

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



21 March 2013

at 10.00am

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Sheila Griffin (Chair), Keith Dawkins and Peter Jackson

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
 - 3.1 Application for a New Premises Licence, Vicky's Convenience Store, 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool – *Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)*



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. Representative of the Assistant Director – Regeneration and Planning (or representative) outlines the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
3. Members ask any questions of the representative of the Assistant Director – Regeneration and Planning (or representative)
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: Assistant Director, Regeneration & Planning

Subject: APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE,
VICKY'S CONVENIENCE STORE, 36 MULGRAVE
ROAD, HARTLEPOOL

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for a new premises licence in respect of Vicky's Convenience Store, 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool.

2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 Applicant: Mr Suvaissan Savarimuthu

Premises: 36 Mulgrave Road
Hartlepool
TS26 8EB

- 2.2 The applicant has applied for the following activities: -

Supply of Alcohol (Off Sales)

Monday to Saturday	09:00 – 22:00
Sunday	10:00 – 21:00

A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and whilst no representations were received from any responsible authority they were received from a Neighbourhood Police Sergeant (Appendix 2), a local trader (Appendix 3), five local residents (Appendices 4-8) and three Ward Councillors (attached as Appendices 9 -11).
- 3.2 The objections collectively refer to the potential impact of granting the application on the four licensing objectives of: -
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - Protection of Children from Harm

- 3.3 Among the issues specifically raised by the objectors are a potential for the return of anti social behaviour that had previously been prevalent in the area and a possible increase in underage sales.

4. ISSUES

- 4.1 As relevant representations have been received within the prescribed time period a hearing must be held for Members to consider the application (unless all parties agree a hearing is unnecessary).
- 4.2 The premises to which this application relates has previously been a butchers and most recently a fruit and vegetable shop which closed early in 2012.
- 4.3 Having regard to the representations received, Members may take any of the following steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
- i) To approve the application in its entirety
 - ii) To approve the application in part - with or without the addition of further conditions
 - iii) To reject the whole or part of 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 applicant and the objectors and determine what aspects, if any, of the application should be granted and, if appropriate, what conditions, if any, should be attached.



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 in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We SUBAISSAN SAVARIMUTHU
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of 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			
<u>VICKYS CONVENIENCE STORE</u> <u>36 Mulgane Rd.</u>			
Post town		Post code	
<u>HARTLEPOOL</u>		<u>TS26 8EB</u>	

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ <u>2025</u>

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as
Please tick yes

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) an individual or individuals * | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (A) |
| b) a person other than an individual * | | |
| i. as a limited company | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| ii. as a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iii. as an unincorporated association or | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| c) a recognised club | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| d) a charity | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| e) the proprietor of an educational establishment | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| f) a health service body | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 in Wales ☐ please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England ☐ 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname SAVARIMUTHU			First names SUVAISSAN		
I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes					
Current postal address if different from premises address		confidential			
Post Town HARTLEY					
Daytime contact telephone					
E-mail address (optional)					

confidential

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick yes
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

11 6 11 2012

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

Day Month Year

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note1)

It is the premises where sale of alcohol and licensable activities which should meet the licensable objectives.

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

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick yes

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

Provision of entertainment facilities:

- 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 (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			Both <input type="checkbox"/>
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)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish				
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue						
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)			
Thur						
Fri			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)			
Sat						
Sun						

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			
Thur			
Fri			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>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</u> (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 (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
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)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish				
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)			
Tue						
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 4)			
Thur						
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (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 (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
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 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)			<u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing</u>	
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)	
Wed				
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri				
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sun				

Provision of facilities for making music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing</u>	
			<u>Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue				
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				

J

Provision of facilities for dancing Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (see guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<u>Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing</u>		
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon					
			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
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)			<u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing</u>	
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)	
Wed				
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri				
Sat			<u>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</u> (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 (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

M

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	09:00	22:00			
Tue	09:00	22:00			
Wed	09:00	22:00			
Thur	09:00	22:00	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)		
Fri	09:00	22:00			
Sat	09:00	22:00			
Sun	10:00	21:00			

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name	SUVAISSAN SARARIMUTHU
Address	confidential

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)

X O

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	06:00	23:00	
Tue	06:00	23:00	
Wed	06:00	23:00	
Thur	06:00	23:00	
Fri	06:00	23:00	
Sat	06:00	23:00	
Sun	07:00	22:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend 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)

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)

I will promote ~~the~~ all four licensing objectives. I will always ensure the premises follow ~~the~~ its licensable objectives.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

To prevent crime & disorder I will install CCTV around the premises.

c) Public safety

for the public safety, sign boards and ~~other~~ ~~the~~ safety measure is place

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Report any nuisance inside and outside of the premises to the police and relevant authorities.

e) The protection of children from harm

To protect the children from harm.
~~the~~ ~~have~~ challenge 25 policy should be in place.

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	confidential
Date	15/10/12
Capacity	Sole trader

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	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

confidential

Plan

7m length
wall

6m width

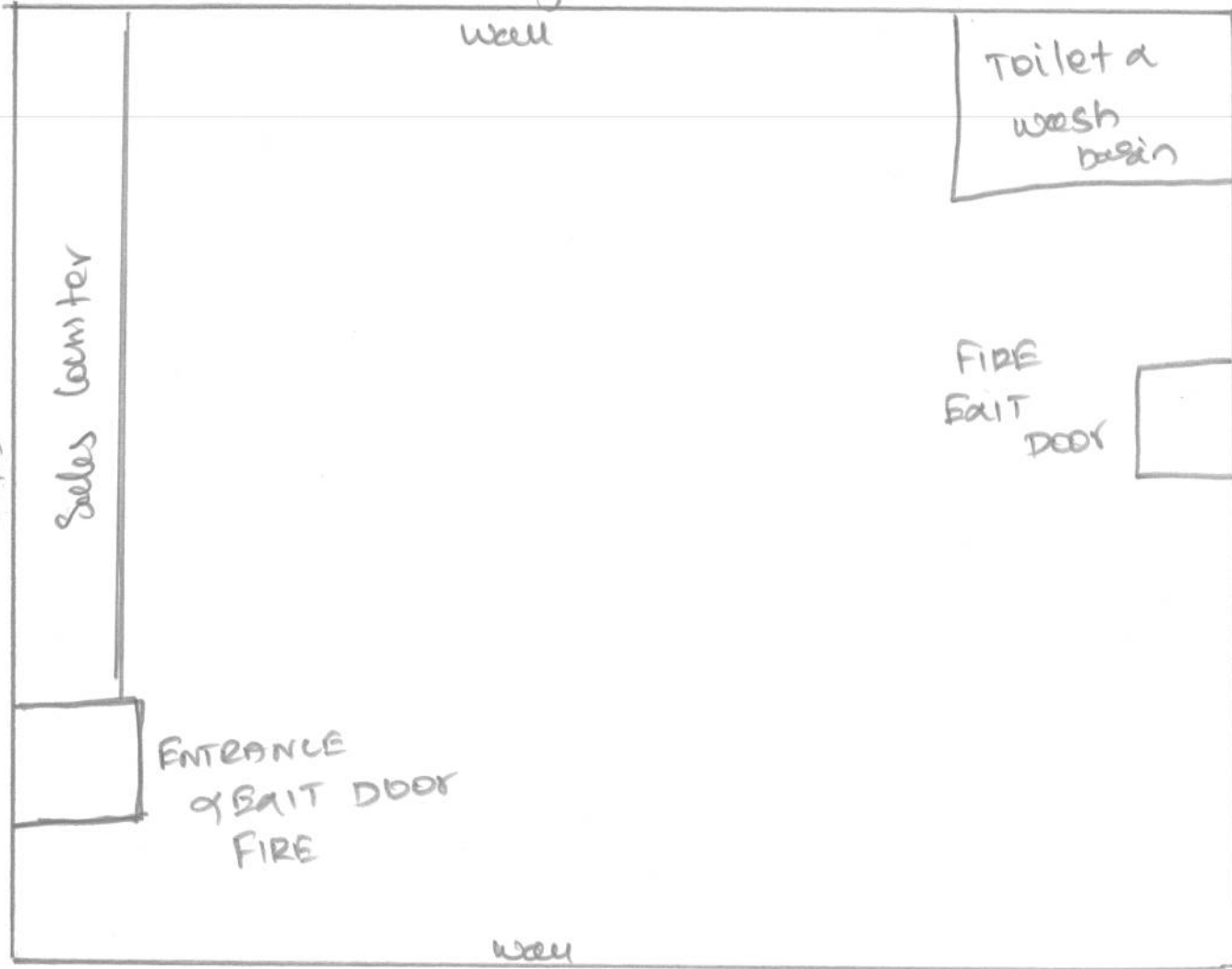
Sales counter

Toilet &
wash
basin

FIRE
EXIT
DOOR

ENTRANCE
& EXIT DOOR
FIRE

wall



WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID LESLIE HALLIDAY

1. My full name is David Leslie HALLIDAY I am a Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant in the Cleveland Police and am responsible for supervising a team of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers in the South and Central Sector Wards in Hartlepool.
2. On hearing about a new alcohol sales licence being sought in of my wards, I had immediate concern as to how that may affect the quality of life of the many residents who my Police Officers and PCSO's support in this busy neighbourhood.
3. The proposed site is situated towards the South-West boundary of the busiest of my six policing wards. I have experienced officers assigned to that ward who work diligently to ensure that crime and anti-social behaviour are policed robustly. Massive improvements have taken place over the years through partnership working, but historically any establishment that sells alcohol will invariably be a catalyst for retail theft and anti-social behaviour usually driven by alcohol abuse. There are other retail outlets nearby that sell alcohol, and another one situated way from the heart of Victoria Ward will only add to the pressures of policing a very busy ward.

4. As previously stated premises that sell alcohol have major potential to attract groups of people who will cause anti-social behaviour. Unlike other off licences that form part of a precinct of shops, this proposal relates to a single shop in very close proximity to residential homes. If the licence is granted it would be highly likely that these residents would be severely affected by noise made by persons both using and loitering near to the store.
5. Historically off licenses have been a target for criminals. With this premises being a retail outlet not immediately surrounded by other stores the staff and customers using the store could be at potential risk from crime and public disorder.
6. Licence holders have a massive responsibility in ensuring that the licensing objectives are met, with none more important than protecting children from harm. The proposed location is on a street corner in a quieter location than most similar outlets. As the premises is further away from the heart of Victoria Ward I feel that young people intent on acquiring alcohol could easily be tempted to target the store staff and customers in order to pressurise adults into purchasing alcohol for them.
7. I am aware of the strength of feeling amongst local residents and Ward Councillors that are opposed to this application, and

feel that the communities views should be taken into account.

8. I have no doubt whatsoever that those residing in the immediate vicinity of 36 Mulgrave Road will have their quality of life severely affected should the application be granted.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

SIGNED:

DATED:

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MICHAEL WESTHORP

1. My full name is Michael Westthorp and I have a Convenience Store/Off Licence on Mulgrave Road, which has been operating for 22 years.
2. In November 2012 I was made aware that an application for an Off Licence for 36 Mulgrave Road had been submitted to Hartlepool Borough Council.
3. On 6th November 2012 I submitted my formal objection to the granting of the Off Licence, as I believe it will be most detrimental to the area, with the return of public nuisance & disorder, due to increased attraction from younger elements of the public to congregate in the area.
4. During the consultation period I was also approached by many of our customers who voiced their concerns regarding the proposed Off Licence and they requested that we arrange a petition in objection to the application. A petition was submitted to Hartlepool Borough Council on 15th November 2012. I produce this petition as Exhibit Number MW01.

5. On 26th October 2005 we were granted a Premises Licence for 26 Mulgrave Road. We listened to our customers who had misgivings about what times we would be opening. We assured them that we would close at 7.30pm on Wednesdays & Saturdays due to these being lottery nights and the rest of the week at 7pm and Sundays at 1pm to keep rowdy behaviour to a minimum. This having been adhered to has had the desired reduction effect to the betterment of the area.
6. During November 2005 we opened our premises later for a period of two weeks and during that time trouble had taken place. I am very concerned that a late Off Licence would increase anti social behaviour in the area and if the premises were under staffed, people may take advantage of it.
7. Previously when Victoria Wines operated in Mulgrave Road there was always noise and sometimes abusive behaviour from the young public. Since the closure of Victoria Wines, and improvements made by the Regeneration Programme, the area has been very much quieter.
8. I believe the granting of this Off Licence will result in a rise in anti social behaviour and therefore affect the resident's quality of life in the area.
9. Another Off Licence would encourage competition, resulting in

cheap alcohol deals, which will attract young people to the area, who would try to pressurise adults into purchasing alcohol for them.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

SIGNED:

DATED:

We, the undersigned, wish to register our objections to a Licence being granted to Suvaissan Savvarimuthu, Vicky Convenience Store at 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool.

As we consider this will be most detrimental to the area, on the grounds of return of public nuisance and disorder in the area due to increased attraction for younger elements of the public to congregate in the area.

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1	A BEDWARD	85 Wilson St	Confidential
2	J. G. James James Carter	22 Mulgrave road	
3	Janie McKie	22 Mulgrave road	
4	P. EGGINTINE	30 MULGRAVE	
5	P. Roofing	1 Milton Rd	
6	M J CAIRNS	1A Catibrooke Rd	
7	W. Waching	158 Skeriff St	
8	L Peck	116 Sandringham Rd	
9	M SANDLES	6 WILSON	
10	J. S. STUART	18 WILTON AVE	
11	M. J. CAIRNS	40 THE OVIAL	
12	V. Newbury	30 Moffat Rd	
13	V. Sanderson	40 Barbraman Court	
14	Deborah Kane	30 Moffat Rd.	
15	Rosie Carter	7 Everet street	
16	Trevor Willgress	30 moffat RD	
17	Annette Carter	17 bolton Grove.	
18	Raymond McGree	7 Evert St	
19	Louise Newbury	30 moffat	
20	Rhinos	101 Grange Rd	
21	Scott Thompson	103 Bruce crescent	
22	G MARSDEN	33 SADDLETON	
23	G HUGHES	90 MILTON ROAD	
24	A. Ridley	18 THORNVILLE RD.	
25	W. PARKINSON	151 MILTON RD.	
26	G PARKINSON	151 MILTON RD	
27	D Bell	154 MILTON RD	
28	T. Cass	62 Raby Gdns	
29	S Lodge	124 Grange Rd	
30	P. NODDINGS	88 MILTON ROAD	
31	DENNIS SMITH	WISBERRY PARK	
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1	M. Wilson	27 SUGGITT ST.	Confidential
2	J. Dunn	9' BIRKON ST	
3	S. Pegg	25 alderson St	
4	C MORGAN	41 SANDWICH RD	
5	C Todd	22 Wilson Street	
6	D Dunlop	10, Elm Grove.	
7	A. Grayson	65, Bright St.	
8	J. W. KILLAIRD	19 ELM GROVE	
9	Phyllis	H.T. School	
10	P. McKee	Greenfield Ave	
11	W. BRITTON	10 ZETLAND RD	
12	P Gardiner	43 Burbank Court	
13	S. Turley	81 WILSON ST	
14	A ROBINSON	11 EVERETT ST	
15	M. Akram	67 Grange Road	
16	M. Duncan	9 McCusker	
17	W. Pugh	58 WILSON	
18	J. A. DOWSON	29 BRIGHT ST	
19	M. RENNERT	ALMA ST	
20	K. Bond	ALMA ST	
21	B. COCHRANE	31 LINDEN GROVE	
22	C. MAC GREGOR	30 JESMOND Gdns	
23	J. West	13 bright st	
24	L. Ducklin	18 Bright St	
25	K. Scott	18 Bright St	
26	P. Jamieson	57, Bright St.	
27	D Noble	174 ALMA ST	
28	P. TRAVIS.	98 GRANGE RD	
29	C Bell	71 Grange Road	
30	K. Ansell	24 WELDECK COPS	
31	P. Alexander	125 HART LANE	
32	P. WHITTON	76 HUTTON AVE	
33	LYNNE MARSHALL	9 WELDECK RD.	
34	ANNE MOLE	13 Hart Lane	
35	PETER LILLY	44 BRIGHT ST	

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1	NITA SYMONS	12 MULGRAVE Rd	Confidential
2	H. Gray	Weydeck Rd	
3	S. Gaffney	38 MULGRAVE Rd	
4	Ly Allen	JOEIS MULGRAVE Rd	
5	L. Minn	44 TOPCLIFFE ST	
6	T. Barnes	Bright St	
7	M. LIDDELL	38 CUNDALL Rd	
8	J. R. ADOR	18 WELDECK Rd	
9	T. Wilkins	5 North Drive	
10	Michael I Anson	13 WELDECK	
11	C. Johnson	11 Christopher St	
12	S. Hillier	BRIGHT STREET	
13	M. TAYLOR	CURDEN ST	
14	P. A. Innes	5 Houghton St	
15	W. H. HODGSON	4 MAGDOU DRIVE	
16	A. Murrey	26 FLINT WALK	
17	J. Robertson	10 GARRISON ST	
18	M. CROSS	12 LINDEN GATE	
19	D. Cole	26a Mulgrave Rd	
20	K. M. Williams	23 Percy St	
21	P. Hornum	16 TOPCLIFFE ST	
22	M. DUNN	BYRON ST.	
23	G. T. T. V. S.	Greenwood Road	
24	J. Wilson	Welldeck Road	
25	M. Kimmel	Welldeck	
26	J. Fawcett	19 The Grove	
27	S. W. LARSEN	21 CUNDAGE ROAD	
28	M. D. Richardson	4, Chelston Close	
29	R. G. G. S.	2, Chelston Close	
30	M. G. Shaw	99, Granville Ave	
31	A. S. GIGITT	27 THE OVAL	
32	M. Watson	16 CUNDAGE RD	
33	P. S. Gardner	51, Wilson St	
34	A. Robinson	20, Wilson St	
35	D. BOOTH	T. van HOUTE	

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1	Pg Junter	16 Welldeck Gdns	Confidential
2	J HUNTER	11	
3	JT MONAGHAN	9, ROSEBERRY RD	
4	V.M. SMITH	22, CORDEN ST	
5	B Eglinton	30 Mulgrave Rd	
6	D. ABBOTT	13 ROSEBERRY ROAD	
7	C REECE	56 DAVISON DRIVE	
8	C. WATKIN	5 BRIGHT ST.	
9	F MOSLEY	48 SHERIFF ST	
10	G FELTON	91, GRANGE RD	
11	A Hall A. HALL	19, CORDEN ST	
12	Marshall	18 Elmwood RD.	
13	a Davey	47 Cundall Rd	
14	G.T. Wile	1 Grove Cote	
15	Quinn	201 Mulgrave Rd	
16	J. Riggs	31 MULGRAVE RD.	
17	S Byers	Dart St.	
18	Jeff Munday	5 THURMA ST.	
19	Doyle Munday	5 THURMA ST.	
20	E. RIDDEN	175, ALMA STREET	
21	T. RIDDEN	175, ALMA STREET	
22	B. BROWN	34 SPEARMAN WALK	
23	C. S. Cameron	Oldstone Avenue	
24	V. CAMERON	Oldstone Avenue	
25	S. DAWKING	8 CORDEN ST	
26	P DAWKING	8 CORDEN ST	
27	K CROW	8 Cundall RD	
28	a CROW	8 Cundall RD	
29	S. Dawking	71 STEPHEN ST	
30	RSPRINTN	18 WILSON ST	
31	M. Harrington	177 ALMA	
32	C Harrington	177 ALMA ST	
33	K Harrington	177 ALMA ST	
34	M. Nicholson	113, GRANGE RD	
35	E. PRESTEDGE	2. WARWICK GROVE	

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DENISE JERVIS

1. My name is Denise Jervis I am a resident in Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool and have lived there for 15 years.
2. In November 2012 I read a yellow Notice stating that an application for a premises to sell alcohol had been made to the Council relating to 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool. I was really concerned and so I arranged a petition to object against the application. I produce this petition as Exhibit Number DJ01. This petition was signed by myself and other residents in the area.
3. My concern is that our peace and the safety of others will be compromised in the vicinity and will be more so than it is at present if yet another alcohol licence is permitted. The levels of peace and safety have increased since Victoria Wines in Mulgrave Road closed some years ago.
4. There is still however, rowdiness in Mulgrave Road at night and some times during the day. There is a problem with litter such as cans, takeaway cartons and other rubbish being left in the streets and front and side gardens. Glass bottles have also been smashed and left in the street and in the past I have had eggs thrown at the windows and doors.
5. Our cars and homes are already damaged on a regular basis by teenagers and adults full of alcohol and this could well escalate. We have had our cars scratched, wing mirrors pulled off and windcreens and side windows smashed.
6. The congested parking already causes us concern for the safety of the

general public. Parents walk along Mulgrave Road taking their children to and from school each day. Cars and vans park on the double yellow lines obstructing the visibility of drivers and children as they cross the road during the day and at night. This is likely to increase bringing an increased risk of accident or even death to an adult or child. The junction of Grange Road and Mulgrave Road is already a junction where accidents have occurred. Teenagers and the youth constantly drive through Mulgrave Road at high speed making their tyres screech and “burn” leaving behind a trail of white smoke and black tyre marks.

7. In the past teenagers damaged my side wall, pulling off all the coping stones and even knocking down a brick pillar that supported the wall. After some years I was able to replace the coping stones, have the wall repaired and put up wrought iron fencing. I ensured that it was placed right on the edge of the wall so no one could sit on it.
8. Teenagers used to climb up on the shed roof and also the flat roof. One day my father, who was dying of cancer at that time got a big shock as he was resting in bed in the back bedroom and a teenager climbed up looked through the window and frightened him. I have had spikes put up to detract from this and yet they have still been into my backyard.
9. The possibility of teenagers loitering outside the premises asking adults to purchase alcohol is of great concern to me. Youths could also kick footballs between the cars as they have in the past, putting them in danger. I have witnessed 2 people in the street running after someone with a double edged axe and a sword. This left me in shock at the time wondering what next?. The police attended immediately, however it was really frightening. I have no desire to go back to those

days of Victoria Wines.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED:

We the undersigned are against the proposal to open yet another store to sell alcohol in Mulgrave Road. Within walking distance there are premises that already sell alcohol; namely the newsagents Westhorses, which are about 100 yards away also Charlie's, Hartley's store, and the Supporters club in Duke Street.

Our concern is also that our peace, and the safety of others will be compromised in the vicinity and it will be more so than it is at present if yet another alcohol license is permitted.

There is already rowdiness in Mulgrave Road at night. The congested parking already causes us concern for the safety of the general public. This is likely to increase bringing an increased risk of accident or even death to an adult or child. The junction of Grange Road and Mulgrave Road is already a junction where accidents have occurred. Teenagers and the youth constantly drive through Mulgrave Road at high speed making their tyres screech and 'burn' leaving behind a trail of white smoke.

Where the demon alcohol is there will always be consequences; whether that is in the lives of the people around the store or the people who drink it. Please find attached to the leaflet of what such consequences could have on the people and teenagers in this area; this is also a concern. Already there is a problem with glass bottles smashed, litter dropped from takeaways, empty cans, and other rubbish we believe this would increase.

Today no one appears to care about the comfort and peace of residents; or the damage teenagers and adults full of alcohol can do to property. Our homes and cars are already damaged on a regular basis and this could well escalate. We have had our cars scratched, wing mirrors pulled off, windscreens put through and this has already caused anxiety and fear without the extra cost involved. Please consider the long term effects of this on our health and well being always wondering; what will happen tonight? We do not have any desire to live in such an atmosphere.

We ask that you will allow us the privilege of living our life in relative peace and safety and that you deny a licence to sell yet more alcohol in Mulgrave Road. Some of us are getting on in years and just want some peace when we retire to bed.

We hope you will take all the above into consideration when you make your decision and our desire for peace and safety where we live.



NAME	ADDRESS
MR. W. Jervis	41 MULGRAVE RD.
DENISE JERVIS	41 MULGRAVE RD.
L WASS	159 Milton Road
S KYRIAKOU	157 MILTON RD, HANMER C.
X.A. KYRIAKOU	157 71 1)
N.L. HALL	N M ² (WILSON) 12227
M. SANDLES	6 WILSON STREET
P TRAVIS	98 GRANGE LN
A. TRAVIS	m
Q. TRAVIS	m -
L TRAVIS	-
N TRAVIS	-
A TRAVIS	-
M TRAVIS	-
B HORTON	1 WILSON ST
S Knowles	1 WILSON ST.
R. Hanratty	34 Mulgrave Rd. H/Pool.
S. Henderson	37 Mulgrave Road
J. Henderson	37 Mulgrave road
C. Harland	53 Lithgo Close
HENRY HOLLINGDRAE	38 MULGRAVE RD.
MRS Chan	1 Brigh ST.
MR Chan	28 mulgrave Rd
MISS WOVIS	29 WILSON ST.

NAME	ADDRESS NEXT DOOR
MRS SUSAN GAFFNEY	38 ^B MULGRAVE ROAD
MRS GILL TURP	104 GRANGE RD H/Pool
MR MALCOLM WILLETT	104 GRANGE RD H/Pool
Kevin LYNAS	101 Grange RD H/Pool.
Rosalind LYNAS	101 Grange RD H/Pool.
Tim Russell.	66 Cundall RD H/Pool.
Hollie LYNAS	66 Cundall RD H/Pool.
RICHARD TENNETT	FLAT 1 102 GRANGE ROAD
Sue Bennett	89 Grange Rd.
CHMS AINSLEY	THE HOUSE 102 GRANGE RD
Kirsty Parkinson	The House 102 Grange Road
KEVIN SUTHERAN	43 MULGRAVE ROAD
BEVERLEY GLOVER	156 MILTON RD. HPL.
Phillip Glover	156 Milton Road
DEREK Bell	154 MILTON ROAD
AUDREY Bell	154 MILTON ROAD.
Gillian Bell	114 Milton Road
Aime Ash	150 MILTON RD
Tellie Wodin	163 MILTON RD
LESLEY WODIN	163 MILTON RD
S Peterson	161 Milton Rd.
C WASS	159 Milton Rd
D. WASS	159 Milton Rd
R. WASS	159 Milton Rd

NAME	ADDRESS
L. Pinner	23 Bright St H'Pool.
N. Jorgeson	39 THERENVILLE ROAD
P. Bolton	48 CHURCH ST.
R. AKRAM	67 GRANGE RD.
John	6 WATKINSON DRIVE
John	41 Wilson St
John	45 Wilson Street
PAUL WEIGHILL	31 COBDEN STREET.
NINA Eglintie	68 WILTON AVENUE.
DIANE BALDWIN	28 ST PAULS
Sue Dixon	78 Hutton Ave
DANIEL RAY	22 FERWOOD AVE
Ray Andrews	8 WILTON Rd
Chris Andrews	8 Wilton Road
Sophie Lee	78 grange road.
S. Wilkinson	115 grange rd.
A. Green	15 WILSON GR.
M. DAVIES	15 Gildred Close H'Pool
MICHAEL SWEETING	172 ALMA ST
GEMMA GAFFNEY	8 BYRON STREET
Terri Watson	7 COBDEN ST.
STUART ORLEY	7 COBDEN ST.
Chris Usher	17 willow st
NATHALIE SUTILL	17 Wilson Street

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUSAN GAFFNEY

1. My name is Susan Gaffney and I live at 38b Mulgrave Road which is attached to 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool.
2. I have received treatment for cancer and I am recovering from this and a fractured spine.
3. I am settled into my home which has been adapted for my disability and don't want to move home in future.
4. In November 2012 I became aware that 36 Mulgrave Road had applied to the Council for an Off Licence.
5. I signed a petition in objection of the application for an Off Licence along with a number of other local residents in the area.
6. I have concerns that if an Off Licence was granted it would attract gangs of youths to hang around outside at unsociable hours causing an annoyance, noise nuisance, damage to property and anti-social behaviour which would compromise my health and well being.
7. I have noticed since living in the area crime has been under control and I have concerns that if an Off Licence was granted this would change for the worse and affect my quality of life in Mulgrave Road.
8. The walls in my home are quite thin and I can hear talking in the shop even while it is being fitted out. I would imagine this to get worse if an Off Licence was granted as this could attract intoxicated people.
9. I believe there are sufficient premises in the area already selling alcohol and another premises would only add to parking problems which already exist, problems with litter and public safety due to the increased risk of

accidents from additional traffic coming into the street.

10. I live alone in Mulgrave Road and do not want any increased stress or intimidation at this time in my life.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED:

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MARGARET HARRINGTON

1. I Margaret Harrington am a local resident living in Alma Street, Hartlepool. I have lived in my home for over 30 years.
2. In November 2012 I saw a yellow notice attached to a lamppost opposite 36 Mulgrave Road saying that the premises had applied to the Council to sell alcohol.
3. When I read the Notice my heart sank I thought "Not again" and it brought back all the bad memories of what the area was like when Victoria Wines was open.
4. I can remember when this premises was open I felt intimidated to leave the house. There were groups of kids drinking in the street. Often arguments and fights would break out which would cause damage to cars and houses.
5. In the past kids would ask adults to buy alcohol while they waited around the corner. The groups would leave rubbish in the streets, use the streets as a toilet and even have sex in the streets.
6. Because of my concerns, I signed a petition objecting to the application on the grounds of public nuisance and disorder.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED: 8 February 2013

WITNESS STATEMENT OF WILLIAM JERVIS

1. My name is William Jervis I am a resident in Hartlepool and live opposite 36 Mulgrave Road.
2. In November 2012 I heard that an application for 36 Mulgrave Road, Hartlepool to sell alcohol had been made to the Council. I signed a petition along with other residents in the area.
3. The petition detailed our concerns that our peace and the safety of others will be compromised in the vicinity and will be more so than it is at present if yet another alcohol licence is permitted. I wish to add that the peace of the area should be improved for the sake of community good spirit. Some of the residents in this area are elderly and the anti-social behaviour causes great anxiety.
4. There is currently some rowdiness in Mulgrave Road mainly at night. I have witnessed teenagers and other people arguing and drinking in the street late at night, young girls shouting and laying on the ground. There is a problem with litter being strewn in the streets and gardens in the area. Rubbish is left on a regular basis such as cans and takeaway cartons. Glass bottles have also been smashed.
5. Our cars and homes are already damaged on a regular basis by teenagers and adults full of alcohol and this could well escalate. We have had our cars scratched, wing mirrors pulled off and windcreens smashed. I have had to renew and replace the front windscreen and side window of the car twice over the last two years.
6. There are two nursery schools located on Grange Road so parents and children walk back and forward to home in Mulgrave Road which

poses a risk to pedestrians due to the high volume of traffic and speeding which occurs at present. Pedestrians could also be at risk because there are no parking bays available.

- 7. In addition to the above the premises could also have unsociable delivery hours causing disturbance late at night or early in the morning.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED:

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MR HARRY SQUIRRELL

1. My full name is Mr Harry Squirrell and I am the Landlord of a number of properties on Mulgrave Road, which I have owned for the past 25 years.
2. In November 2012 I was made aware that an application for an Off Licence for 36 Mulgrave Road had been submitted to Hartlepool Borough Council.
3. I signed a petition in objection to the proposed Off Licence, as I believe granting such Licence would compromise the peace and safety of my tenants and other residents in the area.
4. One of my tenant's, who lives next door to the proposed Off Licence, is currently recovering from cancer treatment and therefore does not need any increased stress or intimidation at this time in her life.
5. I believe another Off Licence would only add to the existing problems in Mulgrave Road such as, rowdiness from gangs of youths, damage to property and vehicles, congested parking and litter. Residents should not have live in such an atmosphere.

6. I believe there are enough alcohol premises' in the area and granting another Off Licence will only increase alcohol related crime and disorder.

7. I am concerned that if the Licence was granted, the shop staff and customers would be subject to intimidation from young people hanging round the premises trying to purchase alcohol.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

SIGNED:

DATED:

WITNESS STATEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER JAMES SIMMONS

1. My full name is Christopher James Simmons and I am currently Councillor for the Victoria Ward which includes the Mulgrave Road area.
2. Within days of the application for an Off Licence being submitted to the Council I was approached by several residents who were very concerned about the proposal to open an Off Licence in almost exactly the same locality as a previous Off Licence which was operated by Victoria Wines.
3. During the time that the previous Off Licence was operating the residents lives had been plagued by 'gangs of youths' congregating outside of the premises often in an intoxicated state who would try to pressure adults to purchase Alcohol for them because they were not old enough to purchase it themselves.
4. Residents recalled incidents of anti-social behaviour and petty vandalism in the general area during the period Victoria Wines operated the premises. This was most prevalent during the hours of darkness.
5. Since the closure of Victoria Wines approximately seven years ago Crime and Disorder in the area has declined due to the hard work from Residents' Associations and Neighbourhood Police teams.
6. Upon closure of Victoria Wines residents noticed an immediate improvement in the quality of their lives due to the lack of intoxicated young people roaming the area.
7. I believe that the owner of the existing Newsagents and Off Licence in Mulgrave Road closes his premises early (usually 7:30pm) because of the

concerns he has regarding young people who may demand alcohol after dark around his shop premises.

8. I fear that opening a new Off Licence in this area will result in young people once again trying to access alcohol illegally by pressurising adult customers to purchase it for them and that residents' lives, once again, will be blighted by a rise in anti-social behaviour and petty crime.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED: 12th February, 2013.

WITNESS STATEMENT OF CARL RICHARDSON

1. My full name is Carl Richardson I am currently a local Councillor and have represented the area which is now known as the Victoria Ward which covers Mulgrave Road, for 28 years as a Councillor.
2. In November 2012, I was made aware by a number of concerned local residents that an application for an Off Licence for 36 Mulgrave Road had been submitted to Hartlepool Borough Council.
3. On the 16th November 2012, I submitted my formal objection to the granting of an Off Licence to these premises as I felt it will result in groups of young people hanging around the shop at unsociable hours, drinking and causing nuisance.
4. I have concerns for the potential increase in alcohol related crime and disorder should another Off Licence be granted in the area.
5. During my experience as a local Councillor the area has had the unfortunate experience of an armed robbery taking place at a previous well known Off Licence known as Victoria Wines on Mulgrave Road, some years ago.
6. Previously when Victoria Wines operated in Mulgrave Road, residents were continually beset by anti-social behaviour in the form of: children pestering adults going into the store to get them to buy drink, noise and nuisance from gangs of youths roaming the area in an intoxicated state and petty crime.
7. I have worked very hard with Residents Associations and Neighbourhood Police Teams to ensure that the area is a safer, better place to live and I share the anxieties that residents and Police have

that permitting the development of this type will result in a rise in crime and antisocial behaviour, not to mention the dangers to children drinking underage.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:

DATED:

Appendix 11

16th November 2012

Dear Ian,

The three councillors of Victoria Ward would like to lodge an objection to the proposal to have an 09:00 - 22:00 Off Licence in the former greengrocer's shop at 36 Mulgrave Road.

We have been approached by a number of residents in the Mulgrave Road area who are anxious that the granting of an off licence to these premises will result in groups of young people hanging around the shop at unsociable hours, drinking and causing a nuisance.

Previously, when Victoria Wines operated a similar licence on the opposite side of the road, residents were continually beset by anti-social behaviour; children pestering adults going into the store to get them to buy drink; noise and disturbance from gangs of youths roaming the area in an intoxicated state and petty crime. We understand that a 400+ signature petition is already circulating so this will give you an indication of the strength of feeling against the proposal from local residents.

We have worked very hard with Residents' Associations and Neighbourhood Police Teams to ensure that the area is a safer, better place to live and we share the anxieties that residents and police have that permitting a development of this type will result in a rise in crime and antisocial behaviour, not to mention the danger to children of underage drinking.

We hope that the Licensing Committee will take these objections into account when they consider the application.

Cllr Pam Hargreaves, Cllr Carl Richardson, Cllr Chris Simmons Victoria Ward Councillors "

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Witness Statement

Statement of Suvaissan Saverimuthu

Age If under 18

Over 18

Occupation Retail

This statement (consisting of 3.....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 in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

confidential

Signature

Date 04/03/13

I am the above named person, I currently live at 36 Mulgrave Road Hartlepool, I have been a resident of the United Kingdom for a period of 4 1/2 years. Prior to living in the UK I lived in Sri Lanka. I was raised here and studied before I emigrated. I currently live at

I have 4 years experience in the retail trade, this being my sole choice of career.

I have attended the Personal Licence Training Course. This resulted in me acquiring a personal licence from Hartlepool Council (copy of which is attached at Appendix 1). I have held my personal licence for over 2 years. I began my career in the sector working as a shop assistant at K S Convenient store in Penshaw where I worked as a sales assistant for 9 months. During this time I was involved in the retail sale of alcohol on a daily basis. A Challenge 21 Policy was in operation at the store, along with the use of a refusal log, incident log and full operational use of the CCTV system. There were never any problems or action with the Police, Council or any of the other agencies. I have never received any fix penalty notices.

After 9 months I began working in another store in the Hartlepool area namely Hadleys. This was a large store with a very high customer count. Paypoint services were available in the store with 600 customers. I was again involved in the retail sale of alcohol. Whilst working in this store there was never any problem or action with the Police, Council or any of the other agencies. I have never received any fix penalty notices. I worked within the store for a period of 2 years, during this time there were inspections carried out by a number of agencies. Whilst working in the store I operated under the Challenge 25 scheme along with the use of a refusal log, incident log and full operational use of the CCTV system.

I then purchased along with a relative Hart Mini Mart on Raby Road. I applied for a premise licence for this store in March 2012 to Hartlepool Borough Council. This was granted with me being named as the designated premises supervisor (DPS). I stayed as Premise Licence holder and DPS for a period of 6 months. I am fully aware of the responsibilities held by me as both a premise licence holder and

a DPS and again worked with the authorities whilst holding these responsibilities. This store is situated in a very difficult area being positioned just off Stephen Street. The customers were at times difficult, some being alcoholics. I dealt with all customers in a professional manner and never had problems with the authorities. This store is very large in size. I have come to know a lot of faces in the area. Again a Challenge 25 policy was operated at all times along with the use of a refusal log, incident log and full operational use of the CCTV system. I am fully aware of the effectiveness of using CCTV cameras correctly and the training required for all staff in this area. The use of CCTV was vital in Hart Mini Mart as my relative and I were subject to a serious criminal offence which was recorded on camera (this consequently led to those responsible being apprehended). My relative is now named as the premise licence holder and the DPS..

Hadleys store has a premise licence to serve alcohol from early morning to late at night, 8.30 am to 11.30 from what I recall, the store is much bigger in size and customer count than Vicky's Convenience store.

Hart Mini Mart has a premise licence to serve alcohol from early morning to late evening Monday to Sunday 9am to 10pm and 10am to 9pm again from what I can recall. Both of these stores are much bigger than Vicky's Convenience store.

Vicky's Convenience store is the smallest of the stores therefore I foresee it will be easier to run and control.

I then had an opportunity to purchase a premise of my own. There were good opportunities in a lot of locations including Sedgefield however I chose to purchase the store known as Vicky's Convenience store on Mulgrave Road. I did so as I want to dedicate myself to the area of Hartlepool; I live in Hartlepool and want to stay here. My long-term plan is to build a good business with a good name and reputation, meet a lot of people and be part of the community. I have included photographs of the proposed layout of the alcohol within the store (appendix 2). It is my intention to have the wines and spirits for sale from behind the counter, with the beers and lagers on sale from a chill cabinet situated on the shop floor. I am intending to introduce both a Paypoint and a cashpoint machine for the benefit of my customers.

I am confident in training staff and will undertake the following with all staff:

Four licensing objectives

Under age policies including Challenge 25. Posters will be sited to advertise this policy.

NO ID - NO SALE including all of age restricted products this applies to.

Acceptable and credible forms of ID only: Driving licence with photograph, passport or proof of age card carrying the PASS logo.

Host buying looking for the signs and dealing with this

Dispersal of youths from outside of the premises.

Minimising public nuisance outside the premises and how to deal with.

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Dealing with problematic customers , not serving anyone who is already intoxicated.

Refusal registers and incident logs and daily recording .

CCTV training and responsibilities.

Clarification of the premise licence permissions and conditions.

Staff will be tested. This will be carried out by being asked individually to demonstrate full understanding of the training.

Multiple choice questions will also be given to staff establishing a full comprehension of the training.

I can confirm there will be working practices and procedures in place in the premises along with training records for all staff .

My wife currently works with me in the store, she has completed her personal licence course and is currently in the process of applying for her personal licence. A copy of her certificate is attached (appendix 3)

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Signed

Date 04/03/13

Sent: 03 March 2013 19:06

To: Jane Gilliead

Cc: confidential

Subject: Re: character witness

I have known Suvaiss for about 2 years when he was manager for another shop in hartlepool i have always found him honest, trustworthy,realable, and law abiding in the other shop, and will be in any venture he under takes.

- - regards Coucillor keith dawkins