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To: [Licensing Admin \(ES\)](#)
Subject: Representation
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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Review of Premises Licence – Dhillon Food and Wine, 68 Dovecot Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1LL

Yarm Lane Convenience Store -53 Yarm Lane Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3DL

Fani Vapes 49 to 51 Yarm Lane Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3DY

I am writing on behalf of Stockton Arts Centre in response to the above licence review.

As a neighbouring organisation situated on Dovecot Street, we have significant concerns about the impact of the premises on our staff, customers, and the wider community.

We regularly witness street drinkers purchasing single cans of alcohol from early morning through to late at night. This practice directly contributes to anti-social behaviour on and around Dovecot Street. The presence of groups of people drinking in the street is not only off-putting for our visitors but has also led to loss of customers who feel intimidated by this activity. In addition, our staff have reported feeling uncomfortable and, at times, unsafe when arriving at or leaving work.

We believe that these issues arise from irresponsible selling practices at the premises, which are in direct conflict with the licensing objectives, specifically:

The prevention of crime and disorder – the sale of single cans fuels street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour.

Public safety – our staff and visitors are placed at risk or feel unsafe due to the environment created by persistent street drinking.

The prevention of public nuisance – the drinking and related behaviour causes disturbance and deters people from visiting our venue.

The protection of children from harm – many of our visitors are families, children, and young people, who are exposed to this negative behaviour in the immediate area.

Given the sustained and damaging impact this has on both our organisation and the wider community, we strongly believe that the premises licence should be revoked where applicable and no new ones issued to similar kinds of business who are looking to cash in on vulnerable people. This would send a clear message about the importance of responsible alcohol retailing and help to ensure that Dovecot Street is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Thank you for considering our representation.

Yours sincerely,

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