

# LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



**Wednesday 14 March 2012**

**at 10.00 a.m.**

**in Committee Room C,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Brash, G Lilley and Shields.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
  - 3.1 Premises Licence Variation – Sorrentos, 49 Church Street, Hartlepool -  
*Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*

**Report of:** Assistant Director, Regeneration & Planning

**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES  
LICENCE – 49 CHURCH STREET, HARTLEPOOL

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of Sorrentos, 49 Church Street, Hartlepool.

## 2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 Applicant: Mr Forozan Eivazmohammadi

Premises: 49 Church Street  
Hartlepool

- 2.2 The applicant has applied to extend the hours for the provision of late night refreshment to 0400 hours Monday – Sunday with a closing time of 0415 hours Monday - Sunday.

A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 1.

- 2.3 The current licence authorises the provision of late night refreshment as follows: -

Monday	23:00 – Midnight
Tuesday	23:00 – Midnight
Wednesday	23:00 – Midnight
Thursday	23:00 – 02:30 the following morning
Friday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Saturday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Sunday	23.00 – 01.00 the following morning

A copy of the current licence is attached as Appendix 2.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The application is for the variation of an existing premises licence in respect of Sorrentos takeaway, 49 Church Street, Hartlepool.

- 3.2 The premises licence was originally granted in 2005 but in 2010 the licence holder applied to extend the weekend opening hours from 0230 hours to 0400 hours.

- 3.3 A licensing sub-committee considered the representations of Cleveland Police and determined that the application for an extension of hours be refused and that additional conditions be added to the licence relating to the implementation and operation of a CCTV system.
- 3.4 In March 2011 the licence for Sorrentos was reviewed following an application by Cleveland Police. The Police alleged that the premises had persistently stayed open later than its licence permitted and that there had been a serious incident at the premises during which a member of staff had assaulted a customer. The premises licence holder had then been unable to provide any CCTV footage of the alleged assault – breaching a licence condition that had been imposed by a licensing sub-committee in 2010 and detailed in paragraph 3.3 above.
- 3.5 At the licence review hearing the sub-committee considered the representations made by the licence holder and Cleveland Police and determined that the licence should be revoked.
- 3.6 The revocation of the licence was appealed to Hartlepool Magistrates Court but, before it could be heard, the licence was transferred to another licence holder who agreed to a number of new conditions for the licence including the provision of a door supervisor after 2300 hours on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 3.7 As Cleveland Police were satisfied that the new proposed conditions, and the introduction of a new licence holder, would promote the licensing objectives it was necessary to agree to the reinstatement of the licence. In effect, the Council no longer had a witness to support its original decision to revoke the licence and could not therefore defend an appeal at Magistrates Court.
- 3.8 Following the transfer of the licence the premises remained closed to the public until December 2011 during which time it was refurbished.
- 3.9 The current application to extend the operating hours has been advertised in the prescribed manner and representations have, once again, been received from Cleveland Police. A copy of their representation and evidence is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.10 The nature of the representations can be summarised as follows:
- The premises have been observed operating beyond their current licensed hours
  - The new licence holder has not had sufficient time to demonstrate that he can successfully manage the premises
  - Crime and disorder peaks between the hours of 0200 and 0400 hours.

#### 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 In addition to the representations received Members are advised that the Council's current Statement of Licensing Principles (the Licensing Policy) states in paragraph 4.25 that: -

*'The licensing authority does not accept that longer opening hours have been a benefit to Hartlepool but rather that they place an undue and unnecessary strain on the local transport infrastructure, Accident & Emergency services and law enforcement agencies and creates a nuisance for those residents who are affected by revellers returning home during the early hours.*

*....In non residential areas applications for licences to allow the sale of alcohol or the supply of late night refreshment beyond 2:00 a.m. will normally be refused subject to relevant representations being received.'*

4.3 Having regard to the representations received, Members may take any of the following steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- i) Grant the application without amendment
- ii) Grant the application in part and/or with conditions or amended conditions
- iii) Refuse the application

4.4 The licensing objectives are:

- i) The prevention of crime and disorder
- ii) Public safety
- iii) The prevention of public nuisance, and
- iv) The protection of children from harm

4.5 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 Cleveland Police and determine what aspects, if any, of the proposed application should be granted and, if appropriate, what conditions, if any, should be attached.

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

### Application to vary a premises licence 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/We Ferozan Eivazmohammadi being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a  
(Insert name(s) of applicant)  
premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises  
described in Part 1 below

#### Premises licence number

HART/PS/300

#### Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference, or description 49 Church Street	
Post town HARTLEPOOL	Post code TS24 7EB

Telephone number at premises (if any)

01429 277977

Non-domestic rateable value of premises

£6,600-00 p.a.

#### Part 2 – Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address  
(optional)

Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises address

8 Fortrose Avenue  
Sunderland

Post Town

Sunderland

Postcode

SR3 1NT

### Part 3 - Variation

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

If not do you want the variation to take effect from 

Day	Month	Year

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

**Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)**

To extend the hours

## Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

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)

Sale by retail of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

In all cases complete boxes N, O and P

Tue			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)
Wed			
Thur			
Fri			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within I or J</b> (please read guidance note 4)
Sat			
Sun			<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 5)

L

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick [Y]</b> (please read guidance note 2) <i>Provided indoors for consumption only</i>	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	11pm	4AM			
Tue	11pm	4AM	<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	11pm	4AM			
Thur	11pm	4AM	<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	11pm	4AM			
Sat	11pm	4AM			
Sun	11pm	4AM			



# M

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box Y) (please read guidance note 7)</b>	On the premises	
				Off the premises	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)</b>		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur					
Fri					
Sat					
			<b>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)</b>		
Sun					

# 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

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)</b>
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			

Letter from  ~~solicitor~~  
 solicitor - 29/2/12  
 Closing time is 04-15.

Wed			<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 5)
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking

The closing time will need to be amended to accord with the licensing hours.

I have enclosed the premises licence  Please tick ✓ yes

I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence  If you have not ticked one of these boxes please fill in reasons for not including the licence, or part of it, below

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

## P

Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

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

The premises have quality CCTV.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The premises employ an S.I.A. registered security officer to oversee and manage customers.

c) Public safety

The premises are managed by an experienced take away manager namely the premises licence holder. He has worked in the trade since 1989 and has operated a 24 hr take away. He has an unblemished record and is experienced & skilled in dealing with excitable customers.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The reason for the restriction on the licence is that the premises have previously been badly run by a man who aggregated his responsibilities. The premises had a recent re-fit. The waiting area is huge & customers can wait for their food in comfort rather than in comparison with other premises nearby in cramped condition.

e) The protection of children from harm

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation
- 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 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature



Date..... 17 January 2012

Capacity solicitor

Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Date.....

Capacity

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13) Mr John Ellwood Tilly Bailey & Irvine LLP YORK CHAMBERS YORK ROAD	
Post town HARTLEPOOL	Post code TS26 9DP
Telephone number (if any) 01429 264101	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)	



**THE LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**PREMISES LICENCE (PART A)**

Premises licence number

HART/PS/300

**Part 1 - Premises details**

**Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference, or description**

49 Church Street

**Post Town** Hartlepool

**Post code** TS24 7EB

**Telephone number**

01429 277977

**Where the licence is time limited the dates**

N/A

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence**

Late Night Refreshment

**The time the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**

Late Night Refreshment

Monday	23:00 – Midnight
Tuesday	23:00 – Midnight
Wednesday	23:00 – Midnight
Thursday	23:00 – 02:30 the following morning
Friday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Saturday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Sunday	23.00 – 01.00 the following morning

**The opening hours of the premises**

Monday	23:00 – Midnight
Tuesday	23:00 – Midnight
Wednesday	23:00 – Midnight
Thursday	23:00 – 02:30 the following morning

Friday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Saturday	23:00 – 02.30 the following morning
Sunday	23.00 – 01.00 the following morning

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

N/A

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

Mr Forozan Eivazmohammadi  
8 Fortrose Avenue  
Sunderland  
SR3 1UT

Tel No. 07875908543

**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**

N/A

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

N/A

**Date licence granted: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

**ANNEX 1 – Mandatory Conditions**

1. Each individual employed or otherwise engaged at the premises to carry out a security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.



## **ANNEX 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. The exterior windows shall be fitted with safety glass.
2. The premises shall be fitted with an alarm which can be used to summon the police.
3. A digital closed circuit television system (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped. The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed, whilst complying with Data Protection legislation.

CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of **evidential quality** in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition. Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, outside areas and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs. There will be a minimum of 14 days recording. The system will record for 24 hours a day. The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer. The digital recorder will have the facility to be password protected to prevent unauthorized access, tampering, or deletion of images. There will be, at all times, a member of staff on duty who is trained in the use of the equipment and upon receipt of a request for footage from a governing body, such as Cleveland Police or any other Responsible Authority, be able to produce the footage within a reasonable time, eg 24 hours routine or immediately if urgently required for investigation of serious crime.

4. From 23:00 until closing on a Friday and Saturday night, one SIA licensed door supervisor must be deployed at the main access/egress point of the premises. The door supervisor must be employed solely in that capacity.
5. An incident book shall be kept and maintained on the premises at all times. The book shall detail in brief, incident of injury/ejection/refusals challenges. Such matters shall be times, dated and signed by the author and produced to Police/Authorised Licensing Officers on demand.
6. A first aid kit must be readily available at all times when the premises is open to the general public.
7. Any shutters to the premises must be down and all customers must have exited the premises by 12.00am on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, by 2.00am on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday and by 1am on a Sunday (going into Monday).
8. Notices shall be displayed in prominent positions around the premises asking customers to leave in a quiet and orderly manner.



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

1. Notices be displayed and maintained on the premises warning customers that CCTV cameras are in operation

**ANNEX 4 - Plans**

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS YOUR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ATTACH THE CURRENT 'PLAN' TO THIS PREMISES LICENCE AND KEEP THIS LICENCE (OR A CERTIFIED COPY) IN A SECURE PLACE AT THE LICENSED PREMISES.

IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO PRODUCE YOUR PREMISES LICENCE (INCLUDING THE PLAN) UPON REQUEST BY A POLICE OFFICER, LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICER OR AUTHORISED PERSON.

Your Ref:  
Our Ref: LICE/20/704/MN

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

19th January 2012

Dear Sirs

**Re:- Application to Vary Premises Licence - Sorrentos - Church Street, Hartlepool**

Following the above application to vary the Premises Licence to extend the hours of opening from 2.30am until 4.00am, I confirm that Cleveland Police make the following representations:

Historically, late night take aways are a honey pot for persons to frequent when fuelled with alcohol having left late night drinking establishments. This premises is situated in an area which is surrounded by late night drinking establishments. When previous owners were in charge, this premises suffered from incidents, mainly when opening beyond the hours their licence allowed and therefore, Cleveland Police made representations when the premises applied for longer opening hours. The matter was heard in December 2010 and the additional hours were refused.

On 12 January 2011, (admittedly when previous owners were in charge) Cleveland Police made an application to review the Premises Licence due to the premises once again opening after hours and a serious incident occurring at the premises whereby a member of staff assaulted a customer. The matter was heard on 7 March 2011 when the Committee made the decision to revoke the premises licence.

A premises licence was granted to new owners in July 2011 but the premises only re-opened a short while before Christmas. Cleveland Police did not make representations to this application, which requested opening hours until 02.30 on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

Mr Ian Harrison  
Principal Licensing Officer  
Hartlepool Borough Council  
Bryan Hanson House  
Hanson Square  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7BT

However, following an application to extend the opening hours, Cleveland Police have the following concerns and hence, the reasons why representations are now being made:

Despite the premises only being open for a short amount of time, at 02.45 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Cleveland Police are aware that when two females asked if the premises was still open to they were told yes and allowed to purchase a hot kebab.

At 03.05 hours, the doors were still open and PC Thorpe witnessed seven people still inside and despite it being a condition on the premises licence, PC Thorpe was unable to see any Door Supervisor on duty. A condition of the licence stipulates that a Door Supervisor must be deployed at the main access/egress point of the premises and must be employed solely in that capacity.

Police licensing officers received further information that the premises was still open and serving at 03.15 hours.

Cleveland Police believe that despite the fact the premises has only been open for a very short amount of time, they have blatantly ignored a condition on their licence, namely Door Supervisor condition and opened after hours, potentially undermining the Crime and Disorder and Public Safety objectives.

In the event that this application is not withdrawn, further evidence will be provided by Cleveland Police.

Yours faithfully

**Marie Nevison**  
**On behalf of Legal Services**



**RESTRICTED (when complete)****CLEVELAND POLICE****WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s9 MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1(1))

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Statement of Andrew ThorpeAge if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "Over 18") Occupation Police Constable 0894

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Police Constable with Cleveland Police currently stationed at Hartlepool Police Office as a District Licensing Officer.

My role within the Licensing Unit is to monitor licensed premises within Hartlepool, which includes those selling alcohol and those who have a licence to sell hot food. I also ensure that the licensed premises do not undermine the licensing objectives and abide by the licensing conditions attached to their licence. If premises are not abiding by the licence conditions imposed then it is my duty to collate the evidence of the breaches and inform the licence holder of the issues and work with the premises to address those issues.

An application has been received by Sorrento's, 49 Church Street, Hartlepool, to extend the opening hours. Mr Forozan Eivazmohammadi is the Premises Licence Holder. Cleveland Police have made representations due to the fact that if granted, the extension of hours will potentially undermine both the crime and disorder and public safety objectives. Detailed below are incidents, which have occurred in and around the premises. Incidents

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Signature Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

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recorded by Cleveland Police have caused particular concern in relation to Sorrentos over the past 4 months.

At 0245 hrs on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011, I was on patrol on Church Street, Hartlepool dealing with issues emanating from the Night Time Economy. I was walking past Sorrentos when I saw that the lights for the premises were still on and the door was open. Two female revellers were at the counter asking the staff if they were still open to which the member of staff replied "YES" and proceeded to take their order for a hot kebab. I also noticed that there were no door staff present controlling the front door. I was unfortunately called away to an incident before I could go into the premise to speak with the manager.

At 03:05 hours, the same night I was again walking past Sorrentos, Church Street, Hartlepool on my way to another incident when again I noticed that the premises lights were still on and the door again was open. There were around seven people still inside the premises and food was being handed over the counter to customers. As I was on the way to another incident, I resolved to return and speak with the manager. Unfortunately, I was unable to return until after 0400 hours, which by then the premises were closed, and in darkness. However, Cleveland Police licensing received a report that at around 03. 15 hours on the same night, another police officer was walking past Sorrentos when he stopped to look in as the premises lights were still on and there were customers at the serving counter receiving their food from the staff behind the counter.

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As a result of the above breaches of the premises licence, at 2100hrs on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, PS1814 Wrigley and I attended Sorrentos Takeaway and spoke with a male who identified himself as the owner and manager. We raised the issue of their opening past their allowed hours for serving late night refreshments and reminded them of their opening hours and the necessity to ensure the doors were closed to new customers by 0200 hours and the premises to be fully closed by 0230 hours. They were also reminded that they had conditions to have an SIA registered Door Supervisor on their front door dealing exclusively with this duty from 2300 hours until they closed. They agreed that they would ensure this was done although they did not seem sure of their own licence conditions.

All of these conditions are set out clearly in their Premises License and are not open to interpretation but are clear and unequivocal. The management of Sorrentos have proven that they cannot stick to their existing hours without the intervention of police and I would have no confidence in their ability to manage extended opening hours any better.

Although the previous application for review of the premises licence was at a time when the premises was under different ownership, the inherent problems experienced by the night time economy have not changed and the reasoning behind the reduction in hours for the premises are still there. The change in management has not done anything to persuade me otherwise. The premises has only been open under this new ownership for a short amount of time. Given the problems with the night time economy, especially after

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**RESTRICTED (when complete)**

**CLEVELAND POLICE**

Continuation of Statement of **Andrew Thorpe**

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02.00 hours, I do not feel that the current management have had sufficient time to demonstrate that they are successfully able to manage the premises and within a short amount of time, they have already breached their premises licence.

The fact that there have been no further incidents since conditions were placed on the premises licence to reduce the hours of trading, the condition for door staff and the improvement in CCTV indicates that these were worthwhile conditions and that with them correctly in place, it is no doubt assisting to alleviate the problems the premises has been open to previously.

In a climate whereby we are looking to reduce the number of anti-social and crime and disorder incidents in the Hartlepool Town Centre Night Time Economy, (which peaks between 0200 hours and 0400 hours), I do not see how allowing this premises to extend it's hours will alleviate the situation in any way.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_