

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday 7th October 2005

At 2pm

in the Council Chamber

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Lilley, Richardson and Worthy

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
 - 3.1 Verona Pizzeria (*Head of Public Protection and Housing*)

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 and Housing 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 and Housing
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 Public Protection and Housing

Subject: APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE
FOR VERONAS PIZZERIA

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Veronas Pizzeria, Wiltshire Way, Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Applicant: Moussa Chahine
Premises: Veronas Pizzeria
Unit 3
Wiltshire Way
Hartlepool
TS26 0TB

- 2.2 This application is for a new Premises Licence as the activities to which this application refers were not previously licensable and no other licences are currently in force.

3. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 3.1 The applicant has applied for a new Premises Licence for the following activities: -

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Late Night Refreshment | Mon – Sat | 1100 – 1400 |
| | Mon – Sun | 1600 – 2330 |

- 3.2 A copy of the application is attached as Appendix I although Members should note that the applicant has requested an amendment to their original application, as seen in Appendix I, to reduce the proposed closing time from 0030 to 2330 throughout the week.

- 3.3 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and two representations have been received from **Interested Parties** who live in the immediate vicinity (Appendices II and III).

- 3.4 Both representations were received prior to the applicant amending their application and it has not been possible to establish whether their objections remain. However, both interested parties refer in their representations to noise caused by visiting traffic after 2300, anti-social behaviour and litter.

4. ISSUES

- 4.1 As relevant representations have been received within the prescribed time period, a hearing must be held for Members to consider those representations (unless all parties agree a hearing is unnecessary).
- 4.2 Members may be aware that as the sale of late night refreshment from take-away restaurants has not previously been licensable, it has been possible for such premises to remain open for as long as they wished, subject to having appropriate planning permission. There are no planning restrictions relating to these premises.
- 4.3 As the Licensing Act 2003 defines late night refreshment as the provision of hot food after 11:00 p.m. Members may not impose any conditions, or hours restrictions that would have effect prior to this time.
- 4.4 No complaints have been received by the Public Protection and Housing Division regarding noise emanating from the premises.
- 4.5 The licensing objectives are: -
- a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - b) public safety;
 - c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - d) the protection of children from harm
- 4.6 Having regard to the representations received, Members may take any of the following steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 1) Grant the application without amendment
 - 2) Grant the application with conditions, or amended conditions
 - 3) Reject the application in full, or in part
- 4.7 Members are reminded that they must only consider those aspects of the licence application that are relevant to the representations received.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That Members consider the representations made by the applicant and interested parties and determine whether the licence should be granted and, if appropriate, what conditions, if any, should be attached.

Appendix I

Hartlepool Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY



APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED 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 or typed in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/we, Moussa Chahine apply for as premises licence under section 17 of (insert name(s) of applicant) the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Verona Pizzeria Unit 3 Wiltshire Way. Hartlepool	
Post Town	Post Code
	TS26 0TB

Telephone number at premises (if any) 01429 223222

Non-domestic rateable value of premises £ 7,900.

HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION & HOUSING
- 2 AUG 2005
Passed To: 23798
Dealt With:

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Part - 2 Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

Please tick ✓ yes

- a) An individual or individuals * Please complete section (A)
- b) A person other than an individual *
 - i. as a limited company Please complete section (B)
 - ii. as a partnership. Please complete section (B)
 - iii. as an unincorporated association or Please complete section (B)
 - iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) Please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club Please complete section (B)
- d) a charity Please complete section (B)

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- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section (B)

*If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

- Please tick yes
- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
 - I am making the application pursuant to a
 - statutory function or
 - a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

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

Surname First names

I am 18 years old or over

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post Town Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

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

Surname First names

Please tick
 yes

I am 18 years old or over

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post Town Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS.

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned

Name
Address
Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

Day	Month	Year
0	1	12 0 0 5

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

Day	Month	Year

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

N/A

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

My premises are a small
take-away
The shop is the 3rd shop
along on a parade of shops
I sell hot food.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?
 (Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Please tick yes

Provision of regulated entertainment

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)
 (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of entertainment facilities for:

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j)
 (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

in all cases complete boxes N, O and P

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue						
Wed				State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur						
Fri				Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat						
Sun						

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue						
Wed				State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur						
Fri				Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat						
Sun						

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			
Wed			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Thur			
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon			Both		Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue					
Wed					State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)
Thur					
Fri					Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue						
Wed				State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur						
Fri				Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat						
Sun						

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	Both		
Tue						
Wed				State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur						
Fri				Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat						
Sun						

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing			
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoor		
Mon				Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	Outdoor	
Tue			Both			
Wed						
Thur			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 4)			
Fri						

Sat			<p>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</p>
Sun			

<p>Provision of facilities for making music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)</p>			<p>Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing</p>							
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Wed			<p>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music (please read guidance note 4)</p>							
Thur										
Fri			<p>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</p>							
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<p>Provision of facilities for dancing Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)</p>			<p>Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (see guidance note 2)</p>							
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Day	Start	Finish								
			<p>Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing</p>							

Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue			
Wed			State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities (please read guidance note 4)
Thur			
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
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Sun			

K

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within I or J Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing	
Day	Start	Finish	Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoor
Mon				Outdoor
				Both
Tue			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Wed				
Thur			State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within j or k (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri				
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within I or J at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	
Sun				

L

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y] (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors		
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors		
Mon	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am				
Wed	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am		State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am				
Fri	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	11.00 16.00	14.00 00.30am				
Sun	16.00	00.30am				

M

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box Y) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises		
Day	Start	Finish		Off the premises		
Mon			State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)			
Tue						
Wed						
Thur				Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Personal Licence number(if known)

Issuing licensing authority (if known).....

N

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

None.

O

Hours premises are open to the public Standard timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variation (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11.00am	14.00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
	16.00	00.30am	
Tue	11.00	14.00	
	16.00	00.30am	
Wed	11.00	14.00	
	16.00	00.30am	
Thur	11.00	14.00	
	16.00	00.30am	
Fri	11.00	14.00	
	16.00	00.30am	
Sat	11.00	14.00	
	16.00	00.30am	
Sun	16.00	00.30am	

P

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

I will stop gangs from hanging about
outside my shop
At the moment we have C.C.T.V cameras
in the shop and we plan on keeping
them.

c) Public safety

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Make sure there isn't any rubbish
left outside my shop.

e) The protection of children from harm

CHECKLIST:-

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- 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 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (See guidance note 11) If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Date 1st Aug 2005

Capacity Owner

For joint applications signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent. (please read guidance note 12) If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Date 1st Aug 2005

Capacity Joint Owner

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)	
15, Rushmere Turnberry Park Marton Middlesbrough	
Post town	Post code
	TS8 9XL
Telephone number (if any) (01642) 324993	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. 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.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. For example the 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.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day, e.g. Christmas Eve.
Please give 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.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please give 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, the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
 12. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. 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 detailed in the guidance notes that accompanied this document or can be obtained from the Licensing team on request.

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

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Verona Pizzeria
Unit 3
Wiltshire Way
Hartlepool
TS26 0TB
22nd September 05.

Dear Mr. Harrison,

With Regards to the above named property could I now amend my application so that now I will close at 23.30pm, instead of my previous application which was to close at 00.30am.

Thankyou

Yours faithfully

MChahine

(M. Chahine)

Appendix II



"andrew lawson"
<add_the_fed@hotmail.co
m>

04/08/2005 13:19

To ian.harrison@hartlepool.gov.uk

cc

bcc

Subject Kebab shop on wiltshire way

I have just noticed that the kebab/pizza shop which is located on the mini shopping precinct on Wiltshire way has applied to remain open later.

I wish to object to these extended opening hours for the following reasons:

The only reason that I can see for the shop to open later is to benefit from late night customers, these would be from the recently opened public house. This would mean that intoxicated people would be gathering around the area and as a police officer I am well aware of the troubles that would bring. They would be noisy, the amount of litter will increase and also there is the potential of fights breaking out. Fast food outlets are notorious for being a magnet for people after a night out.

The entrance to the shops is right past my house, at the moment during warm nights I cant open my bedroom windows till after 2300hrs which is late enough, the cars that go past my house do so at great speed, some of which have illegal exhausts which are extremely loud to say the least. Having the traffic going past till the early hours is going to be of great annoyance.

The shops are surrounded on 2 sides by a residential area and I think that the residents views need to be taken into account. There is a big push on at the moment from the Government with regards to tackling anti social behavior, extending the shops hours would bring people into the area late at night and with them the levels of ASB would without a doubt rise.

If they are allowed to open later then who else would also want to do the same? Perhaps tesco and the chinese, it will spiral out of control and I would get no peace.

The application should not be granted for these reasons.

Could you please send me an E mail confirming receipt of this one.

Thanks.

Andrew LAWSON
27 Hartside gardens
Hartlepool
TS26 0XU

Tel 863318

Appendix III



Mr. Nick Corr and Miss Jennifer Coombe
26 Hartside Gardens
Hartlepool
TS26 0XU

Tel: (01429) 861792
12th of September '05

Head of Public Protection and Housing
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool
TS24 8AY

With reference to the proposed extension of business hours of the Verona takeaway on Wiltshire Way adjacent to Hartside Gardens.

Dear Sir,

As residents of Hartside Gardens we must make clear our strong objection to the proposal. There are a number of reasons for this; the overriding issue is that of the detrimental effect to our life in what is a residential area.

With direct relevance to Verona, we currently have to endure the arrival/presence/departure of numerous customers up to 11pm and beyond. Many of these customers come in cars fitted with oversized exhausts creating a lot of noise, in addition cars often 'wheel spin' in and out of the car park, the entrance to which is in front of our house and bedroom and living room windows. We have also witnessed customers 'wheel spinning' within the car park. Also, loud music is often played from cars, with doors and windows open, while in the car park, revving engines and unnecessarily sounded horns are also commonplace. So much so that it is impossible for us to leave our bedroom window open without being disturbed from sleep. This is in addition to shouting and other general disturbance in the late evening.

We fear that the extension of hours will also lead to people arriving in taxis after pubs have closed, adding to the amount of noise we have to endure as well as extending the length of time it will go on for.

We have no doubt that should this proposal be allowed it will have an adverse effect on our health and well being.

Due to the proximity of all the shops adjoining Verona, we are already subjected to large volumes of traffic and associated noise and general pollution. Large goods vehicles begin deliveries (mainly to Tesco Express) before 6am and continue throughout most of the day. Traffic to Tesco Express and the other premises then increases throughout the evening. Presently, this only affords approximately 7 hours, from 11pm to 6am, when we can expect the sort of peace and quiet that most Hartlepool residents would expect throughout the day. The proposal, if allowed will reduce this to only 5 hours and 30 minutes. We believe this is unacceptable and, therefore, urge you to refuse to allow it.

We have no desire to see a local business suffer but we must ask in this case that our suffering be taken into account.

We understand that the takeaway provides a service to residents, one that we have used. However, I can see no benefit for the community related to extending this service. Customers are almost certain to arrive in a car, which means that they could easily travel to takeaways in the town centre that are already open beyond midnight. Most of the other customers are likely to be on route from a night out, which raises behavioural questions, and have travelled from the town centre, where they too will have had access to takeaways if needed. Any customers who are passing from the newly opened Golden Lion could easily arrive a few minutes earlier to avoid the need for extended opening hours.

We have used takeaways in the town centre and know that antisocial behaviour can be a regular occurrence after 11pm. We have no wish to see this sort of behaviour visiting our community any more than it does already. We have already suffered from several attacks of vandalism on our home and car and do not wish to see this increase. Hartlepool already pays to have town centre policing provided to cater for this type of behaviour and this cost must be considered as a factor should the proposed extension be granted.

Finally, we already have to put up with large amounts of litter, including pizza boxes, food trays etc. This rubbish is discarded by customers to Verona and blows into our garden and the gardens of our neighbours. The increase in opening hours is clearly an attempt to attract more customers, and will inevitably lead to an increase in the volume of litter. This litter often includes half eaten meals, which could attract rats and create a greater public health hazard. I appreciate that a road sweeper visits the car park and entrance to Hartside Gardens on most days but merely cleans the roads, not the verges or gardens where it is left for local residents to deal with.

To summarise, we believe that acceptance of the proposal will result in:

- **Unacceptable and unnecessary increase in noise and traffic pollution;**
- **Unacceptable and unnecessary damage to our quality of life;**
- **Unacceptable and unnecessary decrease in respite from disturbance caused by businesses;**
- **Unacceptable and unnecessary increase in antisocial behaviour;**
- **Unacceptable and unnecessary increase in litter/rubbish.**

We are grateful to you for taking the time to consider our comments and hope they will be given due weight when a decision is taken on the proposal to extend business hours of the Verona takeaway.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Nick Corr



Miss Jennifer Coombe