find an excuse to leave the area (called an exit strategy). 'I'll get the Manager to help you' is always a good excuse, or using 'inhibitors' e.g. informing the customer that he is being taped on CCTV can sometimes help to prevent the situation from escalating. Always follow your company's code of practice for these situations. Always refuse service and record the incident in the customer refusal register.

What is a customer refusal register?

Answer: C Summary

Part of all Age Verification Policy schemes operated on a premise, means that the owner of a business must keep written records of all refused sales on the premises for a minimum period agreed by the owner. This is usually around 12 months.

The customer refusal register must record the date, item refused, description of person, reason for refusal, name of member of staff who refused the sale together with the staff's signature.

By keeping these records, it allows the owner to demonstrate 'due diligence' to Trading Standards Officers, police and in addition it also provides evidence in that the policy is being operated, which can be produced in court following a prosecution.

18 Can a person under 18 'sell' alcohol on a licensed premise?

Answer: D

Summary

Under the Licensing Act 2003, if permission is obtained from the Premises Licence Holder and DPS, an under 18 year old can legally sell alcohol on a licensed premises as long as they are supervised at all times by a nominated responsible person. They must never be left to work on their own and each individual sale must be authorised by the nominated responsible person.

The law is different for under 18's that are serving alcohol to tables' ancillary to a meal; under these circumstances no supervision is necessary.

Can a 16/17 year old 'drink' alcohol on a licensed premise? (on sales only)

Answer: A

Summary

Under the Licensing Act 2003, it is illegal for an under 18 to consume alcohol on a licensed premises, except under the following conditions.

A 16/17 can legally 'order and consume' beer, wine or cider if they are having a table meal and accompanied by an adult. The adult must pay for the drink. However, they may still need to produce ID to prove that they are 16 or 17.

The penalties for allowing an underage persons to consume alcohol on a licensed premises is a maximum fine up to £1,000 for the seller and £500 for the young person.

20 What is a test purchase?

Answer: B

Summary

It is the legal duty of every local Weights and Measures Authority to make checks that all licensed premises are staying within the law and are not selling alcohol or allowing them to consume alcohol on licensed premises.

This involves a joint exercise between Weights & Measures Officer and the police who visit premises with an underage person who then tries to purchase the alcohol.

All types of licensed premises are tested from shops to restaurants, no premises are exempt.

When is it is legal for a person under the age of 18 to purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol?

Answer: A
Summary

These young people are volunteers and must be between 15 and 16 ½ years of age. They must work in close supervision with Officers and in accordance with best practice procedures set down in clear guidelines.

They will visit always premises in a different town to where they live, so they will not be recognized. Parental permission is also required.

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What are the penalties for a failed a test purchase?

Answer: B

The seller, Designated Premises Supervisor, Premises Licence Holder and any member of staff who was in a position to prevent the offence from happening (called turning a blind eye) may all be held liable for

this offence and upon conviction may lead up to a fine of £5,000. Under the Policing and Crime Act 2009, there is an offence called 'persistent selling to under 18's' whereby the offence will be committed if a named premise is caught selling alcohol to an under 18 twice

within a period of three consecutive months. If this happens, the Premises Licence can be brought under 'review' by the Licensing Authority who then have the powers to either impose additional conditions, remove the Designated Premises Supervisor, suspend the licence for a period of up to 3 months or revoke the Premises Licence in addition to substantial fines or even imprisonment. In addition to this the holder of the Premises Licence could be fined up to £20,000 for breach of condition of their Premises

Staff could also loose their jobs for not following the correct procedure of the Age Verification Policy scheme operated at their premises.

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What can happen to a person if they are caught selling alcohol to an underage person?

Answer: D Summary

It is an offence to 'knowingly' sell alcohol to a person under 18. Where a person is charged with this offence, your defence in court is that: 'you believed the person was 18 or over and either a] you took all reasonable steps to establish their age or: b] nobody would reasonably have suspected from the person's appearance that he/she was under 18.

Under a], reasonable steps would be the steps you took to convince yourself that the person was under 18. Checking the ID, photogra ph, asking questions about their date of birth are methods of good practice, but it will not provide the evidence that you need when defending yourself in court. Obtaining their signature in the customer refusal book is the best method you can use as this can then be used as evidence in your defence. If a person is found guilty then they are liable to a fine of up to £5,000. (Go back and review question 21)

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What is Due Diligence?

Answer: B

Due diligence is the systems that are in place to prevent offences from happening. When a person is charged with an offence, they will be prosecuted if it can be proved that they showed an intention of doing something wrong. It doesn't necessarily mean a person deliberately did something wrong, the fact that you broke the law is enough to prosecute. However, a person can defend themselves by proving they followed due diligence procedures that have been put in at their workplace. To prove this you must produce evidence to the courts. The types of evidence that can be used is the system for checking ID that is used at the premises, CCTV, customer refusal registers, training records and any other written evidence that is relevant. If the evidence produced to the courts is poor or inadequate a conviction will follow.

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Is it a legal requirement for the Premises Licence Holder to train staff in the Age **Verification Policy?**

Answer: B

Summary

Under the Licensing Act 2003, there is no legal requirement to train the staff in the Age Verification Policy. The only requirement is that the owners of Premises Licenses must make all their staff aware of the existence and the contents of the policy. However, many Premises Licenses now have special conditions on their licence that does make it a legal requirement to train all staff not only in age verification systems but also licensing law. It is best practice that all training that happens on licensed premises to be well documented as this can be used as evidence in your defence following a prosecution. Failure to carry out the training would be seen as breach of condition of the Premises Licence followed by severe penalties.

Refusals Policy

The Management & Staff

Welcomes all our customers, however please note **WE WILL NOT SELL ALCOHOL TO**:

- 1: Persons who are drunk (or appear to be drunk)
- 2: Persons who are attempting to purchase alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk
- 3: Persons who are either verbally or physically abusive to the staff or other customers
- 4: Persons who are unable to produce valid ID when asked
- 5: Persons who behave in an anti-social manner towards any customer, staff or the premises.

This Premises fully supports the local Police and Council in the prevention and detection of crime and disorder using our CCTV system.

Any person who is in breach of this policy on these premises may be reported to the police and your details given including an image from the CCTV

Staff Induction Log book

| ı | (name) | confirm |
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| 1 | (name) | |

That I have read and fully understand the following

| | Document Name | Date of completion |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | The 4 Licensing Objectives | |
| 2 | Premises Licence and Conditions | |
| 3 | Age Verification Policy | |
| 4 | Age Verification Scheme and signage | |
| 5 | Refusals Policy Sale and Service of Alcohol to under 18's | |
| 6. | Section 57 & Business Names Notice | |
| 7. | Alcohol Authorisation Log book | |
| 8 | Customer Refusals Log Book | |
| 9 | Incident Report Log Book | |
| 10 | - | |
| 11 | - | |
| 12 | Age Restricted Products, Cigarettes & Tabacco Training & Age Verification Questions and Answers | |
| 13 | Staff Induction log sheets | |
| | Any Further Training received ie: PSPO's etc/ Imposed conditions etc (list details) | |

I have read & understand how this business can be affected and damaged by not adhering to them. I agree to abide by them at all times.

I also agree that whilst employed at these premises, I agree to abide by the policies that have been implemented by the management and will not deliberately carry out any actions that may cause concern for the business and Premises Licence.

| Signed | Date |
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In the UK it is illegal to buy alcohol on behalf of anyone under the age of 18. Purchases of this type are called 'Proxy' purchases.

Retailers found to be supplying alcohol to minors, including via proxy purchases, could face a fine and/or have their license removed.

 This is an example of a Proxy sign. You will see these around the Point of Sale and near any Alcohol on display.

WARNING PROXY SIGN FOR ADULTS

If you are buying alcohol for underage people **THEN DON'T!**

because it's an criminal offence
We WILL report you and give the police a copy of your photograph taken by our CCTV cameras
The penalty is £5000 fine

UNDER 257

Please be prepared to show proof of age when buying vaping products











Challenge 25 policy



Our *Challenge 25* policy applies to all age-related sales that occur on our premises. You are obliged to apply our *Challenge 25* policy when any customer who looks to be under the age of 25 attempts to purchase alcohol, either for themselves or for somebody else.



If you sell alcohol to anyone under 18, you are breaking the law. The consequences are very serious; you could receive a £90 Fixed Penalty Notice or if prosecuted be fined up to £5000, which may result in a conviction being recorded against your name. If you are a Personal Licence Holder, your Personal Licence is also at risk of forfeiture.

Additionally, both the pub and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) or Owner could face prosecution as a result of your actions, as well as having its licence suspended or revoked.

Our *Challenge 25* policy requires you to use a 4-step approach every time you see someone who appears to be under the age of 25:

- 1. Assess the age of every customer.
- 2. If you think the customer *looks* under 25, ask for ID. [Only the following documents are acceptable for proof of age purposes]:
 - A valid Passport
 - A valid photo drivers' licence
 - A "Pass" approved card from the national Proof of Age Standards Scheme
 - A British Military ID Card
 - A National Identity Card

Only <u>Original Documents</u> can be accepted - photocopies, photographs or **Phone Apps** and out of date passports are **not acceptable**

- 3. If the customer cannot produce acceptable ID, refuse the sale of alcohol
- 4. When you refuse the sale you must record this in the refusals log book/EPOS system on the till

There are fake proof of age cards, so if you are unhappy with the ID for any reason or it looks fake or tampered with, or you think it belongs to someone else (eg a brother or sister), refuse the sale and bring the matter to the attention of your Duty Manager or Supervisor.

Challenge 25 applies at all times, even when:

- You think door staff has previously checked a customer's ID.
- You are busy.
- You believe you have seen acceptable ID from the customer on a previous occasion.

Remember, if you ask for ID from everyone you think looks under 25, then you will protect yourself from breaking the law. Practice *Challenge 25* and do not get caught out.

Please sign this document to acknowledge that you have understood your training and responsibilities and agree to always ask for ID from customers who appear to be under the age of 25.

| Trainer's Name: | Trainer's Signature: |
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| Trainee's Name: | Trainee's Signature: |
| Date: | |

PREMISES LICENCE DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

Is the premises licence summary on display?

Is the full premises licence available in the shop?

Are the Challenge 25 posters displayed properly?

Are statutory notices on display? (cigarettes etc)?

Is the refusals register available? (paper or electronic)?

Is the premises licence file available for inspection?

Is the staff training up to date?

Are the staff training records available?

Are all the various notices (as required by licence conditions) on display? Check the conditions.

Have you checked the refusals register?

Have you checked the incident log?

Is the CCTV system working ok? Check images are being stored as required.

Are the fire extinguishers due for a check/service?



DRAFT

10 Richardson Road, Gateshead

Expected Standards

There are 4 licensing objectives which have equal importance:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

We must promote the above 4 objectives at all times – including complying with licence conditions and the legislation.

It is against the law to knowingly sell alcohol to someone who is drunk or appears to be drunk. It is an offence to knowingly buy or obtain alcohol for a drunken person on licensed premises. It is also against the law to allow people to behave in a disorderly way whilst inside our premises. The Licensing Act 2003 makes it an offence for someone who is either drunk **or** disorderly if they fail to leave the premises when requested to do so by staff or Police.

We are a licensed general convenience store selling a wide range of goods including alcohol. We take our legal responsibilities very seriously and expect staff to take this seriously too. We sell alcohol in a responsible manner, within the law, and in accordance with the conditions of our Premises Licence.

It is an offence to sell alcohol to someone who is drunk - you could be prosecuted and fined. If you are a Personal Licence Holder, your licence is also at risk. Furthermore, the DPS and or premises licence holder could also face prosecution and the premises licence could be reviewed, suspended or revoked as a result of.

We want our customers to use the shop regularly. The vast majority of people/customers behave well but it is important that we are able to deal with any customers that misbehave or are thought to be drunk. Therefore, it is important that you know how to deal with drunkenness and disorderly behaviour if it should arise.

Some signs to look out for:

- Disruptive behaviour
- Raised voices and arguments outside the shop;
- Customers buying drinks in quick succession
- One or more people playing to a crowd/group;

- People being helped/'held up' by their friends
- Glazed eyes
- Stumbling
- Slurred words

Keeping an eye on customers will help you to identify any potential problems early before they start to escalate and get out of control. However, please note that these are just some examples. Just because a person may have slurred speech or stumble, for example, doesn't automatically mean that the person is drunk. But if you believe that a person is drunk, then you must not sell them any alcohol.

Our specific internal standards

- We try to create a positive friendly welcoming and inclusive environment in the shop;
- We train staff to ensure that they can serve customers professionally and are aware of their legal responsibilities regarding alcohol sales.

When to step in and what to do

Service MUST be refused to any customer who is or appears to be:

- drunk
- or any customer who is trying to buy a drink for someone who is or appears to be drunk
- or any customer(s) who are acting in a disorderly fashion that is related to drunkenness

It is better to intervene too early rather than too late. The steps should be as follows:

- 1. A quiet word with a customer can often resolve the situation before an offence is committed. If you think someone is drunk;
 - a. Politely but firmly refuse them explaining that it is the law that you cannot serve alcohol to people who may have had too much to drink. Refer people to our notice on display.
 - b. If you think someone in a group of people is drunk, politely refuse them explaining that it is the law that you cannot serve them alcohol. The reason for this is because someone in the group may provide the drunk person with alcohol purchased from the shop.
- 2. If the person isn't listening or doesn't accept what you say, stay calm. Be polite but firm. Escalate the issue to the DPS if need be. If it is a group, follow the same procedure and calmly advise them of the issue. If someone becomes aggressive stay calm, avoid being aggressive back or saying or doing anything to make the situation worse. Remind the person that the CCTV is recording.
- 3. If the situation escalates further and you have a concern about your safety or the safety of other persons, then you should call the Police immediately on 999.
- 4. Calling the Police should ideally be a last resort, but if it's necessary after you have tried everything (safely and within reason) to deal with and control the situation, you must call the Police. Make a note of the incident in the incident/refusals book so there's a record of it.

Refusal logbook

Remember to log the refusal in the refusals book. The log book is kept under the counter. You must make a note of the date and time, which product was refused, why you refused the sale plus any other details that may be useful to others in future such as a description of the person(s).

Adults buying alcohol for minors (children) – proxy sales

Adults buying alcohol for underage persons - proxy sales - is an important issue to be aware of. People under 18 years of age may often try to find ways to obtain alcohol. Staff have a legal responsibility to refuse the sale of alcohol if you suspect that an adult is buying alcohol to pass onto persons under 18.

Staff must be vigilant to prevent proxy sales. If you suspect an adult is purchasing alcohol for someone under 18 years old, you must refuse the sale. Any refusal must be logged in the refusals register.

Vulnerable people

Being vulnerable may be defined as a person in need of special care, support or protection because of matters such as age, disability, risk of abuse or neglect. If you are concerned that a person or customer is vulnerable, or needs any assistance, please offer help. Ask the person 'are you okay?'

It is not always easy to identify someone who is vulnerable and/or if a person needs assistance – and the person may only be in the shop for a minute or 2. Cases like this will be different and how it is dealt with will depend on the circumstances. Use your discretion and let the DPS know about any possible issues.

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have understood your responsibilities as outlined in this document

| Date: | |
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| Staff name: | Staff signature: |
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Councillor S Hussain

20 October 2025

Dear Councillor Hussain

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE NEW CONVENIENCE STORE AT 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

I am contacting you on behalf of my client, Mr Alaimagan Thangarajah regarding his application for a new premises licence at the above shop.

The Licensing authority have sent me a copy of your representation and I thought I would contact you with an update in this matter and to explain the various steps that would be taken to promote the licensing objectives.

As you will be aware, the premises is currently empty and it will be fully refurbished, with a big investment, to become a new general convenience store. The new shop will sell a wide range of goods including groceries, magazines, snacks, sweets, dairy goods, soft drinks, baby products, household, etc.

The clear focus of the shop will be as a general convenience store - this isn't a shop that would just sell alcohol.

Please note that following discussions with the Police, the proposed hours for alcohol sales have been reduced to;

9am to 10pm daily. These hours fall into line with the Council's Licensing Policy.

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You may not have had sight of the proposed Operating Schedule for this application - and so I attach a copy below for your information and consideration.

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a CCTV camera system covering inside and outside the shop;

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no sale of stronger beers, lagers and ciders over 6.5%;

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regular staff training;

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The Police are crucial in respect of new licence applications as they are the Council's main source of information regarding local crime, disorder and ASB. The Police are satisfied that this application – as updated – would promote the licensing objectives and they are agreeable to a licence being approved.

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Mr Thangarajah appreciates the concerns that have been raised and he would like to assure you that the new shop will be run well, with a licence. It's a family business and Mr Thangarajah has plenty of retail and licensing experience in terms of running convenience stores. He will of course do everything that he can to prevent any issues for the local community. He wants to work with the local community, whilst also running a viable business.

Please note that matters such as traffic, drugs and prostitution, whilst they are important matters, they are not relevant in terms of a new licence application. These matters are not within the control of a licence holder

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If you found evidence of problems at this shop in the future, with a licence, or indeed problems in connection with any licensed premises in the area, then the matter can be reported and action taken.

I hope the above information is helpful and informative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

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Prevention of crime and disorder

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A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.

Public safety

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Training records signed by both the staff member and the Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will be retained for future reference and shall be updated at least every 6 months. All staff training records will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

There will be a minimum of two notices displayed on the premises indicating that the sale of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is illegal and that those adults who buy alcohol for immediate disposal to those under the age of 18 are committing an offence.

The Business will maintain a refusals book to record all instances where the sale of alcohol has been refused. This shall include the date and time of the attempted sale, together with a description of the incident. The Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the refusals book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

The Business will maintain an incident book to record all instances where the staff deal with people who have been unruly, drunk, abusive, and aggressive or have committed criminal acts or have had to call Police for such incidents. This shall include the date and time of the incident, together with a description of the incident and whether the police were called/attended. The Designated Premises Supervisor/store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the incident book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

Adam Bateman Community Safety

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Training records signed by both the staff member and the Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will be retained for future reference and shall be updated at least every 6 months. All staff training records will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

There will be a minimum of two notices displayed on the premises indicating that the sale of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is illegal and that those adults who buy alcohol for immediate disposal to those under the age of 18 are committing an offence.

The Business will maintain a refusals book to record all instances where the sale of alcohol has been refused. This shall include the date and time of the attempted sale, together with a description of the incident. The Designated Premises Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the refusals book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

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Letter for residents

20 October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE NEW CONVENIENCE STORE AT 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

I am contacting you on behalf of my client, Mr Alaimagan Thangarajah regarding his application for a new premises licence at the above shop.

The Licensing authority have sent me a copy of your representation and I thought I would contact you with an update in this matter and to explain the various steps that would be taken to promote the licensing objectives.

As you will be aware, the premises is currently empty and it will be fully refurbished, with a big investment, to become a new general convenience store. The new shop will sell a wide range of goods including groceries, magazines, snacks, sweets, dairy goods, soft drinks, baby products, household, etc.

The clear focus of the shop will be as a general convenience store - this isn't a shop that would just sell alcohol.

Please note that following discussions with the Police, the proposed hours for alcohol sales have been reduced to;

9am to 10pm daily. These hours fall into line with the Council's Licensing Policy.

The application includes a document called an Operating Schedule – this is an important part of a licence application as it shows the steps that would be taken at the shop to promote the licensing objectives. Each of these steps become legally enforceable licence conditions should the application be approved.

You may not have had sight of the proposed Operating Schedule for this application - and so I attach a copy below for your information and consideration.

The proposed conditions include;

a CCTV camera system covering inside and outside the shop;

using the 'Challenge 25' under age policy to ensure that children do not buy alcohol from the shop;

no sale of stronger beers, lagers and ciders over 6.5%;

no single can sales;

regular staff training;

and clearing any litter away from outside the shop

The Police are crucial in respect of new licence applications as they are the Council's main source of information regarding local crime, disorder and ASB. The Police are satisfied that this application – as updated – would promote the licensing objectives and they are agreeable to a licence being approved.

The other Responsible Authorities - Environmental Health, Licensing, and Public Health - who initially objected to the new licence have also withdrawn their objections based on the reduced hours.

Mr Thangarajah appreciates the concerns that have been raised and he would like to assure you that the new shop will be run well, with a licence. It's a family business and Mr Thangarajah has plenty of retail and licensing experience in terms of running convenience stores. He will of course do everything that he can to prevent any issues for the local community. He wants to work with the local community, whilst also running a viable business.

Please note that matters such as traffic, drugs, prostitution, and the need for a new shop/licence, whilst they are important matters, they are not relevant in terms of a new licence application.

The proposed conditions are comprehensive and will ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The proposed hours for alcohol sales (9am to 10pm) comply with the Council's Licensing Policy.

Licensed premises are very well-regulated - they must promote the licensing objectives and comply with their licence conditions at all times. If they don't, then the various Authorities can take necessary action. If there are any problems in respect of licensed premises in the area then they face action including losing their licence.

If you found evidence of problems at this shop in the future, with a licence, or indeed problems in connection with any licensed premises in the area, then the matter can be reported and action taken.

I hope the above information is helpful and informative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

Ian Rushton
JL Licensing
07909 511953
Email - ijrushy@hotmail.com

See the proposed operating schedule/conditions below

Note *Sections highlighted in red are the agreed conditions/wording from the Police

Prevention of crime and disorder

A digital Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped. The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed, whilst complying with Data Protection legislation.

CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition. Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, outside areas and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs.

There will be a minimum of 28 days recording. The system will record for 24 hours a day. The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer. The Digital Recorder will have the facility to be password protected to prevent unauthorised access, tampering, or deletion of images.

There will be at all times a member of staff who is trained in the use of the equipment and upon receipt of a request for footage from a governing body, such as Cleveland Police or any other Responsible Authority, be able to produce the footage within a reasonable time, e.g. 24 hours or less if urgently required for investigation of serious crime.

Spirits will be kept behind the counter and not available for self-service by customers.

All staff selling alcohol shall be authorised to sell alcohol in writing and a record of the authorisation will be kept in the shop for inspection.

No beer, lager or cider of 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at any time, excluding recognised premium and craft beers, lagers and ciders.

The Premises will not sell any single cans of lager, beer or cider, excluding recognised premium and craft beers, lagers and ciders

The premises shall operate a strict alcohol refusals policy - alcohol will not be sold to;

- (1) Any person recognised or identified as a street drinker (regardless of their level of inebriation at the time);
- (2) Any person found to be drinking alcohol in the street;
- (3) Any person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (4) Any person suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
- (5) Any person unable to provide valid ID when requested by staff;
- (6) Any person who is verbally or physically abusive towards staff or customers.

A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.

Public safety

No specific risks have been identified under the Licensing Act 2003 (Note – the applicant is aware of other legislative requirements to ensure that the shop is safe for customers and staff).

Prevention of public nuisance

Deliveries to the premises will be arranged at appropriate times so as not to cause public nuisance.

A notice(s) will be on display in the premises asking customers to leave the premises quietly, and not to loiter outside the shop.

The area immediately outside the shop shall be regularly checked and swept, and any litter will be properly disposed of.

A notice will be on display asking customers not to drop litter on the floor

Protection of children from harm

A "Challenge 25" policy will be implemented with all staff insisting on evidence of age from any person appearing to be under 25 years of age and who is attempting to buy alcohol. There shall be notices displayed at all points of sale and at all entrances and exits to inform customers and remind staff that the premises are operating a "Challenge 25" policy.

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RE: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

From Adam Bateman

Date Tue 2025-10-21 11:22

To lan Rushton < ijrushy@hotmail.com >

Cc Leanne Maloney-Kelly

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Understood, thanks lan.

Best Wishes,

Adam Bateman

Problem Solving & Partnerships Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council



From: Ian Rushton <ijrushy@hotmail.com>

Sent: 21 October 2025 00:22

To: Adam Bateman Cc: Leanne Maloney-Kelly <

Subject: Re: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

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Hi Adam

Thanks for your email

As I'm sure you will appreciate, my client cannot agree to a terminal hour of 7pm

There are other licensed premises in the locality which are licensed beyond 7pm. The Police, and all of the other Responsible Authorities, have agreed to the proposed/reduced hours and the conditions.

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton JL Licensing 07909 511953

From: Adam Bateman <

Sent: 20 October 2025 15:54

To: <u>ijrushy@hotmail.com</u> <<u>ijrushy@hotmail.com</u>>

Cc: Leanne Maloney-Kelly

Page bject: RE: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

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Good Afternoon Ian,

Thanks for your email and I appreciate you being proactive in responding to mine and other' concerns this past week.

The suggestions which you have now accepted, e.g. 6.5%, are conditions which I supported and so I'm pleased they have been accepted.

I'm also grateful for you now singing up to the Council's policy hours, however, I cannot in good conscience remove my objection unless the time of license is further reduced to 19:00hrs. This is for the reasons outlined in my representation – that I don't want this premises to undermine the main community safety initiative in the area, namely Op. Nightfall.

I understand that a further reduction of hours is a big ask for you and your client, and that it's more than required in the policy, but that remains the position of Community Safety at present, and indeed my only stumbling bock at this stage.

I look forward to hearing back from yourself.

Best Wishes,

Adam Bateman

Problem Solving & Partnerships Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

From: Ian Rushton < ijrushy@hotmail.com >

Sent: 20 Octobe<u>r 2025</u> 14:45

To: Adam Bateman

Subject: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - 10 RICHARDSON ROAD, STOCKTON

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Hi Adam

Please see attached letter for your consideration

Any queries please let me know

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton JL Licensing 07909 511953

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Representations For A Review Of A Premises Licence Or Club Premises Certificate **Under The Licensing Act 2003**

Section 1 - Licence Application Details

| Applicant Name (If Known) | Richardson Road Convenience Store |
|---------------------------|--|
| Premises Name and Address | 10 Richardson Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3LJ |

| TS18 3LJ | | | | | |
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| Section 2 – Authority/Department | | | | | |
| ☐ Trading Standards | | | | | |
| ☐ Cleveland Police | | | | | |
| ☐ Environmental Health | ☐ Environmental Health | | | | |
| ☐ Cleveland Fire Service | | | | | |
| ☐ Planning | ☐ Planning | | | | |
| ☑ Community Safety | | | | | |
| Section 3 – Representation Grounds | | | | | |
| The representation is relevant to one or | ⊠Prevention of Crime and Disorder | | | | |
| more of the following licensing objectives: | ⊠Prevention of Public Nuisance | | | | |
| Please tick relevant box(es) | □ Protection of Children from Harm | | | | |
| | ⊠Public Safety | | | | |

| The grounds of the representation is based on the following: (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary) |
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| Representation Against Premises Licence Application – Richardson Road Convenience Store |
| In my previous statement I stated: "additional information may be supplied by the Community Safety Team at a later date." |
| Further to my previous statement, I want the sub-committee and Chair to consider the following: |

Since my previous representation, I do appreciate that significant movement has been made by the applicant to address the concerns of my colleagues across the relevant authorities. I Page 147

am especially supportive and grateful for the inclusion of the single cans and 6.5% ABV clauses, which chime well with the Reducing the Strength Scheme and Op. Shield work in the nearby town centre area, which I spoke about in my previous statement.

I'm also grateful that the hours have been reduced to 10pm – I think it's a good start. However, and as per correspondence with myself and the applicant's representative, Mr Rushton, via email on Tuesday this week, a sticking point remains that 10pm isn't enough to allay my fears that the application will undermine the licensing objectives and the Op. Nightfall strategy. In those email exchanges I stated my preference and compromise was for the license hours to end at 7pm. When Mr Rushton asked why my preference was 7pm, I stated: "Anecdotal and officer records (including mine) – albeit limited – suggest that onstreet sex work occurs as early as 19:00hrs on nearby Yarm Rd. – in that context, and with the wider Op. Nightfall setting referenced in my representation, my consideration is for resident's wellbeing and the licensing objectives, hence my ask for it to come down."

Furthermore, in preparation for a residents meeting on Yarm Road about on-street sex work and the progress of Op. Nightfall just last night (22/10/25), which was held across the road from the application address, at the Family Hub, I conducted a rough analysis into officer reports, which are logged on our system under an Op. Nightfall Tasking tab. As part of the Summer Op. Nightfall Action Plan, we implemented a patrol plan in the area to combat ASB and criminality associated with on-street sex work. Since July '25, 62 patrols have been carried out on this tasking, with the majority of patrols taking place between 19:00hrs and midnight. No sex workers have been observed working in the area pre-7pm, however, when you look at the total number of sex workers observed working in the area and at what times they were observed working, we've found that 40% of that has occurred between 19:00hrs and 22:000hrs. Hence my focus on curtailing the hours to 19:00hrs. Now of course there are caveats to this data, such as it being based on officer's having to be in the area at a certain time, but I do think it's important to have in mind, that there is a chunk of this activity – which is a concern for residents – occurring before the proposed 10pm cut off.

| Signed: A. Bateman | Position: Problem Solving & | Dated: 23/10/2025 |
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| | Partnerships Officer, SBC | |
| | Community Safety | |

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Agenda Item 5

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REPORT TO THE STATUTORY LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

23 OCTOBER 2025

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATED SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION

LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT – YARM ROAD, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TS18 3RU
SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 to which there have been representations from local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members determine the application.

THE APPLICATION

- 1. An application for a premises licence has been received from McDonald's Restaurants Limited via an agent Shoosmiths LLP in relation to the above address.
- 2. The application is for the late night refreshment:
 - Monday to Sunday 23:00 00:00
- 3. A copy if the full application and detail is attached at appendix 1.
- 4. A copy of the proposed plan is attached at appendix 2.

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 5. During the consultation process licence conditions were agreed via email between the applicant and Cleveland police. If the application is granted today members would agree to add these conditions. A copy is attached at appendix 3.
- 6. During the consultation process licence conditions were agreed between the applicant and Environmental Health. If the application is granted today members would agree to add these conditions. A copy is attached at appendix 4.

INTERESTED PARTIES

7. Representations have been residents and are attached at appendix 5 and appendix 6.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8. A Google street map and ariel view, showing the location of the proposed premises. This also shows the proximity of the proposed premises to the resident representation's address on West End Way and is attached at appendix 7.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

9. Members are respectfully reminded of the need to give due consideration to Stockton Borough Councils Licensing Policy Statement and Section 182 Revised Guidance issued in February 2025 under the Licensing Act 2003 when determining this application. Copies of which can be found at: Welcome to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

<u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003</u>

- 10. Late night refreshment, which is defined as the sale of hot food or drinks between 11 pm and 5 am, under the Licensing Act 2003. Hot food and drink served outside of these hours does not require authorisation under a licence.
- 11. Current Council Policy States:

New or variation applications for late night refreshment in terms of hot food takeaways in residential areas will normally be refused beyond 12 midnight.

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. Pg 22.

MEMBERS OPTIONS

- 12. Members must carry out their functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Members may consider the following options:

- 1. To refuse the application.
- 2. To grant all or part of the application subject to the necessary conditions to promote the four licensing objectives.
- 13. Local residents have been invited to todays meeting should members have further questions.

ASSOCIATED PAPERS

The following appendices are attached for information: Appendix 1-7

Assistant Director - Regulated Services Marc Stephenson

And Transformation

Contact Officer:Ellie GreenTelephone No.07341 073 721

Email Address: Ellie.Green@stockton.gov.uk

Financial Implications: None

Environmental Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

Public Safety.

• The Prevention Of Public Nuisance

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for environmental harm.

Community Safety Implications: The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing

Authority to have regard to:

• The Prevention Of Crime And Disorder

• The Protection of Children from Harm

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential

for crime and disorder.

Legal Implications: Depending upon the determination of this application

Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides the applicant, the holder of a licence and/or any person who made a relevant representation in relation to the application, with the right of appeal to the Magistrates'

court.

Human Rights Implications: Members should have regard to Human Rights Act

when determining this application

Background Papers: Stockton Borough Council Licensing Policy Statement

and Licensing Act 2003 Section 182 Guidance

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Councillor Shakeel Hussain

Councillor Sufi Mubeen



Stockton-on-Tees Application for a premises licence Licensing Act 2003

For help contact

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| Are you an agent acting on I • Yes | behalf of the applicant? No | Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for. | |
| Applicant Details | | | |
| * First name | McDonald's Restaurants Limited | | |
| * Family name | McDonald's Restaurants Limited | | |
| * E-mail | | | |
| Main telephone number | | Include country code. | |
| Other telephone number | | | |
| ☐ Indicate here if the ap | plicant would prefer not to be contacted by te | lephone | |
| Is the applicant: | | | |
| Applying as a businesApplying as an individ | s or organisation, including as a sole trader dual | A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby. | |
| Applicant Business | | | |
| Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House? | Yes No | Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form. | |
| Registration number | 01002769 | | |
| Business name | McDonald's Restaurants Limited | If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name. | |
| VAT number - | | Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT. | |
| Legal status Private Limited Company | | | |
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| Applicant's position in the business | | |
| Home country United Kingdom | | The country where the applicant's headquarters are. |
| Registered Address | | Address registered with Companies House. |
| Building number or name | McDonald's | |
| Street | 11/59 High Road | |
| District | East Finchley | |
| City or town | London | |
| County or administrative area | | |
| Postcode | N2 8AW | |
| Country | United Kingdom | |
| | | |
| Agent Details | | |
| * First name | Elaine | |
| * Family name | Rayner | |
| * E-mail | elaine.rayner@shoosmiths.com | |
| Main telephone number | 03700 863086 | Include country code. |
| Other telephone number | | |
| ☐ Indicate here if you wou | d prefer not to be contacted by telephone | |
| Are you: | | |
| An agent that is a busine | ess or organisation, including a sole trader | A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. |
| A private individual acting as an agent | | |
| Agent Business | | |
| Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? | YesNo | Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form. |
| Registration number | | |
| Business name | Shoosmiths LLP | If your business is registered, use its registered name. |
| VAT number - | | Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT. |
| Legal status | Limited Liability Partnership | |
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| Your position in the business | Paralegal | | |
| Home country | United Kingdom | The country where the headquarters of your business is located. | |
| Agent Registered Address | | Address registered with Companies House. | |
| Building number or name | Shoosmiths LLP | | |
| Street | The Lakes | | |
| District | | | |
| City or town | Northampton | | |
| County or administrative area | Northamptonshire | | |
| Postcode | NN4 7SH | | |
| Country | United Kingdom | | |
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| PREMISES DETAILS | | | |
| | ply for a premises licence under section 17 of the premises) and I/we are making this applicatof the Licensing Act 2003. | | |
| Premises Address | | | |
| Are you able to provide a posta | al address, OS map reference or description of | the premises? | |
| AddressOS map | o reference O Description | | |
| Postal Address Of Premises | | | |
| Building number or name | McDonald's Restaurant | | |
| Street | Yarm Road | | |
| District | | | |
| City or town | Stockton on Tees | | |
| County or administrative area | | | |
| Postcode | TS18 3RU | | |
| Country | United Kingdom | | |
| Further Details | | | |
| Telephone number | | | |
| Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£) | | | |
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| APPL | ICATION DETAILS | | |
| In wh | at capacity are you apply | ring for the premises licence? | |
| | An individual or individu | vals | |
| \boxtimes | A limited company / lim | ted liability partnership | |
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| | An unincorporated asso | ciation | |
| | Other (for example a sta | tutory corporation) | |
| | A recognised club | | |
| | A charity | | |
| | The proprietor of an edu | cational establishment | |
| | A health service body | | |
| | A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales | | |
| | A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England | | |
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| | • | address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a ture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned. | |
| Non | Individual Applicant's N | lame | |
| Nam | е | McDonald's Restaurants Limited | |
| Details | | | |
| _ | Registered number (where applicable) | | |
| Desc | ription of applicant (for e Page 205 | xample partnership, company, unincorporated association etc) | |

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| Company | | |
| Address | | |
| Building number or name | McDonald's | |
| Street | 11/59 High Road | |
| District | East Finchley | |
| City or town | London | |
| County or administrative area | | |
| Postcode | N2 8AW | |
| Country | United Kingdom | |
| Contact Details | | |
| E-mail | | |
| Telephone number | | |
| Other telephone number | | |
| * Date of birth | dd mm yyyy | |
| * Nationality | | Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK |
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| OPERATING SCHEDULE | | |
| When do you want the premises licence to start? | 29 / 09 / 2025 dd mm yyyy | |
| If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end | dd mm yyyy | |
| Provide a general description of | of the premises | |
| licensing objectives. Where you | ses, its general situation and layout and any oth ur application includes off-supplies of alcohol a olies you must include a description of where th | nd you intend to provide a place for |
| | d non-alcoholic drink for consumption on and o | ff the premises. |
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| If 5,000 or more people are | |
| expected to attend the premises at any one time, | |
| state the number expected to | |
| attend | |
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| PROVISION OF PLAYS | |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will you be providing plays? | |
| | No |
| Section 7 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF FILMS | |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will you be providing films? | |
| ○ Yes | No |
| Section 8 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF INDOOR SPOR | TING EVENTS |
| See guidance on regulated ent | rertainment |
| Will you be providing indoor sp | porting events? |
| ○ Yes | No |
| Section 9 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF BOXING OR W | RESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will you be providing boxing of | r wrestling entertainments? |
| ○ Yes | No |
| Section 10 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC | |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will you be providing live must | ic? |
| ○ Yes | No |
| Section 11 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF RECORDED M | USIC |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will you be providing recorded | I music? |
| ○ Yes | No |
| Section 12 of 21 | |
| PROVISION OF PERFORMANC | ES OF DANCE |
| See guidance on regulated ent | ertainment |
| Will Mage 2007 iding performa | ances of dance? |
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| PROVISION OF ANYTH DANCE | ING OF A SIMILAR DESC | RIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, | RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF |
| See guidance on regula | | | |
| Will you be providing a performances of dance | nything similar to live mu ? | ısic, recorded music or | |
| ○ Yes | No | | |
| Section 14 of 21 | | | |
| LATE NIGHT REFRESH | MENT | | |
| Will you be providing la | ate night refreshment? | | |
| Yes | ○ No | | |
| Standard Days And Ti | mings | | |
| MONDAY | | | Give timings in 24 hour clock. |
| | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days |
| | Start | End | of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. |
| TUESDAY | | | |
| | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | |
| | Start | End | |
| WEDNESDAY | | | |
| | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | |
| | Start | End | |
| THURSDAY | | | |
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| FRIDAY | | | |
| FRIDAT | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | |
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| | Start | End | |
| SATURDAY | | | |
| | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | |
| | Start | End | |
| SUNDAY | | | |
| | Start 23:00 | End 00:00 | |
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| Will the provision of late nigboth? | ht refr | eshment take p | lace indo | ors or outd | loors or | |
| Indoors | 0 | Outdoors | • | Both | | Where taking place in a building or other structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent. |
| State type of activity to be a exclusively) whether or not | | | • | • | elevant f | further details, for example (but not |
| | | | | | | |
| State any seasonal variation | c | | | | | |
| State any seasonal variation | | | 4 | | !#! I -I | and the state of the same of t |
| For example (but not exclus | ivery) v | vnere the activi | ty will occ | cur on addi | itional da | ays during the summer months. |
| | | | | | | |
| Non-standard timings. Whe those listed in the column o | | | e used for | the supply | of late r | night refreshments at different times from |
| For example (but not exclus | ively), | where you wish | the activ | ity to go or | n longer | on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve. |
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| SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL | | | | | | |
| Will you be selling or supply | ing ald | ohol? | | | | |
| ○ Yes | • | No | | | | |
| PROPOSED DESIGNATED P | REMIS | ES SUPERVISO | R CONSE | NT | | |
| How will the consent form of be supplied to the authority | | roposed desigr | nated prer | nises supe | ervisor | |
| C Electronically, by the p | ropos | ed designated p | oremises s | upervisor | | |
| As an attachment to the | nis app | lication | | | | |
| Reference number for conse form (if known) | ent | | | | | If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises |
| | | | | | | supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'. |
| Section 16 of 21 | | | | | | reference. |
| ADULT ENTERTAINMENT | | | | | | |

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Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

The premises will operate as an outlet of food and non-alcoholic drink and does not provide any adult entertainment or service that gives rise to a concern in respect of children.

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| HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN | TO THE PUBLIC | | | |
| Standard Days And Timings | | | | |
| MONDAY | | | | Cive timings in 24 hour clock |
| Start | 06:00 | End | 00:00 | Give timings in 24 hour clock. (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days |
| Start | | End | | of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. |
| TUESDAY | | | | , to so dood for this doming. |
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| THURSDAY | | | | |
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| FRIDAY | | | | • |
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| SATURDAY | | | | • |
| Start | 06:00 | End | 00:00 | |
| Start | | End | | |
| SUNDAY | | | | • |
| Start | 06:00 | End | 00:00 | |
| Start | | End | | |
| State any seasonal variations | | | | • |

For examples (put not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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| Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below |
| For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve. |
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| LICENSING OBJECTIVES |
| Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives: |

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

This restaurant understands that in extending our opening hours we have a duty to the local community and that we continue to protect our staff and customers from danger and harm. We believe that the systems we have in place are robust, thorough and will, as far as reasonably practicable, secure the promotion of the four licensing objectives. It should be noted that no McDonald's restaurant within the United Kingdom serves alcohol and further none of our drinks or food are served to customers in glass receptacles.

We are eager to work in partnership with all responsible authorities to ensure the promotion of the four licensing objectives. We also seek to work with the local communities, whom we serve, in achieving a successful cohesion between our business operations and our neighbours.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

This restaurant is keen to work in partnership with the local police service to prevent crime and disorder.

lcctv

McDonald's operates a robust CCTV Policy to ensure compliance with Data Protection Legislation and to assist the Police with the prevention and detection of crime. At all stores where CCTV is in operation appropriate signage reflecting this information is displayed.

McDonald's operate digital motion activated CCTV systems where images are retained on a hard drive system. All CCTV equipment is of a standard suitable to record images of a proper quality, it meets the industry standard and has LGC Forensics or Kalagate Certification. As part of the digital system an alarm will sound if the equipment is faulty or not recording, thereby alerting management for the need to intervene. The CCTV system is regularly serviced by qualified maintenance technicians.

Access to the CCTV system will be provided to Police Officers at their request where reasonable.

Staffsafe

A Staffsare system with both audio and visual monitoring capability will be installed in the restaurant, this system, can be

activated by either fixed or mobile panic buttons. Once activated the system links the restaurant to an external monitoring centre capable of intervening to resolve crime and disorder issues and/or provide the appropriate advice or instruction to support and protect the restaurant's staff and customers.

At this restaurant all shift managers have safety and security training; including Maybo SIA accredited Conflict Management Training.

c) Public safety

This restaurant is keen to work in partnership with the local Fire Service and Environmental Health Officer to ensure public safety.

This restaurant has safety systems in place to protect the safety of customers and staff at all times (such as Staffsafe). We work with the local Environmental Health Office and local Fire Service to ensure we are complying, as far as reasonably practicable, with relevant Health and Safety and Fire Safety Legislation. This restaurant is also subject to inspections from our own safety and security teams to ensure our systems are being maintained.

All of our restaurant staff receive comprehensive safety training to ensure that safe working methods are adopted and all staff are trained on the restaurant's evacuation procedure in the event of a fire or other dangerous occurrence.

This store operates a "No Open Alcohol Containers" policy to prevent persons carrying open alcohol into the in-store area.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Litter

McDonald's were the first company in our sector to introduce litter patrols in the early 1980's. McDonald's is committed to carry out litter patrols collecting both McDonald's packaging and any other litter that has been carelessly discarded. We are happy to act on recommendations from the Environmental Health Officer should they feel that we should extend our patrol to a nearby area, as far as this is reasonably practicable.

All of McDonald's packaging displays the recycle symbol to encourage our customers to deal with their waste responsibly. Further details regarding McDonald's commitment to reducing waste and litter nuisance can be found at the "Our World" section of the McDonald's website:

https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/our-plan-for-change.html

Noise

Where it is practical to do so we are content to put measures in place to limit noise. All McDonald's restaurant doors are self-closing and we try to encourage our customers to be considerate to our neighbours and to limit noise both when ordering their food and on leaving the local area.

e) The protection of children from harm

McDonald's do not anticipate that unaccompanied children will use the restaurant in the extended hour's period covered by this licensing application. We do however take their safety extremely seriously and will continue to employ the same practices to ensure that they are protected from harm at all times when visiting the restaurant.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is A British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay
 indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an
 official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a
 Government agency or a previous employer.

- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to
 work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a
 licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder
 with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not
 subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity
 when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance
 number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK
 with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or
 reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration
 decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but
 who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in
 the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided 0 by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the 0 entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or O on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling 0 circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/ business rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college. If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39999 £16,000.00 Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

315.00

DECLARATION

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[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I

- understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).
- The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)
- ☐ Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

| * Full name | Elaine Rayner, Shoosmiths LLP | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| * Capacity | Solicitors on behalf of the Applicant | | |
| * Date | 01 / 09 / 2025 dd mm yyyy | | |

Add another signatory

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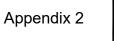
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Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

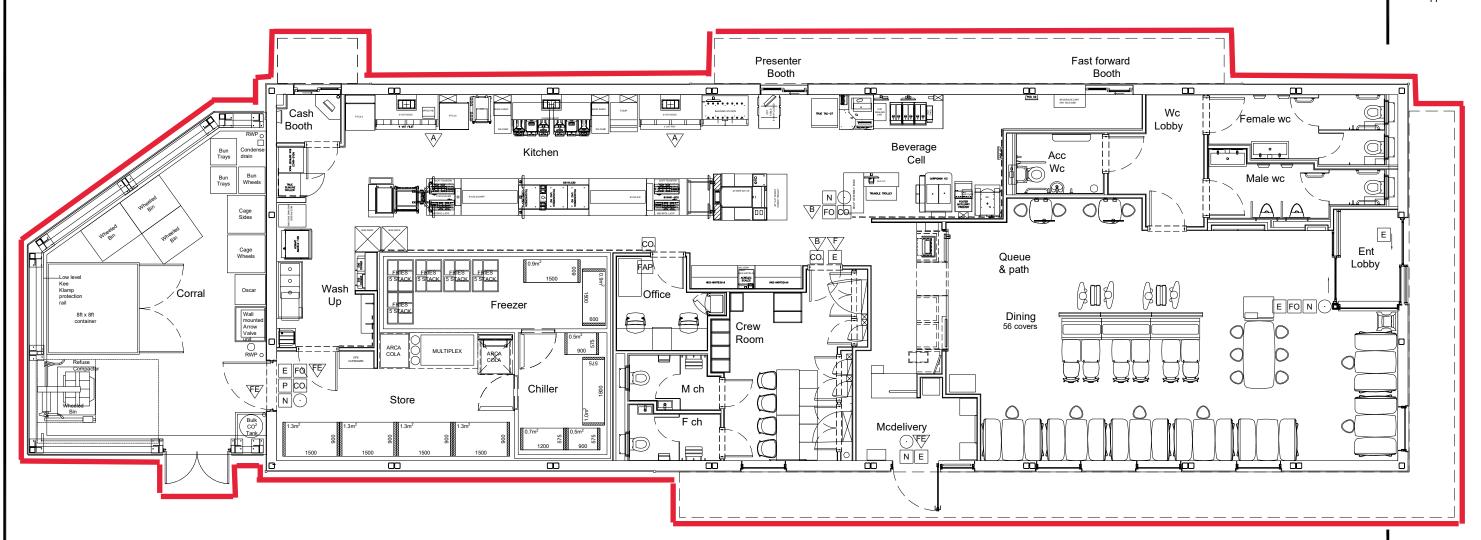
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NOTES Note:

All fry stations have automatic fire suppression devices fitted.



Fire Stratergy Legend :

Fire exit door - Doors to include emergency release and 'fire exit' signage - 100mm white block letters on



'Fire Exit keep clear' signage - 100mn





'Fire exit' signage - 100mm white letters on green background.





1.5KG CO2 Fire extinguisher with description signage to wall.



6 Litre afff foam spray fire extinguishe





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Emergency Voice Communication System

ECP

Emergency Call Point Evacuation Chair

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Smoke detector (optical)

Heat detector (fixed temp)

Heat detector (rate of rise) Rr

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Flashing indicator light 0

Electronic fire alarm sounder +

FAP

Fire alarm interface unit

Licensable activity: Sale of Hot food & Drink after 11pm.



2245 Stockton

Yarm Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3RU

Ground floor plan (For Licencing)

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1:100@A3 L/2245/001 Your Ref: Our Ref: When telephoning please use (01642) 302360 to contact Stockton Licensing Unit

3rd September 2025

Dear Sirs,

Re: Licensing Act 2003
Application for a Premises Licence
McDonalds, Yarm Road, Stockton

I am in receipt of a completed copy of your application for a variation to the premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and as a designated 'Responsible Authority' I have considered the contents carefully.

I would like you to consider the below conditions to be included in your premise licence. These conditions are similar to those agreed with other premises carrying out similar retail operations and with similar opening times in the area which would be considered best practice and should be things the premise would be doing as a matter of course.

There must be a minimum of two notices displayed in the premise, with one being easily visible on the way out of the premise, asking customers to leave the premises quietly and respect the nearby residents

A digital Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped. The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed, whilst complying with Data Protection legislation.

CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of **evidential quality** in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition. Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, outside areas and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs.

There will be a minimum of 31 days recording. The system will record for 24 hours a day.

The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer. The Digital Recorder will have the facility to be password protected to prevent unauthorised access, tampering, or deletion of images.

There will be at all times a member of staff who is trained in the use of the equipment and upon receipt of a request for footage from a governing body, such as Cleveland Police or any other Responsible Authority, be able to produce the

footage within a reasonable time, e.g. 24 hours or less if urgently required for investigation of serious crime.

The Business will maintain an incident book to record all instances where the staff deal with people who have been unruly, drunk, abusive, aggressive or have committed criminal acts or have had to call police for such incidents. This shall include the date and time of the incident, together with a description of the incident and whether the police were called/attended. The Store Manager/Business Owner will check and sign each page and the incident book will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

If you are willing for the above conditions to be attached to your licence I would ask that you sign below and return it to the address overleaf or via e-mail.

If you are unwilling to accept the attached conditions it is likely that the matter will need to be resolved by the Council's Licensing Committee, by way of a hearing.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Thorpe Licensing unit

| Signature: | |
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| Print Name: | |
| Position: | |
| Date: | |



My Ref: «refno»

Municipal Buildings Church Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1LD

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Tel: 01642 524241

Email: michael.fearman@stockton.gov.uk

Date: 03/10/2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003

Re: McDonalds Restaurant, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 3RU.

I am in receipt of a completed copy of your application for a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and as a designated 'Responsible Authority' I have considered the contents carefully.

I am of the view that your completed application form fails to adequately address some matters and I am presently considering recommending to the Licensing Authority that the following conditions be attached to your licence, to address these matters.

- 1. The use of the external area by customers shall be limited to 07:00hrs to 23:00hrs.
- 2. Any music shall be played indoors only.
- 3. Use appropriate management controls to reduce the likelihood of customers causing noise disturbance to residents when vacating the premises or using the outside area. This should include placing at all exits from the premises, in a place where they can be seen and easily read by the public, notices requiring customers to leave the premises and the area quietly. (Note, this must also include a reference to vehicles)
- 4. To Prevent Public Nuisance to residential premises in the vicinity, all deliveries/collections associated with the Licensable activities of this premises (bottle/food/waste bins) shall be undertaken in a manner and to prevent disturbance. No deliveries should occur between the hours of 23:00-07:00hrs.
- 5. Where the premises provide food for consumption off the premises, the public area immediately surrounding the premises shall be cleared of waste food, food containers, wrapping etc at the end of trading on each day. Litter patrols to remove litter associaited with the premise should also be undertaken within a 300 meter radius of the premises no less than three times a day. Such refuse shall be placed in a container designed for the storage and disposal of refuse and waste foods which shall be constructed, maintained,

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and located so that access to it by vermin and unauthorised persons is prevented and arrangements shall be made for the regular lawful disposal of their contents.

If you are willing for the above conditions to be attached to your licence, should your application be successful, I would ask that you sign the enclosed acceptance form and return it to the above address, marked for my attention, as soon as possible.

If you fail to respond by this date or if you are unwilling to accept the attached conditions, it is likely that the matter will need to be resolved by the Council's Licensing Committee, by way of a hearing.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Michael Fearman

A. farmer

Team Manager - Environment & Nuisance

For the attention of: Environmental Health Consultation Officer
Environmental Health
Municipal Buildings
Church Road
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1LD

LICENSING ACT 2003

RE: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISE LICENCE VARIATION

Re: McDonalds Restaurant, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 3RU.

Further to your recent correspondence concerning the above. I confirm that if the above application is successful, I am willing to accept that the following Conditions be attached to the Licence.

Conditions

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| Signature: | 8 |
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| Print Name: | Elaine Rayner, Shoosmiths LLP |
| Position: | Solicitors on behalf of the Applicant |

Lodge a representation for or against a licence application

| Representation of a licence application | | | | |
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| Is the representation for or against the grant of a licence application? | Against | | | |
| What type of application is your representation regarding? | Premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003 | | | |
| Business name | McDonalds | | | |
| Business addres | Business address | | | |
| Address line 1 | Yarm road | | | |
| Town or city | Stockton-on-Tees | | | |
| Postcode | TS18 3RU | | | |
| What does your representation refer to? | Prevention of public nuisance | | | |
| What do you object against? | The application being granted in its current form | | | |
| Provide the grounds for the representation | The times have are later than the original application stated. 2300 hours is late enough and any extension will cause a nuisance the houses to the rear on West End Way. I find it reprehensible that once a premise has been granted permission they seek to extend their operations even before they have opened. Time will tell if there is a problem with the existing times causing a nuisance, so I strongly object to this time extension. | | | |
| Do you have any supporting evidence to upload? | No | | | |
| File upload | | | | |
| In what capacity are you lodging a representation? | Individual | | | |

| Your details | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Are you a business owner? | No |
| First name | |
| Last name | |
| Telephone number | |
| Email address | |

| Street | |
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| Town | |
| Postcode | |

Declaration

By submitting you are confirming that, to the best of your knowledge, the details you are providing are correct. A full copy of your representation including your contact details, will be shared with the applicant. Summaries of the comments received will also be displayed on our website. If a licensing sub committee hearing is arranged you would be expected to attend and a copy of your representation will be included in the licensing sub committee report.





25/09/25

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the letter posted on Yarm Road (dated 1st September 2025), we are writing to formally object to the proposed application for late night refreshment at the McDonald's Restaurant, Yarm Road, Stockton On Tees, TS18 3RU.

Our objection is based on concerns regarding the potential negative impact on the local community and our property, specifically related to the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance.

As residents living at we are deeply concerned that granting this extension could significantly disrupt the peace and amenity of the surrounding area, which is predominantly residential and could have a direct impact on our household.

Our specific grounds for objection are as follows:

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Increased Noise: An extension of operating hours could undoubtedly lead to an increase in noise late at night and in the early morning. This could include noise from car doors slamming, engines idling, customers leaving the premises, and delivery vehicles. This could be especially disruptive to residents who live nearby, particularly those with young children or who work early shifts.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Late-night trading hours can act as a magnet for anti-social behaviour, with groups congregating in the area. This can include loud conversations, shouting, and other disturbances that would severely impact residents' quality of life.

Litter: An increase in late-night foot traffic is very likely to lead to a significant rise in littering in the surrounding streets and residential areas, as customers dispose of packaging indiscriminately. This would create an unsightly and unsanitary environment for local residents.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

Late-Night Gatherings: Providing a late-night venue for food can encourage public gatherings that may attract crime and disorder. The presence of people late at night,

often fuelled by alcohol consumed elsewhere, can lead to aggressive and disorderly conduct.

Strain on Police Resources: Extending hours could place an unnecessary strain on local police resources, requiring them to respond to more incidents of public nuisance and potential disorder in the area.

Public Safety:

Traffic Issues: A late-night drive-thru service will increase vehicle traffic, including customer cars and mopeds for delivery services, during hours when residential streets are typically quiet. This poses an increased risk to public safety, both for other motorists and pedestrians, especially if a constant stream of traffic is entering and exiting the premises.

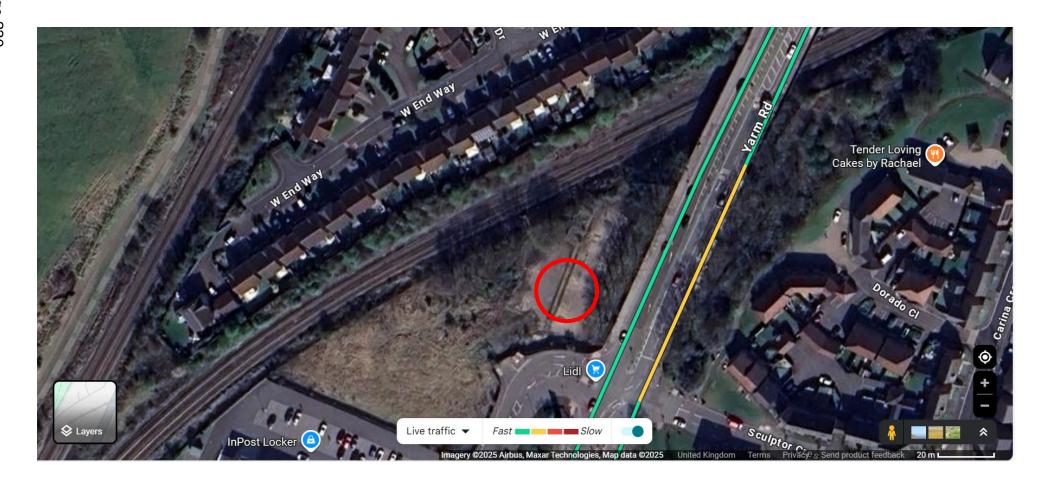
We urge you to consider the cumulative impact of granting this application on our neighbourhood. While we appreciate that businesses need to operate, this must be balanced against the right of local residents to a peaceful and safe living environment. The potential for a negative impact on our community's well-being is not a trivial concern but a serious issue that should be considered with the utmost importance.

Having previously objected to the planning for the restaurant (as noise was one of the concerns), we trust that, unlike Stockton Council Planning Dept, the Licensing Service take into account the concerns of the local residents. When the initial application was posted, although the number of objection emails and letters "not in favour" outnumbered those of an "in favour" vote, the council still decided to give the go ahead for the restaurant. This was even more concerning as many votes backing the application were not from residents within the local area (some in fact from as far away as Guisborough).

We would like to request to be informed of any hearing or meeting where this application will be discussed.

Yours faithfully,









Agenda Item 7

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1,2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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