



## **Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Date**      **Monday 6 February 2023**  
**Time**     **9.30 am**  
**Venue**    **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

#### **Items which are open to the Public and Press**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of Interest (if any)
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2023 (Pages 3 - 4)
5. Application for the variation of a Premises Licence - Blue Eye, 25 Elvet Bridge, Durham City, Durham (Pages 5 - 60)
6. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall  
Durham  
27 January 2023

To: **The Members of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee**

Councillors C Bihari, L Brown, C Hampson, D Stoker and E Waldock

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## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors R Adcock-Forster, C Hampson and E Peeke

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Waldock.

### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

### **5 Application to Review the Club Premises Certificate - The Tythe Barn, The Hallgarth, Durham**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. It was noted that four Sub-Committee Members were present to hear the application however only three Members were required to make the decision. The Council's Solicitor then outlined the procedure for the hearing.

The Licensing Team Leader presented a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change, for the application to review the club premises certificate for The Tythe Barn (Durham Prison Officers Club), The Hallgarth, Durham (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader indicated that both parties had mediated and agreed to the conditions as outlined at Appendix 4 of the report, that would be appropriate to resolve the issues set out in the review application.

During the consultation period no representations had been received in support of the review application. Durham Constabulary, the Fire Safety Authority and the Planning Authority had all responded to the consultation with no representations.

With no questions being asked from Members or either parties, at 9.40 am Councillors L Brown, E Peeke and R Adcock-Forster **Resolved** to retire to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 9.50 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision. In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change, together with the written representations from the Applicant and the Club Premises Certificate Holder. Members also took into account the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and Section 182 Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

### **Resolved:**

That the following conditions agreed between the parties be added to the existing Club Premises Certificate:

1. Ensure all doors and windows serving the main hall are kept shut whilst recorded or live music played at a level likely to be audible at residential properties.
2. Live or recorded music within the venue shall not be played at a level in excess of 90dBA LAeq (5 mins) at a position no more than 2m from the forward facing speaker position. A measurement shall be taken every hour and the results recorded and provided at the request of Durham County Councils Environmental Health Team. Bass type noise shall be minimised, and checks will be undertaken to ensure it is not intrusive at the nearest noise sensitive receptors. On the instruction of Durham County Councils Environmental Health Team, following receipt of a valid complaint and completion of an appropriate investigation, a noise impact assessment will be undertaken and a noise limiter provided to ensure that the break out of music noise is managed.
3. The beer garden to the front of the premises shall only be used between the hours of 10am-9pm Sunday, Thursday and 10am-10pm Friday-Saturday. Whilst the beer garden is in use, regular checks shall be carried out to ensure behaviour of patrons does not lead to a noise level likely to be intrusive to residential properties.

**Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee**

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Application for the variation of a  
Premises Licence**

**Ordinary Decision**



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**Report of Alan Patrickson Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods  
and Climate Change**

**Councillor John Shuttleworth, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for  
Neighbourhoods and Climate Change**

**Electoral division(s) affected: Elvet and Gilesgate**

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 The Sub-Committee is asked to consider and determine the application for the variation of a premises licence for Blue Eye, 25 Elvet Bridge, Durham City, Durham DH1 3AA.
- 2 A plan showing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix 2.

**Executive summary**

- 3 The application requests the granting of a variation of a Premises Licence for Blue Eye, 25 Elvet Bridge, Durham City, Durham DH1 3AA.
- 4 The application initially requested the following activities:

To increase timings for all existing licensable activities, namely recorded music (indoors) and sale of alcohol (on sales only). Alongside the amendment of an existing condition.

**5 Mediation**

Within the consultation period Durham Constabulary communicated with the applicant's solicitor and an amendment to the application was submitted to cease sale of alcohol at 01:30 hrs and close the premises at 02:00 hrs. Recorded music (indoors) would remain as proposed at 02:00 hrs. Durham Constabulary confirmed following this amendment no objection would be submitted to the variation application.

- 6 The licensing authority received responses from Durham County Council Planning Department, (this was forwarded to the Applicant for information) and no comment responses from Public Health, Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership and County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.
- 7 The licensing authority received one letter in opposition to the application from City of Durham Parish Council (other persons).

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 8 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.
- 9 The Sub-Committee is recommended to give appropriate weight to:
- (a) The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;
  - (b) The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties;
  - (c) The Durham County Council Statement of Licensing Policy. The relevant parts of the policy are attached at Appendix 6;
  - (d) The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended December 2022). The relevant parts of the guidance are attached at Appendix 7.

### **Background**

- 10 Background information – Applicant – Mr Simon Paul Brind

Type of Application: Variation of a premises licence	Date received: 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Consultation ended: 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
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### **Details of the application**

- 11 An application for the variation of a premises licence was received by the Licensing Authority on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. A copy of the application, amendments and the current premises licence are attached as Appendix 3.

- 12 The application is deemed by the Licensing Authority to be correctly served and advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act regulations.
- 13 The activities requested are now as follows:

<b>Current Licensable Activities</b>	<b>Proposed (after amendment) Licensable Hours</b>
Sale of Alcohol (ON sales) Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 01:00 hrs	Sale of Alcohol (ON sales only) Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 01:30 hrs
Sale of Alcohol (OFF sales) Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 23:00 hrs	Sale of Alcohol (Off sales) No Change
Recorded Music (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 01:00 hrs	Recorded Music (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 02:00 hrs
Opening Hours Monday – Sunday 12:00 hrs – 01:30 hrs	Proposed Opening Hours Monday to Sunday 12:00 hrs – 02:00 hrs

- 14 The applicant has proposed to amend an existing condition to read “No person under the age of 17 will be allowed access to the premises after 21:00 hrs”.

### **The Representation**

- 15 The Licensing Authority received one letter of representation during the consultation period from City of Durham Parish Council (other persons).

The licensing authority deemed the representations as relevant, relating to the following licensing objective:

- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 4.

- 16 Responses were received from the following Responsible Authorities:

The licensing authority received responses from Durham County Council Planning Department, (this was forwarded to the Applicant for information) and no comment responses from Public Health, Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership and County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service. See Appendix 5.

## **The Parties**

17 The Parties to the hearing will be:

- Mr Simon Paul Brind (Applicant)
- Mr Matt Foster (Applicant's Solicitor)
- City of Durham Parish Council (other persons)

## **Options**

18 There are a number of options open to the Sub-Committee:

- (a) Grant the variation subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003;
- (b) Grant the variation of the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003;
- (c) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
- (d) To refuse to specify a person on the licence as the Designated Premises Supervisor;
- (e) To reject the application.

## **Main implications**

### *Legal Implications*

19 The Committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.

See Appendix 1.

### *Consultation*

20 The premises licence application was subject to a 28 day consultation.

See Appendix 1



## **Conclusion**

- 21 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application for the variation of a premises licence in light of the representation received.

## **Background papers**

- Durham County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019-2024
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended December 2022)

## **Other useful documents**

- None
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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The case of Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black.

In this case it was summed up that:

A licensing authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.

Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.

This judgement is further supported in the case of The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.

In addition to this, it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

### **Consultation**

The premises licence application was subject to a 28 day consultation in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and its regulations.

The Responsible Authorities were consulted on the application.

The notice of application was displayed on the premises for a period of 28 days.

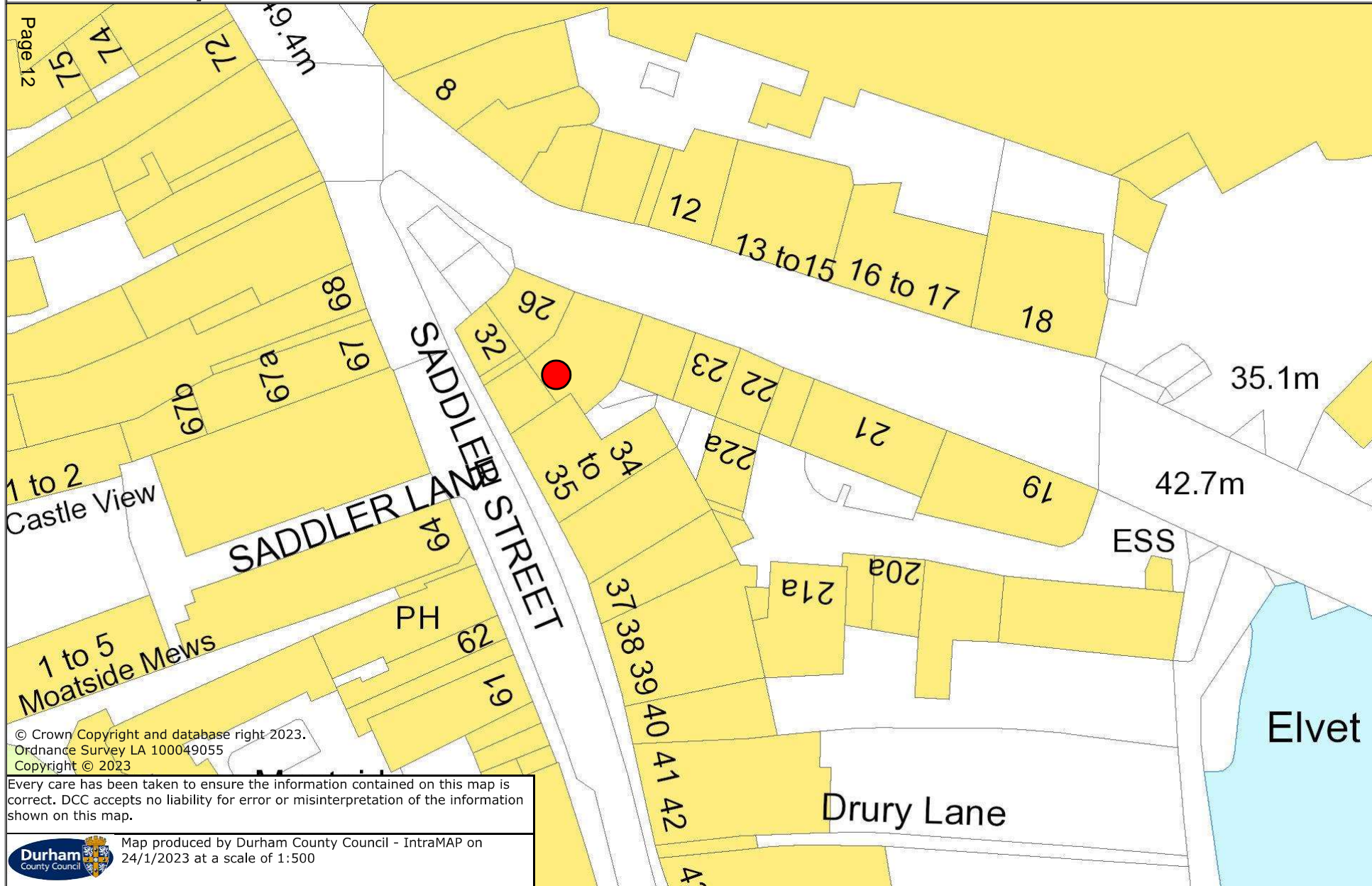
Notice of the application was published in a newspaper which was circulated within the vicinity of the premises.

In addition, details of the application were available to view on the Council's website throughout the 28 day consultation period.

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## **Appendix 2: Location Plan**

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### **Appendix 3: Application Form, Amendments and Current Premises Licence**

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\* required information

## Section 1 of 18

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

MEF/BRI125/1

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 behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes ☐ 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

Simon Paul

\* Family name

Brind

\* E-mail

Main telephone number

Other telephone number

Include country code.

☐ Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

- ☐ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader  
☒ Applying as an individual

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.

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### Address

* Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
* Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
* City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
* Postcode	<input type="text"/>
* Country	<input type="text"/>

### Agent Details

* First name	<input type="text" value="Matthew"/>
* Family name	<input type="text" value="Foster"/>
* E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Main telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>

Include country code.

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- ☒ An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader
- ☐ A private individual acting as an agent

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

### Agent Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number	<input type="text"/>
Business name	<input type="text" value="Mincoffs Solicitors LLP"/>
VAT number	<input type="text"/>
Legal status	<input type="text" value="Limited Liability Partnership"/>
Your position in the business	<input type="text" value="Partner"/>
Home country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

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### Agent Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Osborne Terrace"/>
District	<input type="text" value="Jesmond"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Newcastle upon Tyne"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="NE2 1SQ"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

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### APPLICATION DETAILS

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

\* Premises Licence Number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

☒ Address    ☐ OS map reference    ☐ Description

### Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Blue Eye"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="25 Elvet Bridge"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Durham"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="DH1 3AA"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

### Premises Contact Details

Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	<input type="text" value="37,000"/>

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### VARIATION



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Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

### Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation

Describe the premises. 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.

1. Extend the hours for the supply of alcohol (on sales only) and recorded music to 02:00 Every Day, and to extend the opening hours to 02:30 every day.

2. Amended condition to read:

No persons under the age of 18 will be allowed access to the premises after 21:00.

## Section 4 of 18

### PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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### PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

## Section 9 of 18

## PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Standard Days And Timings

#### MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (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.

#### TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

#### WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

#### THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

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FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☒ Indoors      ☐ Outdoors      ☐ Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

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

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, 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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### PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes      ☒ No

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**PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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**PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT**

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Standard Days And Timings**

**MONDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (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.

**TUESDAY**

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**WEDNESDAY**

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**THURSDAY**

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**FRIDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

☐ On the premises      ☐ Off the premises      ☒ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on 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 exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, 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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**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.

Provide 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.

None

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**HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Standard Days And Timings**

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MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (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.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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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.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, 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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Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

☐ I have enclosed the premises licence

☐ I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

The Premises Licence is with yourselves following application to vary DPS.

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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.

No additional steps believed necessary

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

No additional steps believed necessary

c) Public safety

No additional steps believed necessary

d) The prevention of public nuisance

No additional steps believed necessary

e) The protection of children from harm

No additional steps believed necessary

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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.



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- 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:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling 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.

Variation 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](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 £8700 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £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 you are required to pay a higher fee

City/Town Centre application fee Band D £900.00, Annual Charge £640

City/Town Centre application fee Band E £1905.00, Annual Charge £1050.00

If you own a large premise you are subject to an annual fee and additional fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 additional fee £1,000.00, annual fee £500.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 additional fee £2,000.00, annual fee £1,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 additional fee £4,000.00, annual fee £2,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 additional fee £8,000.00, annual fee £4,000.00

Capacity 30000-39000 additional fee £16,000.00, annual fee £8,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 additional fee £24,000.00, annual fee £12,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 additional fee £32,000.00, annual fee £16,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 additional fee £40,000.00, annual fee £20,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 additional fee £48,000.00, annual fee £24,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 additional fee £56,000.00, annual fee £28,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over additional fee £64,000.00, annual fee £32,000.00

\* Fee amount (£)

### DECLARATION

\* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.



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**From:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods)  
**Sent:** 09 January 2023 12:40  
**To:** Matt Foster; Alan Newcombe; Caroline Dickenson  
**Cc:** Kelly Hyde; Karen Robson; Tracey Lock; Yvonne Raine  
**Subject:** RE: :RE: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET  
BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Hi Matt

I can confirm receipt of the email and the application is modified accordingly.

Thanks

**Helen Johnson**  
**Licensing Team Leader**  
Community Protection Service  
Neighbourhoods and Climate Change

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**From:** Matt Foster  
**Sent:** 09 January 2023 11:50  
**To:** Alan Newcombe  
Caroline Dickenson  
**Cc:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods)  
Kelly Hyde  
**Subject:** RE: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

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Hi Alan,

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that I have instructions to agree the amended hours as set out below, to modify the variation application we have made.

Helen – can you please confirm receipt, and that the application is modified accordingly?

Kind regards,

Matt

**Mincoffs**  
SOLICITORS

Matt Foster  
Partner

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**From:** Alan Newcombe

**Sent:** 09 January 2023 11:44

**To:** Matt Foster

Caroline Dickenson

**Subject:** RE: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Matt, Helen,

Based on the mediated times by PCSO Hyde with sales of alcohol to cease at 1:30am and the premises to close at 2am, Durham Police will not be objecting to this application.

Regards

Alan Newcombe  
PC 1291  
Durham Constabulary  
Licensing economy team  
Annand House Meadowfield

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**From:** Matt Foster  
**Sent:** 09 January 2023 09:12  
**To:** Kelly Hyde  
**Cc:** Alan Newcombe  
**Subject:** RE: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Hi Kelly,

Please can you confirm that if we agree to a reduction in hours, that the Police would not be submitting a representation?

Kind regards,

Matt

**Mincoffs**  
SOLICITORS

Matt Foster  
Partner

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**From:** Kelly Hyde

**Sent:** 21 December 2022 14:27

**To:** Matt Foster

**Subject:** VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Hello,

I am in receipt of the variation application for the above premises and would like to ask you to speak with your client to consider reducing the opening hours and the sale of alcohol. To keep the premises in line with other licensed premises in the area we would like to cease the sale of alcohol at 1.30am and to close by 2am. Please let me know if this is agreeable.

Regards  
Kelly

PCSO 6627 Hyde  
Licensing Officer  
Licensed Economy Team  
Annand House  
Meadowfield



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**From:** Matt Foster  
**Sent:** 11 January 2023 10:54  
**To:** Karen Robson  
**Cc:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods)  
**Subject:** RE: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM  
DH1 3AA

Hi Karen,

I would usually have recorded music in line with opening times. I will take instructions, but we are currently looking at the noise impact and issues raised in regard to planning.

Regards,

Matt

Matt Foster  
Partner

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**From:** Karen Robson

**Sent:** 11 January 2023 10:52

**To:** Matt Foster

**Cc:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods)

**Subject:** FW: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Hi Matt

I notice on your variation application you have requested the increase of recorded music until 2am. Can you clarify the position on this activity as your email only refers to alcohol and closure times.

Thanks, Karen

**Karen Robson**

**Senior Licensing Officer**

Community Protection Service

Neighbourhood and Climate Change

Durham County Council

Annand House

Meadowfield

Durham

DH7 8RS





## LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE

**Premises Licence Number**  
**Granted**  
**Issued**

<b>DCCC/PLA0481</b>
<b>13 March 2019</b>
<b>01 April 2022</b>

### Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	Issuing Authority
<b>BLUE EYE</b> 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM CITY DH1 3AA	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY PROTECTION LICENSING SERVICES PO BOX 617 DURHAM DH1 9HZ
<b>Telephone number:</b>	

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b> N/A
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<b>Licensable activities authorised by this licence</b> Recorded Music Sale by retail of alcohol Sale by retail of alcohol
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Opening Hours of the Premises		
Mon	12:00-01:30	<b>Non-standard/seasonal timings</b> N/A
Tue	12:00-01:30	
Wed	12:00-01:30	
Thu	12:00-01:30	
Fri	12:00-01:30	
Sat	12:00-01:30	
Sun	12:00-01:30	

<b>Where the licence authorises the sale by retail of alcohol whether these are on and/or off sales:</b> ON AND OFF ALCOHOL SALES
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**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities (all in 24hr format)**

<b>Recorded Music Indoors</b> Mon 12:00-01:00 Tue 12:00-01:00 Wed 12:00-01:00 Thu 12:00-01:00 Fri 12:00-01:00 Sat 12:00-01:00 Sun 12:00-01:00	<b>Further details</b> N/A <b>Non-standard/seasonal timings</b> N/A
<b>Sale by retail of alcohol ON SALES</b> Mon 12:00-01:00 Tue 12:00-01:00 Wed 12:00-01:00 Thu 12:00-01:00 Fri 12:00-01:00 Sat 12:00-01:00 Sun 12:00-01:00	<b>Further details</b> N/A <b>Non-standard/seasonal timings</b> N/A
<b>Sale by retail of alcohol OFF SALES</b> Mon 12:00-23:00 Tue 12:00-23:00 Wed 12:00-23:00 Thu 12:00-23:00 Fri 12:00-23:00 Sat 12:00-23:00 Sun 12:00-23:00	<b>Further details</b> N/A <b>Non-standard/seasonal timings</b> Off sales from the premises will cease at 11pm Use of the pavement cafe will cease at 11pm and the outside seating will not be used after this time.

Part 2

<b>Name, (Registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence</b>	
MR SIMON PAUL BRIND	
<b>Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)</b>	
Company no:	N/A
Charity no:	N/A

<b>Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the sale by retail of alcohol</b> MR SIMON PAUL BRIND

## **Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions**

No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when no designated premises supervisor has been specified in the licence or at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his or her licence has been suspended. Every supply of alcohol under this premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises -

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -

- (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
- (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

(e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol -

The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either-

(a) a holographic mark, or

(b) an ultraviolet feature.

The responsible person must ensure that –

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -

- (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

### **Minimum Price of Alcohol:**

1 A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

2 For the purposes of the condition:

- (a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- (b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula –

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

Where –

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence –

- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e) “value added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3 Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

### **Mandatory condition: door supervision**

1. Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals

must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

2. But nothing in subsection (1) requires such a condition to be imposed-
  - (a) in respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c.12) (premises with premises licences authorising plays or films), or
  - (b) in respect of premises in relation to-
    - (i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or
    - (ii) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).
3. For the purposes of this section-
  - (a) "security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1)(a) of that Schedule applies, and
  - (b) paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

## **Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the premises Operating Schedule**

### **General**

None

### **The Prevention of Crime & Disorder**

1. Initial staff training will be carried out by the DPS or approved member of staff to ensure no alcohol is sold to anyone under the age of 18. Refresher training will be carried out every 6 months
2. Training records to be kept and maintained for every member of staff and endorsed after every training session. The records will be made available to officers and responsible authorities when requested to do so
3. CCTV cameras should be positioned internally and externally to cover all entrances and exits to the premises used by the public. A camera should also be placed to cover the area where the sale of alcohol, to customers, occurs
4. The CCTV equipment must:
  - be maintained in good working order
  - show the correct time and date
  - provide footage showing details for evidence of identity i.e. facial / the overall view of the scene and;
  - be kept for a period of 28 days
5. The CCTV system shall incorporate a battery backup system to enable 24 hour continuous recording in case of any power blackout / failure
6. The premises licence holder must ensure there is the DPS or appointed member of staff available on the premises who is capable and competent in using the CCTV system. This to include the showing and downloading of the footage onto a disc, hard drive or memory stick when requested by the police / or local authority officer
7. The recording equipment including any discs / memory sticks shall be securely to prevent unauthorised access and under the control of a responsible named individual
8. A weekly log must be maintained and endorsed by a signature indicating the CCTV system / equipment has been checked and continues to be compliant. Where there are any failings of the system, these must be recorded stating any actions taken
9. Door supervisors will be used at the premises from 8.00pm until the premises closes on a Friday, Saturday, Sundays proceeding a Bank Holiday and Bank Holidays
10. There will be at least one door supervisor situated on the second floor of the premises when this is being used for any licensable activities
11. A log must be kept and maintained on the premises at all times which documents the following information relating to each door supervisor:
  - full name including any middle names
  - date of birth
  - SIA badge number
  - contact phone number
  - security company name
  - start and finish times at the premises

**Public Safety**

1. All fire exits and fire safety equipment will be clearly marked and maintained at all times
2. All staff to be aware of their requirements regarding health and safety
3. First aid facilities will be available on the premises
4. A log will be maintained and kept at the premises which detail all incidents which occur on the premises. This log will be made available to the Police and local authority officers upon request

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

1. The use of the premises pavement café will cease at 11.00pm and any use of the outside seating will not be used by patrons after this time

**The Protection of Children from Harm**

1. No persons under the age of 18 will be allowed access to the premises
2. The "Challenge 25" scheme will be applied by all members of staff where there is a sale of alcohol
3. "Challenge 25" signage will be displayed within the premises which is a retailing strategy that encourages anyone who is over 18 but looks under 25 to carry and show when requested acceptable ID (a card bearing the PASS hologram, a photographic driving licence or a passport) if they wish to purchase alcohol
4. Staff will be trained on the "Challenge 25" scheme and what forms of identification are acceptable
5. Where a sale of alcohol is refused to a person who appears intoxicated, appears to be under 18, over 18's purchasing alcohol and passing to under 18's (proxy sales) or where entry to the premises is refused, a refusal register / log will be updated and endorsed to record the information. The register to be kept on the premises at all times and made available to police / local authority officers upon request

**Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

None

**Annex 4 – Plans attached**

Attached



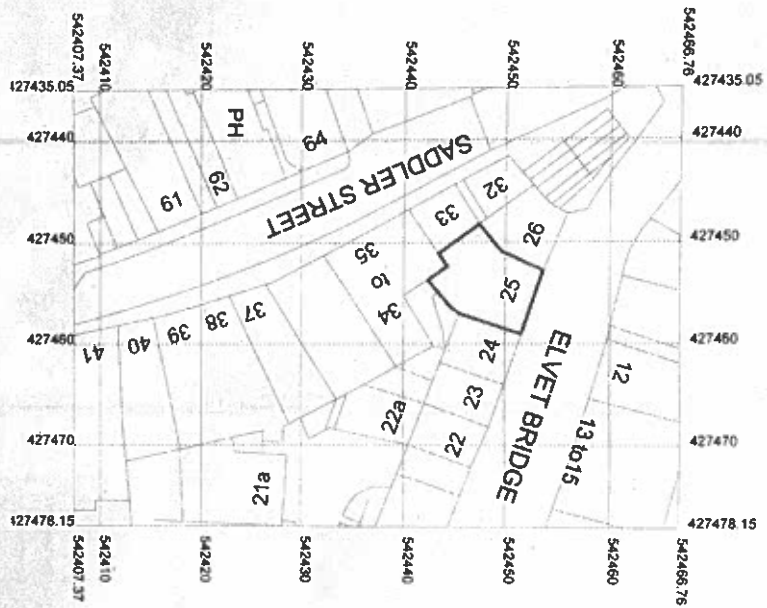
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**Head of Community Protection**



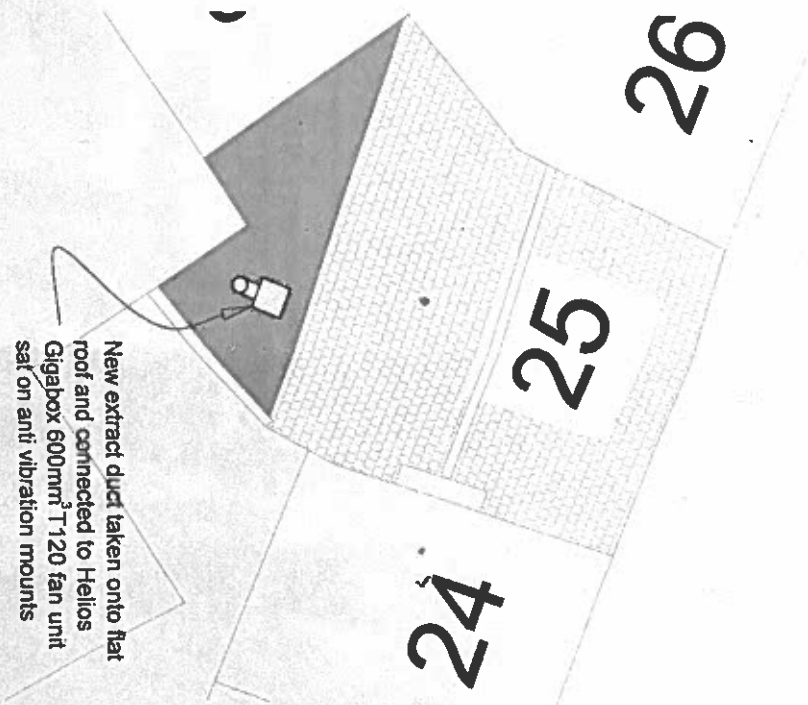
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Block Plan 1:100

25 ELVET BRIDGE  
DURHAM

SITE LOCATION PLAN

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## **Appendix 4: Representation**

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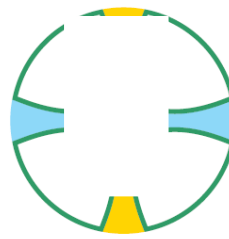
**From:** Adam Shanley  
**Sent:** 18 December 2022 13:52  
**To:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods)  
Licensing  
**Subject:** :Blue Eye

Hi Helen,

Please find attached a copy of my Parish Council's response to this variation application.

Best wishes,

**Adam Shanley**  
**Clerk to City of Durham Parish Council**



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18 December 2022

Dear Licensing team,

**Re: Application to vary a premises licence by Mr Simon Paul Brind for Blue Eye 25 Elvet Bridge, Durham. DH1 3AA**

With reference to the above licensing application, the City of Durham Parish Council wishes to object to this proposal under the objective of preventing a public nuisance.

It is the expectation of the Licensing Authority that, when preparing an operating schedule, applicants are required to set out the steps necessary, if any, for the promotion of the licensing objectives. In doing so, applicants are expected to have regard to the Statement of Licensing Policy and to be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and responsible authorities in terms of the steps that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

The Parish Council Planning and Licensing Committee considered this application at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. In reaching its decision, the Parish Council Planning and Licensing Committee had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2024. The Parish Council Planning and Licensing Committee feels that, should this application be granted in its current form, it will fail to uphold this important licensing objective.

### **Preventing a public nuisance**

The prevention of public nuisance is an important licensing objective. Two of the greatest irritations to residents are noise and public nuisance associated with licensed premises. If representations are made, noise and nuisance might preclude the grant of a licence or certificate or, if one has already been granted, could be a ground for review, with a view to the imposition of further conditions or, if the licensing objectives cannot be achieved by such conditions, revocation of the licence or certificate.

When dealing with applications and issuing licences, the Council (when their discretion is engaged) is more likely to impose stricter conditions on premises operating in residential areas.

Proper consideration should therefore be given to the proximity of licensed premises not only to residents and businesses, but also in relation to other sensitive premises, to ensure they are in a position that does not adversely affect their ability to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives. Appendix A below sets out a list of residential properties within approximately 100 metres of this site and serves to highlight the level of residential uses within the vicinity of this premises.

This variation application seeks permission to a) extend the sale of alcohol hours (on sales) Monday to Sunday to 2.00am, b) extend the hours for recorded music Monday to Sunday to 2.00am, c) extend opening hours to 2.30am Monday to Sunday and d) amend a condition on the operating schedule to read: *“no persons under the age of 18 will be allowed access to the premises after 9.00pm”*.

At present, the premises has a license for the sale of alcohol and the playing of recorded music Monday to Sunday to 1.00am and closes at 1.30am. As such, this premises is already operating outside Durham County Council’s Licensing Framework hours for this category of premises on weekdays (i.e. “premises licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises e.g. pubs, social clubs and nightclubs” which are 07.00 to 00.00 weekdays and 07.00 to 01.00 on weekends) and approval of this variation would further push the hours of licensable activities beyond the framework.

Moreover, this premises gained planning permission for its current use as a drinking establishment on 19th October 2018. Condition 3 of this approval is set out as follows:

**Condition 3:** *The hours of operation shall be limited to be between 8am and midnight 7 days a week.*

**Reason:** *To reflect the hours agreed with the applicant on the 17th October 2018 to protect the residential amenity of the area in accordance with Policy H13 of the City of Durham Local Plan 2004 and promote safe communities in accordance with Part 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

At present, this premises is operating outside the hours restricted by its planning approval. Clearly the issue of residential amenity was a concern to the Council in 2018, such that the hours of operation were limited to those set out at Condition 3 of the planning approval and both the Environmental Health team and the Police both insisted on a midnight closing time in 2018 accordingly. This premises should conform with these conditions, particularly given its proximity to residential accommodation.

The Parish Council is unclear as to why the applicant is requesting permission for the additional hours for this premises. This is not only in conflict with the County Council’s Licensing Framework hours, the planning conditions for this premises but also the resident led *“Shh...11pm-7am”* campaign. This application causes real concern regarding the potential of a public nuisance in the form of late-night noise to local residents. Durham is a small, compact city centre with many residential streets in very close proximity to one another. The

Parish Council believes that full consideration should be given to the risk of disturbance to residents. As such, the Parish Council objects to this license and its proposed operating hours in the interests of preventing a public nuisance.

This application should be refused in its present form.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Shanley**

**Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council**

**Appendix A – list of nearby residential dwellings (within approximately 100 metres of the application site).**

13 Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AA

12a Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AA

35 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

38 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

Flat, 59 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

44 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

67a Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

Bedsit, 45-46 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

Managers Flat, 45-46 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NU

64b Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3PG

67b Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

64 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3PG

74 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

2, Castle View, Saddlers Lane, Durham, DH1 3NY

78b Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

75 Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

78a Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

78c Saddler Street, Durham, DH1 3NP

1, Castle View, Saddlers Lane, Durham, DH1 3NY

6 Saddlers Lane, Durham, DH1 3NY

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**From:** Adam Shanley  
**Sent:** 10 January 2023 12:36  
**To:** Karen Robson  
**Subject:** :Re: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE  
DURHAM DH1 3AA

Dear Karen,

Many thanks for your email.

Just to confirm that we will be maintaining our objection to this application. We would like the hours to remain within the framework hours please.

Best wishes,

**Adam Shanley**  
**Clerk to City of Durham Parish Council**

On Mon, 9 Jan 2023 at 13:05, Karen Robson

Afternoon Adam

We have received an amendment to the current variation application as detailed below, following communications between Durham Constabulary and the licence holder's solicitor.

Could you therefore let me know whether or not the City of Durham Parish Council are also satisfied with these adjustments and wish to withdraw their objection:

**“Sales of alcohol to cease at 1:30am and the premises to close at 2am”**

I look forward to hearing from you by return.

Regards, Karen



**Karen Robson**

**Senior Licensing Officer**

Community Protection Service

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Durham County Council

Annand House

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## **Appendix 5: Responsible Authorities Comments**

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Contact: Jess White  
Direct Tel:  
email:  
Your ref:  
Our ref: CON28/22/03497



Tracey Marie Lock  
Annand House  
Meadowfield  
Durham  
DH7 8RS

20th December 2022

Dear Tracey Marie Lock

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Proposed      Variation of a premises licence  
At              25 Elvet Bridge Durham DH1 3AA  
For              Tracey Marie Lock

A consultation has been forwarded on to the Local Planning Authority regarding the Variation of a premises licence.

The applicant is required to formally discharge the planning conditions attached to DM/18/02199/FPA where condition 3 relates to the opening hours;

*The hours of operation shall be limited to be between 8am and midnight 7 days a week.*

*Reason: To reflect the hours agreed with the applicant on the 17th October 2018 to protect the residential amenity of the area in accordance with Policy H13 of the City of Durham Local Plan 2004 and promote safe communities in accordance with Part 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

Therefore, a details reserved by condition application is required to be submitted to the local planning authority prior to any works commencing on site. Unfortunately I am unable to advise whether the proposed opening hours will be considered acceptable due to the limited information.

Yours sincerely

Jess White  
Assistant Planning Officer

**Regeneration, Economy and Growth**

Durham County Council, Planning Development (Central East), Room 4/86-102, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL

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**From:** Public Health  
**Sent:** 13 December 2022 16:35  
**To:** Helen Johnson - Licensing Team Leader (N'hoods); AHS Licensing  
**Cc:** Tracey Lock  
**Subject:** RE: LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

Dear Colleagues

I have received an application to vary a licence for the establishment: BLUE EYE 25 ELVET BRIDGE DURHAM DH1 3AA

I have no comments or objections to make on behalf of County Durham Public Health.

My Ref: PH/2021/0264

Kind regards

Jade Tunney  
Public Health Management Support Administrator  
Resources - Procurement, Sales & Business Services

Durham County Council  
Room 3/56 – 3/71  
Durham County Council  
County Hall, DH1 5UJ

Tel Number  
Email:

Our Ref: TM/Blue Eye Durham/1222

20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Simon Paul Brind,

Dear Sir,

**Re: Application for a Variation of Premises License – Blue Eye Durham**

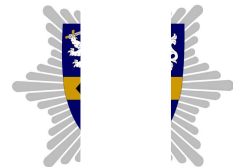
I represent the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership (DSCP) which is a responsible authority under the Licensing Act.

I can confirm that based on the information you have provided, the Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership has no comments or objections.

Regards

**TRACY MARATTY**

Safeguarding Children Partnership Administration Officer  
Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership



Chief Fire Officer: Stuart Errington

Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters,  
Belmont Business Park, Durham, DH1 1TW

Date: 18 December 2022

This matter is being dealt with by: Daniel Smith

Ext:

Our Ref: 2A40850025

Your Ref: N/A

Dear Tracey

**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**  
**Blue Eye Bar, 25 Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AA**

I acknowledge your application dated 13 December 2022 for a Variation to Premises Licence under The Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the above named premises.

No representations will be made to the Licensing Authority subject to the responsible person for the above premises ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

A suitable and sufficient fire safety risk assessment must be carried out in order to comply with the above Order.

For further guidance please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-safety-advice-documents> which provides information about the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number or e-mail address shown above or visit our website [www.ddfire.gov.uk](http://www.ddfire.gov.uk) and follow the link to Fire safety at work.

Yours faithfully

  
Daniel Smith  
Fire Safety Section

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## **Appendix 6: Statement of Licensing Policy**

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**7.3 Prevention of Public Nuisance** - Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning, can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping near the premises.

The concerns relate, amongst other things, to litter, light pollution, noxious odours and noise nuisance resulting from music, human voices, ventilation equipment and vehicles. The **council will expect** applicants to demonstrate that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified, and will be implemented and maintained, with the intention of preventing public nuisance relevant to the individual style, location and characteristics of the premises and events.

If an external structure or area is to be used by customers, whether for consumption of alcohol or for smoking, the **applicant will be expected** to offer measures designed to minimise its impact on residents in respect of both public nuisance and crime and disorder. These measures may include a restriction on hours that areas / structures will be used or appropriate signage requesting customers to consider residents and monitoring of such areas by staff.

The placement of tables and chairs outside of licensed premises may give rise to public nuisance including noise and litter. When tables and chairs are situated on the public highway, relevant authorisations will often be required from the Highways Authority. Enquiries concerning such consents should be made to the Council's Highway's Section (see Appendix III). In predominantly commercial areas, such as shopping centres, the use of tables and chairs outside may be allowed however, the **council will normally expect** them to be removed before the premises close, and any resulting litter/debris cleared away.

**Applicants should consider** reducing potential noise nuisance by, for example (this list is not exhaustive):

- Assessment of likely noise levels in the premises
- Assessment of likely noise levels if outdoor drinking is allowed
- The sound insulation the building would provide (e.g. double glazing, double doors / lobbies to entrances, windows used for ventilation)
- The distance and direction to the nearest noise sensitive premises.
- Likely noise sources outside of the premises (e.g. emptying bottle bins, taxis, unruly customers leaving the premises)
- Dispersal of patrons – where necessary the council will expect a dispersal policy for patrons at the end of the evening. The policy will specify such issues as alterations to the style and volume of music played, public address announcements and use of appropriate signage at exits
- Ways to limit noise / disorder from patrons leaving the premises

The extent to which the above matters will need to be addressed will be dependent on the nature of the area where the premises are situated, the type of premises concerned, the licensable activities to be provided, operational procedures and the needs of the local community.

**Applicants are advised** to seek advice from Durham County Council's Environmental Health team and incorporate any recommendations in their operating schedule before submitting their applications.



**Takeaways and fast-food outlets - The council expects** takeaways and late-night refreshment premises to take reasonable steps in clearing litter from outside their premises and along the pavement in either direction as necessary, whilst the premises are open and at the end of the working day. These premises should maintain clean, dirt or grease free frontages. Such premises should also display notices advising customers of the location of bins and patrons should be encouraged to use the bins made available.

**Important note: The council considers that it will be inappropriate to grant a premises licence permitting the sale of alcohol at premises which are principally used for selling hot food for consumption off the premises (“takeaway” premises).**

Takeaway premises are often open late at night and in the early hours of the morning. They can be associated with disorder as people under the influence of alcohol may congregate outside takeaways after leaving or in some cases having been ejected from late-night licensed premises.

Takeaways operate within the night time economy but without the same framework around them, e.g. pubwatch, use of security staff etc. In addition, alcohol sold from takeaways could readily be consumed in public spaces and may not be subject to the same controls associated with other types of licensed premises.

From a health perspective, obesity levels are rising nationally and locally; without action the health of the population will continue to suffer. Responsible licensees can support the ‘Working toward a healthy weight in County Durham’ goals and the council would see the following steps as a contribution to reducing health harms and health inequalities:

- Menu to display calories per portion information for all food offers.
- Menu to offer at least one clear and stated, 'healthy option' and to be priced competitively.
- Menu to display recommended daily calorie limits for adults (For women the recommended limit is 2,000 calories a day for men it's 2,500).
- Menu to offer smaller / half portions.
- Salt and pepper available upon request rather than always on the table

In addition to the information provided above, **Table 3 in Appendix IV** provides recommendations, suggestions and examples of how to prevent the specific nuisance type outlined. This table is not exhaustive, and every applicant must consider the specific situation, location and circumstances associated with their premises, activities, clientele and workforce when identifying hazards, assessing risks and identifying controls.

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## **Appendix 7: Section 182 Guidance**

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## Public nuisance

- 2.15 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.
- 2.16 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.
- 2.17 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 16). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.
- 2.18 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.
- 2.19 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive

period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

- 2.20 Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.
- 2.21 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.