

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Thursday 8th January 2009

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room B,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Fleet, Fleming and G Lilley

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
 - 3.1 Application for the review of a premises licence – 24 Hour Store, Raby Road, Hartlepool – *Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection*

Licensing Act 2003

Procedure for Hearings

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a representative of the Democratic Services Section shall establish the identity of those present, who they represent and who intends, or wishes to speak.

1. The Chair's opening comments, including introduction of Members of sub-committee and officers present. Explanation of the decision to be considered.
2. Head of Public Protection outlines the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
3. Members ask any questions of the Head of Public Protection.
4. Applicant presents their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
5. Questions by Members to applicant and/or applicant's witnesses.
6. Representations by responsible bodies and/or interested parties and witnesses introduced where appropriate.
7. Questions by Members to responsible bodies/interested parties and/or their witnesses.
8. Parties may question and clarify issues raised with the consent of the Chair.
9. If required, responsible bodies/interested parties be given opportunity to sum up.
10. If required, the applicant to be given opportunity to sum up.
11. Members to have the opportunity to clarify any points raised. The Chair shall ask whether all parties are satisfied they have said all they wish to.
12. Members to go into closed session to deliberate.
13. Chair informs parties of their decision, with reasons.

Report of: Head of Procurement, Property & Public Protection

Subject: APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE – 24 HOUR STORE, RABY ROAD, HARTLEPOOL

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for the review of a Premises Licence in respect of the 24 Hour Store, Raby Road, Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Party requesting review: Mr J Swift
Premises to which application for review relates: The 24 Hour Store
- 2.2 The current licence authorises the off-sale of alcohol for 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.3 A copy of the Premises Licence is attached as Appendix I.
- 2.4 Whilst the premises has a 24 hour licence, the shop actually closes its doors around 23:00 hours but continues to serve the public through a hatch at the front of the premises that is directly opposite Furness Street.

3. SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION

- 3.1 Mr Swift lives in Furness Street which is in the vicinity of the licensed premises in question and as such he is an Interested Party as defined by the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.2 Mr Swift first submitted an application for the review of the licence in September 2008 but as the application had not been made in strict accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act, Mr Swift was advised that his application must be re-submitted.
- 3.3 This was done on 7th November and it can be summarised as follows: -
- a) There are sales of alcohol to people who are under age
 - b) Long queues outside the shop cause fighting in the street

- c) Men and women urinate outside the premises
- d) Customers buy alcohol, immediately consume it and leave their empty bottles in Furness Street
- e) Taxis, cars and vans obstruct the adjacent road and play loud music
- f) Drunken people abuse local residents

- 3.4 A copy of the application for review is attached as Appendix II.
- 3.5 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and representations have been received from Cleveland Police, Iain Wright M.P. and a Ward Councillor.
- 3.6 Cleveland Police have stated that the area in which the licensed premises is situated already suffers from drink related crime and disorder and that allowing the licence to continue in its current form would undermine all of the licensing objectives. Chief Inspector Michael Williams recommends that the sale of alcohol should not be permitted after 2300 hours.
- 3.7 A copy of the Police's representation is attached as Appendix III and supporting evidence in the form of statements from Police Community Support Offices and Police Offices will be presented at the hearing.
- 3.8 The representation from Iain Wright M.P. states that he has received 51 representations from residents of Addison Road, Furness Street, Cameron Road, Belk Street and Middleton Road.
- 3.9 Mr Wright M.P. refers to issues of crime and anti-social behaviour, noise disturbance, littering and public urination. A copy of Mr Wright's representation is attached as Appendix IV.
- 3.10 The Ward Councillor's representation refers to anti social behaviour, noise, littering and fighting and states that reducing the hours for the sale of alcohol to 2200 or 2300 hours would vastly improve the quality of life for residents in the area. The Ward Councillor's representation is attached as Appendix V.

4. ISSUES

- 4.1 An application for the review of a licence is made under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application must be made by either a Responsible Authority or Interested Party as defined by the Act. Mr Swift is an Interested Party.
- 4.2 The application must also relate to at least one of the Act's 'licensing objectives'. These are: -
- The prevention of crime and disorder;

- Public safety;
 - The prevention of public nuisance; and
 - The protection of children from harm
- 4.3 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and representations have been received from Cleveland Police, Iain Wright M.P. and a Ward Councillor.
- 4.4 Following consideration of the application, relevant representations and any comments of the licence holder, Members may take such steps as they consider necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 4.5 The steps are: -
- To take no action;
 - To modify the conditions on the licence (this may include altering the times during which alcohol may be supplied or adding, amending or omitting a condition);
 - To exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
 - To remove the Designated Premises Supervisor;
 - To suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
 - To revoke the licence

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That Members consider the representations made by the applicant, the Responsible Authority and licence holder and determine what action, if any, should be taken.



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THE LICENSING ACT 2003
PREMISES LICENCE (PART A)

Premises licence number HART/PS/132

Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference, or description			
119-123 Raby Road			
Post Town	Hartlepool	Post code	TS24 8DT
Telephone number			
01429 868888			

Where the licence is time limited the dates	
N/A	

Licensable activities authorised by the licence	
<u>Alcohol Sales</u>	
Off-Supplies	

The time the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities		
<u>Alcohol Sales</u>		
Off-Supplies	Monday – Sunday	0001 – 0000

The opening hours of the premises		
Monday – Sunday 0001 – 0000		

APPENDIX 1

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies

Off Supplies

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Peter Maxfield
18 Hillside Close
New Marske
Redcar
TS11 8HW

Tel: 01642 480518

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

N/A

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Angela Breeze
19 Mapleton Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8NL

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

HART/PL/114

Date licence granted: 20th December 2005

ANNEX 1 – Mandatory Conditions

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-

- a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
- b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence

APPENDIX 1

ANNEX 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

1. Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied for Off Sales, except during permitted hours

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises, unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
 - (b) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
 - (c) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
 - (d) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
2. Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.
 3. There shall be at least two fully operational CCTV cameras at the premises. These shall be regularly maintained and recordings shall be retained for a minimum of 28 days. Recordings shall be made immediately available to a Police Officer or authorised officer of Hartlepool Borough Council on request.

One CCTV camera shall be positioned on the front exterior of the premises and shall be directed towards Furness Street. The other shall, during the hours the premises are open to the public, be directed towards the shopping aisles. When the premises close to the public this camera shall be re-directed towards the serving hatch.

ANNEX 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

None

ANNEX 4 - Plans

See attached

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**APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE OR CLUB
PREMISES CERTIFICATE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

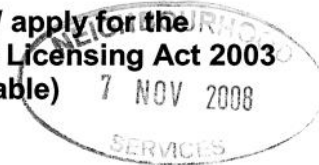


PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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 J. Swift / TENGENTS FURNESS CAMERON BOLL
(Insert name of applicant)

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 24. HOOK STONE RASY ROAD	
Post town HARTLEPOOL	Post code (if known)

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) ANISIE BRIDGE

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) NOT KNOWN

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below) | |
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

SWIFT

First names

JOHN

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes



Current postal address if different from premises address

S. FURNESS STREET

Post town

Post Code

TS24 8DN

Daytime contact telephone number

07939418154

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address	3 FURNESS ST AMELIA SWANSON 7 FURNESS ST LISA CARROL 9 FURNESS ST MADELINE MADGE 15 FURNESS ST DORCEN OLIVER 23 FURNESS ST TRISH OLIVER 22 FURNESS ST BRIAN KINGSTON 14 FURNESS ST GRAHAM NICKELSON
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	

13 FURNESS ST MARTIN FOWLER
8 FURNESS ST CHARLES BROWN
10 FURNESS ST SAM GREEN
20 FURNESS ST JOE HALL
11 FURNESS ST MARIG SUMMERVILLE
6 FURNESS ST JOANNE HALL

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

STAFF FALLING TO SLEEP ON NIGHT DUTY
FIGHTS BREAK OUT. PEOPLE ACCUSE STAFF OF
BEING SHOT CHANGED OR ROBBED SELLING
ALCOHOL TO UNDER AGED PEOPLE LONG QUEUES
OUTSIDE CAUSE FIGHTS TO BREAK OUT PEOPLE
SICK OF WAITING TO BE SERVED STAFF ARE TO
SLOW MEN + WOMEN URINATING OUTSIDE SHOP
AND SURROUNDING AREA BUYING ALCOHOL IN GLASS
BOTTLES DRINKING IT OUTSIDE SHOP THEN
THROWING EMPTY BOTTLE ACROSS ROAD TO
FULNESS BACK STREET AND SMASHING TAXIS,
CARS - VANS OBSTRUCTION ROAD SOME PLAYING
LOUD MUSIC PEOPLE CLIMBING OUT OF TAXIS -
CARS CLIMBING BARRIER TO GO TO THE SHOP
SOME BODY WILL BE KILLED PEOPLE
WHO COME TO THE SHOP ARE FROM
TOWN, PETITLGE, MIDDLESBROUGH
COLLEGES AS THIS IS THE ONLY
24 HOUR STORE

P.T.O

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

DRUNKEN PEOPLE HURLING ABUSIS
AT PEOPLE AND RESIDENTS OF SURROUNDING
AREA THIS AREA IS OUT OF CONTROL ON
WEEKENDS WHEN FIGHTS BREAK OUT STAFF
ARE RELUCTANT TO PHONE POLICE SOME
RESIDENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO COME OUT
OF THESE PREMISES AFTER A CERTAIN TIME
I HAVE WITNESSED HORRIBLE FIGHTS DRUNK
DRIVERS I HAD A VEHICLE WROTE OFF
BY DRUNK DRIVERS WHO USE THE 24
HOUR STORE ALL THE RESIDENTS OF
F.C.B ARE LOOKING FOR IS TO BE ABLE
TO SLEEP AS THIS GOES ON FROM
THURSDAY TILL MONDAY IT STARTS WHEN
PEOPLE HAVE TO BE SERVED FROM THE
HATCH 10PM TILL 6AM

Please tick yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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

WHEN THE NEW LATE LICENCE
CAME INTO FORCE THE 24 HOUR STORE
APPLIED FOR ONE F.C.B OBJECTED
THEY RE APPLIED AND F.C.B AGREED
TO WORK WITH THE PROPOSER OF THE STORE
THEY WERE GRANTED THE LICENCE
WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT THESE
PREMISES HAD BEEN SELLING ALCOHOL FOR
A NUMBER OF YEARS WITHOUT A LICENCE
24 HOURS A DAY I THOUGHT THIS WOULD
HAVE SOME BEARING ON THERE
APPLICATION FOR THESE NEW LICENCE

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

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

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent
(See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date

5/11/08

Capacity

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)	
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. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Copies of this completed application form must be sent to:-

**The Licensing Team (HBC),
Principal Trading Standards Officer (HBC)
Development Control Manager (HBC)
Principal Environmental Health Officer (Commercial Services) (HBC)
Principal Environmental Health Officer (Environmental Protection) (HBC)
Head of Safeguarding and Review (Licensing) (HBC)
Cleveland Police,
Cleveland Fire Brigade**

Addresses for the above organisations are attached.

**The Licensing Section
Public Protection and Housing
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY**

Licensing Act 2003 Consultees



The Licensing Team
Public Protection & Housing
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Hartlepool
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Principal Trading Standards Officer
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Civic Centre
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Chief Fire Officer
Community Services Group
Fire Engineering Hartlepool
Fire Brigade HQ
Endeavour House
Stockton Road
Hartlepool
TS25 5TB

The Licensing Officer
Hartlepool Police Office
Avenue Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AB

Development Control Manager
Hartlepool Borough Council
Bryan Hanson House
Hanson Square
Hartlepool
TS24 7BT

Head of Safeguarding and Review (Licensing)
Hartlepool Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Hartlepool
TS24 7EQ

Principal Environmental Health Officer
(Commercial Services)
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY

Principal Environmental Health Officer
(Environmental Protection)
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY

Your Ref:
Our Ref: LICE/20/599/MN

When telephoning please use
(01642) 301231 to contact
Marie Nevison
Marie.Nevison@cleveland.pnn.police.uk

28th November 2008

Dear Mr Maxfield

Re:- Application for Review of Premises Licence
24 Hour Shop, 119 – 123 Raby Road, Hartlepool
Representations by Cleveland Police

Following the resubmission for a review of the above premises licence, I confirm that the representations/evidence submitted on 3 October 2008 from Cleveland Police is the same representations/evidence which will be relied upon at the new hearing.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Marie Nevison
On behalf of Legal Services

Mr Peter Maxfield
18 Hillside Close
New Marske
Redcar
TS11 8HW

Sean Price QPM BSc(Hons) MSt(Cantab)
Chief Constable

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Ladgate Lane
Middlesbrough
TS8 9EH

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Facsimile: 01642 301227
DX 68801 Middlesbrough 7

Your Ref:
Our Ref: MN/KR

When telephoning please use
Direct Line (302567) to contact
PC Swales

3rd October, 2008

Dear Sirs,

Re: Licensing Act 2003
Application for Review of Premises Licence
24 Hour Shop – 119 – 123 Raby Road, Hartlepool

Cleveland Police are aware that an application for review of the above Premises Licence has been made by an interested party under section 51 Licensing Act 2003.

Following the application for review, I confirm that Cleveland Police wish to make representations for the following reasons:

The premise is situated close to a residential area and in an area which already suffers from crime and disorder and drink related problems. Cleveland Police are therefore of the opinion that by allowing this licence to continue in its current form, all of the licensing objectives are being undermined.

Following concerns regarding reported incidents of anti social behaviour and crime and disorder connected to the premises, PC Swales visited the premises and reminded the DPS, Angela Breeze of her duty to promote the licensing objectives. At this meeting, PC Swales advised Angela Breeze that she could contact Cleveland Police for any advice and support she required.

Licensing Department
Hartlepool Borough Council
DX 60669
Hartlepool



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0800 555 111

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Due to the fact that the premise has a licence 24 hour licence to sell alcohol, the area is inundated with persons of all ages frequenting the area after the night time economy has ceased in order to purchase further alcohol. Persons are visiting the area in taxis and this has resulted in information being passed to Cleveland Police that taxis are parking on double yellow lines outside the premise which is having a detrimental impact on the quality of life of residents.

In addition to the above, further reported incidents have occurred related to the premises. On one occasion, persons arrested outside the premise for drunk and disorderly were also found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

Whilst Cleveland Police believe that the Designated Premises Supervisor, Angela Breeze and her staff are doing their best to promote the licensing objectives and they are co operative with Cleveland Police, the situation appears to be defeating them. Due to either the pressures upon the premises or a lack of due diligence, an under age sale was made on 11 July 2008.

A copy of the following evidence upon which Cleveland Police intend to rely is enclosed with these representations, namely:

1. Witness statement of PC Swales and exhibits
2. Witness statement of Chief Inspector Williams

Further evidence may be submitted at a later date.

I trust that the above information is sufficient to form the basis of police representations. Should you have any further queries in relation to this matter, you may wish to speak to PC Swales on the above number.

Yours faithfully,



M. Nevison
Legal Adviser



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

The Licensing Team
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY



3 December 2008

Dear Sir / Madam

Late night alcohol sales 119-123 Raby Road

As Hartlepool's Member of Parliament I have received a number of complaints from constituents in respect of the licence to sell alcohol 24 hours a day from the 24 Hour Store, 119-123 Raby Road. I have received a total of 51 objections to the proposal from households in Addison Road, Furness Street, Cameron Road, Belk Street and Middleton Road.

A number of residents have stated to me that they did not wish to publicly state their objections for fear of reprisals and have therefore written to me to request that I, as their MP, make representations on their behalf. Having reviewed the case, I am happy to do so because I believe there is a strong case for not providing alcohol from these premises 24 hours a day.

My principal objection to the licence is down to the criminal and anti-social behaviour in the neighbouring residential streets that residents are experiencing. Residents have informed me that the problem is worsening over time. They are experiencing noise disturbances from vehicles, loud music, shouting, swearing, fighting, littering and urinating in the streets. People who are purchasing the alcohol at such a late hour are in most cases drunk already, and any appeals for quiet from the residents often met with abuse, threats and intimidation.

Problems of criminal and anti-social behaviour are worst at weekends. However, I am concerned at reports of unruly behaviour during the week. This has the effect of disrupting people who are required to get up for work as well as the impact of children and their schooling. I am particularly concerned that children in their area are being disrupted at night, which will affect their ability to concentrate during the day.

Constituency Office 23 South Road, Hartlepool TS26 9HD

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In addition to the disruption to local residents, I am concerned at the financial and other operating costs to the Police and other agencies that this licence is imposing. I believe that the presence of the 24-hour drinking licence places a disproportionate burden upon resources; the opportunity cost of providing adequate police cover elsewhere in the town is therefore high. Although the main effects of the licence are felt locally, I think it is also having an impact upon services throughout Hartlepool.

The junction of Hart Lane, Raby Road and Middleton Road is extremely busy, and the close proximity of the shop to the junction causes problems. I have seen at first hand irresponsible parking in the area when people are using the shop, which I believe increases the risk that an accident will take place at the junction. In addition, the junction is a major route for ambulances and other emergency services in the town, and I am concerned that the irresponsible parking may lead to disruption and delay for emergency vehicles.

I understand that the management of the premises have worked hard alongside the Police to minimise the problems caused by their customers; however despite their best efforts the presence of 24 hour alcohol selling has caused significant problems.

I have no doubt that the shop has many customers who act reasonably and park with care and consideration for others; however this does not appear to be simply an isolated or occasional incident but sustained and persistent problems caused by a number of customers who are attracted to the premises directly because they can purchase alcohol at all hours. I would therefore urge you in reviewing the licence to consider the many people locally whose lives are being made a misery by these late night customers and bring about a positive change for local residents.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Wright', written in a cursive style.

Iain Wright
Member of Parliament for Hartlepool

Councillor Robbie Payne
Executive Member
Finance and Efficiency

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Our Ref:

CEMS/EL/RP



24th October 2008

- Re-Submitted 1/12/08

Ian Harrison
Principal Licensing Officer
Consumer Services
Civic Centre

Dear Ian

Re: 24 Hour Store, Raby Road, Hartlepool

I write in support of the residents of Furness Street who wish for the review of the Premises Licence to sell alcohol for 24 hours at the above shop.

The anti social behaviour, in the Furness Street area is due mainly to the sale of alcohol from this store, especially in the early hours of the morning, 7 days a week. As you can imagine the noise, litter, fighting etc is totally unacceptable and the sale of alcohol to 10 or 11 o'clock at night would vastly improve the residents in the area, quality of life.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Robbie Payne