

Application for the Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.

If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Elliott Beevers

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Dhillon Food & Wine - 68 Dovecot Street, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 1LL	
Post town Stockton-on-Tees	Post code (if known) TS18 1LL

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Rabbani Stores Limited

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
Mr Muhammad Adnan Rabani

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

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2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐

Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over

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**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Licensing Authority c/o Elliott Beevers Licensing Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council 16 Church Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1TX
Telephone number (if any) 01642 524802 / 07796 493661
E-mail address (optional) elliott.beevers@stockton.gov.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm



Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

As a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 I represent Licensing at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. I apply for a review of the premises licence for Dhillon Food & Wine - 68 Dovecot Street, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 1LL due to the undermining of the licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

The premises licence holder (PLH) is Rabbani Stores Limited of which Mr Muhammed Adnan Rabani and Mr Muhammed Irfan Rabbani are directors. The designated premises supervisor (DPS) at the premises is Mr Muhammed Adnan Rabani. This PLH and DPS have been in place since 2nd April 2025.

There have been issues with undermining of the licensing objectives at this premises dating back to 2023 in relation to being one of the main suppliers of 'high strength, low priced cider' which is sold to street drinkers causing anti-social behaviour (ASB) within Stockton Town Centre.

Warnings were given to the previous PLH and DPS in relation to these issues. Despite officer efforts to engage, educate and encourage the new PLH and DPS to uphold the licensing objectives, issues have persisted. A number of visits including verbal and written warnings being issued.

Specifically, issues relate to the persistent sale of alcohol to known street drinkers, who are then causing ASB in the immediate vicinity of the premises. This ASB includes shouting, swearing, littering and congregating in large groups drinking alcohol. Many of the regular customers at the premises are known ASB offenders.

More recently CCTV has been obtained from the premises, from 2nd and 3rd July 2025 showing individuals who appear to be under the influence of alcohol continuously being served and one female who appears to be underage who is not challenged for identification when buying a 'high strength, low priced cider'.

After these people were served at the premises a call was made to Civic Enforcement who had to deal with people who had visited the shop for anti-social behaviour nearby to the shop, officers have stated how the

shop is currently running is contributing to alcohol related ASB.

The hours the premises is licensed to supply alcohol is also of concern as it is believed that these hours significantly contribute to early morning ASB. The premises is currently licensed to sell alcohol from - 06:00 – 24:00 every day.

CCTV shows known street drinkers drinking alcohol outside the premises, believed to be obtained from the premises at 06:39. Some of this group were clearly heavily intoxicated.

Policy Recommendation

Section 5 of the 2003 Act requires a licensing authority to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy at least every five years. Such a policy must be published before the authority carries out any function in respect of individual applications and notices made under the terms of the 2003 Act. Statements of policy should promote the four licensing objectives.

The current SBC Statement of Licensing policy which states:

Licensing Hours

Various factors will affect the appropriateness of the licensing hours. This will include, for example, premises located within predominately residential areas; premises located in an area in which concerns around the volumes of outlets have previously been raised; premises located in an area in which levels of alcohol related harms have been previously highlighted as an issue; and on-licence premises that are used by a significant number of young people and therefore increase exposure to the sale and consumption of alcohol, such as cinemas, soft play areas and school events.

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.

The purpose of limiting alcohol hours is to reduce the time and opportunity for people to purchase alcohol, potentially leading to lower overall consumption and related harms. Restricting hours can also shift consumption patterns and is used to address specific problems in certain areas. The Public Health representation and additional evidence provide further information on the area of deprivation and alcohol harms.

In a recent survey of SBC residents:

Current alcohol licensing activities were observed to facilitate excessive alcohol use due to alcoholic drinks being available to buy for extended periods of time during regular trading hours via in shop purchasing and food delivery apps. Excessive alcohol consumption was reported to be further facilitated by the availability of cheap alcoholic drinks both in shops and nighttime economy venues, often with soft drinks being more expensive and attractive offers and discounts on alcohol beverages. Participants felt that reducing excessive alcohol use could be facilitated by restricting early morning alcohol purchasing ability, reducing the volume of alcohol that can be purchased, and increasing the legal age for alcohol consumption.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Further evidence including statements, CCTV and interview transcript will be provided.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

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If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

None

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature E.F. Sears

Date 06/08/25

Capacity Responsible Authority

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
Post town	Post Code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.