

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

Section 2 – Authority/Department

- ☐ Trading Standards
- ☐ Cleveland Police
- ☐ Environmental Health
- ☐ Cleveland Fire Service
- ☐ Planning
- ☒ Community Safety

Section 3 – Representation Grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: Please tick relevant box(es)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Crime and Disorder
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Public Nuisance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Children from Harm
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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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

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 on-street 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 22:00hrs. 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 &
Partnerships Officer, SBC
Community Safety

Dated: 23/10/2025

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