

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

AGENDA



Wednesday 4 October 2023

at 9.00am

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

MEMBERS: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Darby, Dunbar and Smith

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 – SRJ Convenience Ltd, 234 Stockton Road, Hartlepool TS25 2DE– *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*

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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. The Assistant Director (Regulatory Services), or representative shall outline the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
3. Members ask any questions of the Assistant Director (Regulatory Services), 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 to 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 (Regulatory Services)

Subject: APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE -
SRJ CONVENIENCE LTD, 234 STOCKTON ROAD,
HARTLEPOOL, TS25 2DE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for a new premises licence in respect of SRJ Convenience Ltd, 234 Stockton Road, Hartlepool, TS25 2DE.

2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 Applicant: SRJ Convenience Ltd
199 Laburnum Road
Redcar
TS10 3RS
- 2.2 The applicant has applied for a licence for the following activities: -
- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Late night refreshment | Monday – Sunday | 23:00hrs – 05:00 hrs |
| 2. Supply of Alcohol | Monday – Sunday | 00:00hrs – 24:00hrs |

A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix 1**.

A map of the area is attached as **Appendix 2** and street view images of the premises are attached as **Appendix 3**.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and a representation has been made by the Licensing Authority. This objection is attached as **Appendix 4**.
- 3.2 The objection is made in accordance with the licensing objectives of prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.
- 3.3 Cleveland Police have provided a letter of support for representation made by the Licensing Authority. The letter is attached as **Appendix 5**.

4. ISSUES

- 4.1 As a relevant representation has been received, a hearing must be held for Members to consider the application (unless all parties agree a hearing is unnecessary).

- 4.2 The Licensing Authority have made a representation as the application is not line with their Statement of Licensing Policy, the policy states the following with regards to Licensing Hours:

Licensing Hours

4.27 The licensing authority does not accept that longer opening hours for licensed premises 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 can create a nuisance for those residents who are affected by the general operation of a premises or from revellers returning home during the early hours.

Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but licences for before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, licence applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises for before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:30 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused.

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.

Whilst zoning will not be adopted, the licensing authority will impose stricter conditions with regard to noise control in areas which have denser residential accommodation.

- 4.3 Hartlepool Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy is attached as **Appendix 6.**
- 4.4 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
- 4.6 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 the objectors and determine what aspects, if any, of the application should be granted and, if appropriate, what conditions, if any, should be attached.



Hartlepool
Application for a premises licence
Licensing Act 2003

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licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk
Telephone: 01429 523354

* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

AGS/40904/2

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

SRJ Convenience Ltd

* Family name

SRJ Convenience Ltd

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

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

Is the applicant:

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

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Registration number

11613964

Business name

SRJ Convenience Ltd

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

- NA

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Private Limited Company

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Applicant's position in the business

Legal Team

Home country

United Kingdom

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

199

Street

Laburnum Road

District

City or town

Redcar

County or administrative area

Postcode

TS10 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

Agent Details

* First name

Andrew

* Family name

Sanders

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

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

Are you:

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

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

Agent Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Registration number

OC334359

Business name

Winckworth Sherwood LLP

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

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NA

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

Legal status

Limited Liability Partnership

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Agent Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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PREMISES DETAILS

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 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.

Premises Address

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

☒ Address ☐ OS map reference ☐ Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- ☐ An individual or individuals
- ☒ A limited company / limited liability partnership
- ☐ A partnership (other than limited liability)
- ☐ An unincorporated association
- ☐ Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- ☐ A recognised club
- ☐ A charity
- ☐ The proprietor of an educational establishment
- ☐ A health service body
- ☐ A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- ☐ A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- ☐ The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

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

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NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

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

Non Individual Applicant's Name

Name

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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Company

Address

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="199"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Laburnum Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Redcar"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="TS10 3RS"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Contact Details

E-mail	<input type="text"/>										
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>										
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>										
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[Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)

Add another applicant

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start?	<input type="text" value="09"/>	/	<input type="text" value="09"/>	/	<input type="text" value="2023"/>
	dd		mm		yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>
	dd		mm		yyyy

Provide a general description of 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.

A newly constructed petrol convenience store.

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

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

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

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors ☒ Both

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

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

The provision will take place inside the premises but customers may leave the premises with items purchased.

State any seasonal variations

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

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of late night refreshments at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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WEDNESDAY

Start End

Start End

THURSDAY

Start End

Start End

FRIDAY

Start End

Start End

SATURDAY

Start End

Start End

SUNDAY

Start End

Start End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

- ☐ On the premises ☒ Off the premises ☐ Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

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

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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

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Name

First name

Family name

Date of birth
dd mm yyyy

Enter the contact's address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Personal Licence number
(if known)

Issuing licensing authority
(if known)

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- ☐ Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- ☒ As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

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 etc gambling machines etc.

NA

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

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.

TUESDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 00:00

End 24:00

Start

End

State any seasonal variations

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

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

1. A digital CCTV system will be installed, or the existing system maintained, such system to be fit for the purpose
 2. The CCTV system shall be capable of producing immediate copies on site. Copies of recordings will either be recorded digitally on to CD/DVD or other equivalent medium. Images shall be provided to the police or to an authorised officer of the licensing authority within 24 hours of request.
 3. Any recording will be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of 28 days and shall be made available, subject to compliance with Data Protection legislation, to the police for inspection on request.
 4. The precise positions of the camera may be agreed, subject to compliance with Data Protection legislation, with the police from time to time.
 5. The system will display, on any recording, the correct time and date of the recording.
 6. The CCTV system will be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity.
 7. An incident book/register shall be maintained to record:
 - all incidents of crime and disorder occurring at the premises
 - details of occasions when the police are called to the premises
- This book/register shall be available for inspection by a police officer or other authorised officer on request.

c) Public safety

There will at all times be adequate levels of staff maintained at the premises. Such staff levels will be disclosed, on request, to the licensing authority and police.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Adequate waste receptacles for use by customers shall be provided in and immediately outside the premises.

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e) The protection of children from harm

1. The premises licence holder will ensure that an age verification policy will apply to the premises whereby all cashiers will be trained to ask any customer attempting to purchase alcohol, who appears to be under the age of 25 years (or older if the licence holder so elects) to produce, before being sold alcohol, identification being a passport or photocard driving licence bearing a holographic mark or other form or method of identification that complies with any mandatory condition that may apply to this licence.

2. Signage informing customers of the age verification policy adopted at the premises will be prominently displayed.

3. All staff engaged or to be engaged in the sale of alcohol on the premises shall receive training in age restricted sales.

Induction training must be completed and documented prior to the sale of alcohol by the staff member.

Refresher/reinforcement training must be completed and documented at intervals of no more than 6 months.

Training records will be available for inspection by a police officer or other authorised officer on request.

4. All cashiers shall be trained to record refusals of sales of alcohol in a refusals book/register. The book/register will contain:

- details of the time and date the refusal was made;
- the identity of the staff member refusing the sale;
- details of the alcohol the person attempted to purchase.

This book/register shall be available for inspection by a police officer or other authorised officer on request.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £8700 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then you are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £12500 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39000 £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

315.00

DECLARATION

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IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN
* CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY
CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR
* HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR
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THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I
* am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my
licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK.

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or
* her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if
appropriate.

☒ Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on
behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name
* Capacity
* Date / /
dd mm yyyy

[Add another signatory](#)

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
 2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/hartlepool/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.
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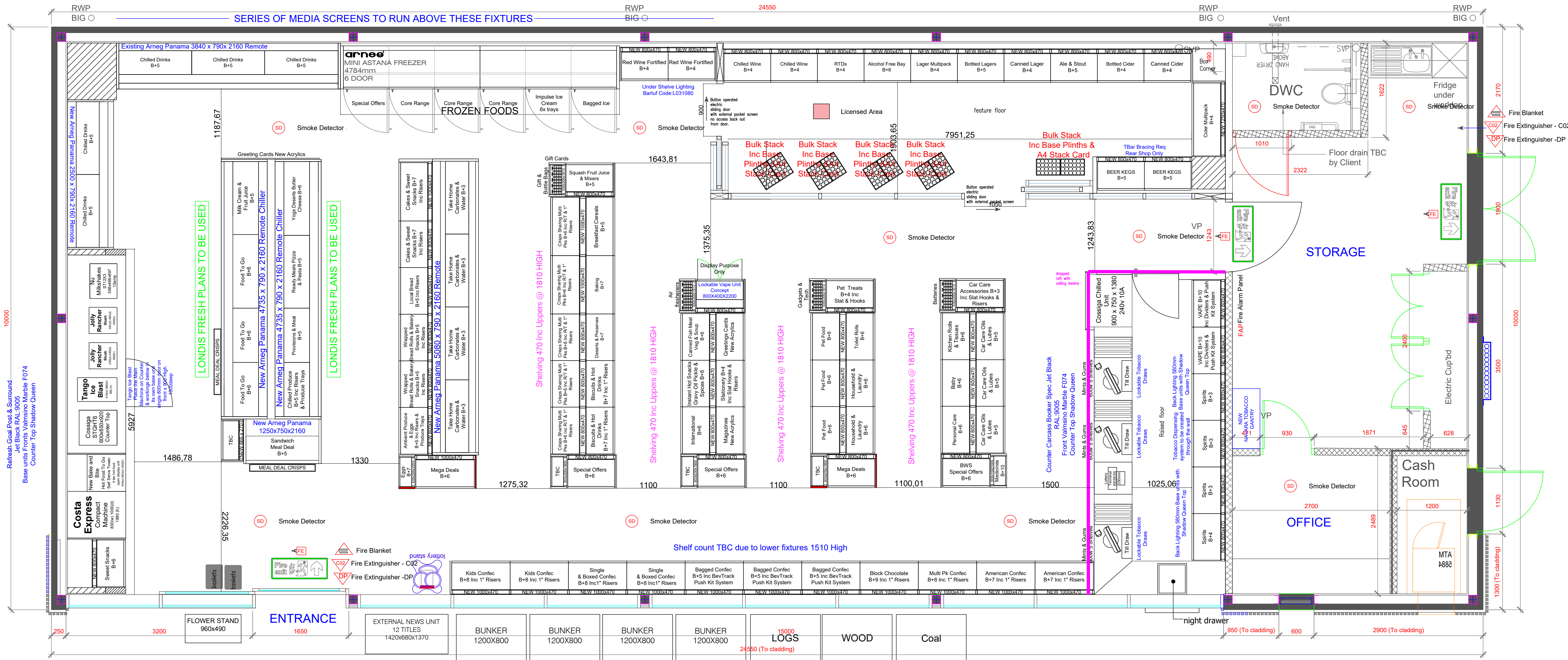
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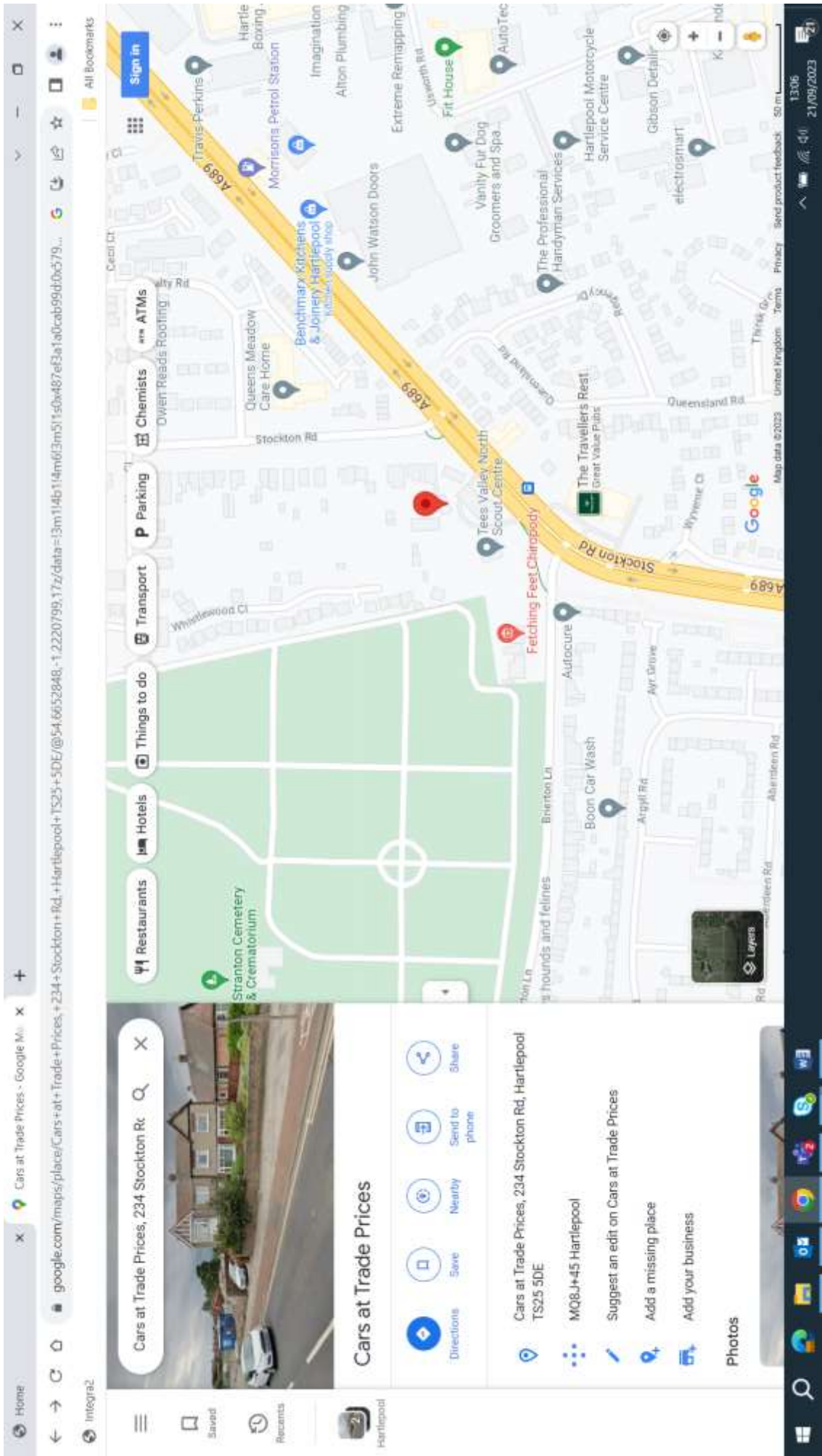
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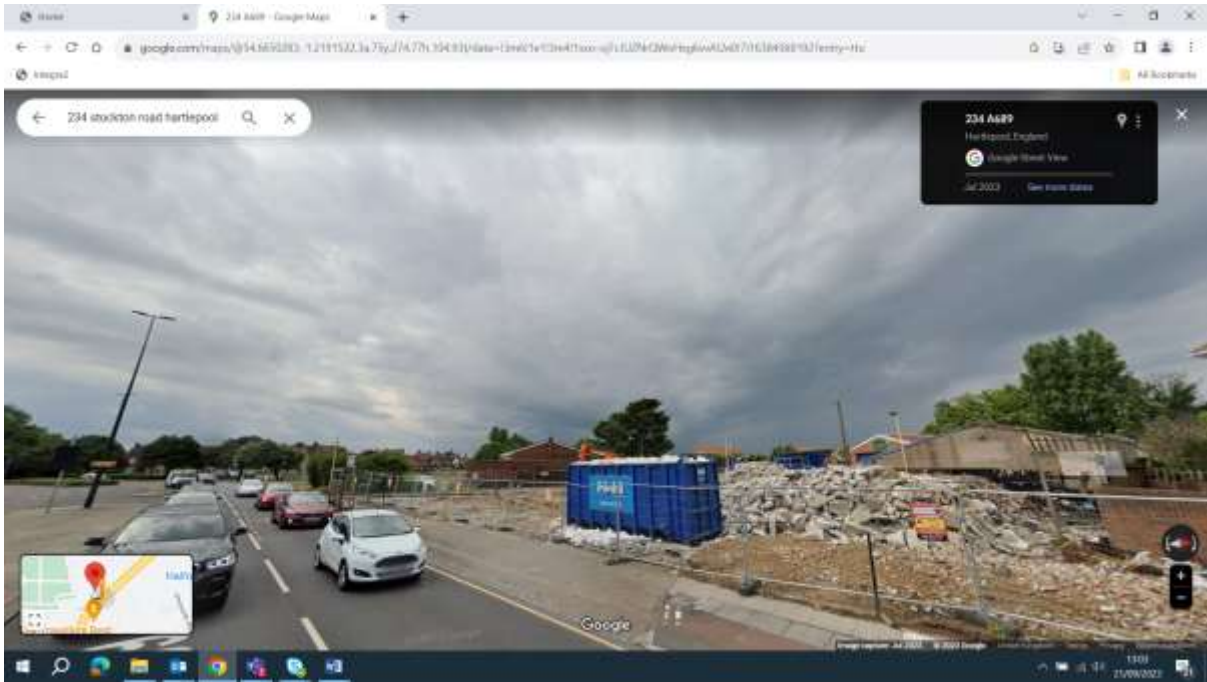
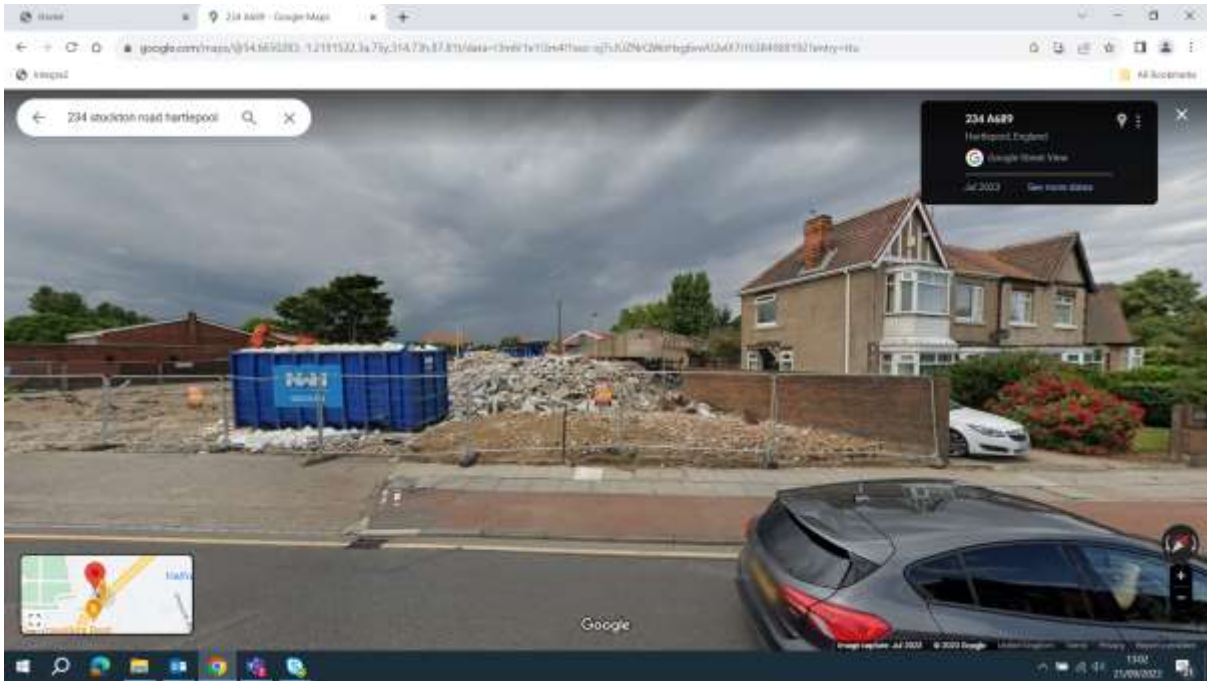
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Ambient Fresh	8	6
Refresh & Deli	8	8
Soft Drinks	10	10
Frozen	8	6
Confectionery	8	8
Crisps & Snacks	4	4
Grocery	8	8
Grocery Non Food	9	11
Non Food		
BWS	10	18
Value	5	6
Kiosk	7	4
Total	92	97

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From: [Rachael Readman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Licensing](#)
Subject: New Premises Licence Application - SRJ Convenience
Date: 16 August 2023 15:23:06
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Licensing Act Policy 2021.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Licensing Authority, I have noted that you have applied for 24hr supply of alcohol. Unfortunately this application is not in line with our Licensing Policy, I have attached a copy for your perusal. We consider the location to be a Residential Area. Please let me know if you wish to amend the hours you are applying for.

Thank you

Rachael

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**Representations On A Current Application For A Grant/Variation of a Premises Licence Or Club
Premises Certificate Under The Licensing Act 2003**

I Pc 1620 Clare LAWTON

On behalf of

CHIEF CONSTABLE OF CLEVELAND POLICE
MIDDLESBROUGH DISTRICT H/Q
BRIDGE STREET WEST
MIDDLESBROUGH
TS2 1AB

As a responsible authority wish to provide the below in relation to the new premises licence application for SRJ Convenience Ltd Hartlepool.

The original application was received by Cleveland Police on 11/08/2023. Cleveland police originally submitted objections as it was believed that the schedule did not adequately promote the four licensing objectives. Through consultation conditions were agreed and objections by Cleveland Police removed.

During this consultation period it was highlighted to the agent that Hartlepool Borough Councils licensing policy states that *'Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but licences for before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused'*.

With consideration to this Cleveland Police fully support Hartlepool Borough Councils objections submitted on these grounds.

The local authority should be the first point of contact for reporting nuisance noise as this isn't usually a matter for the police. However where the noise is from people being inconsiderate in a public space, this is an exception and this can be deemed an anti social matter.

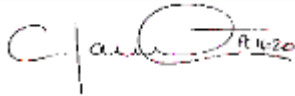
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To date in this location there has not been a premise with this kind of license that is been requested by the applicant. However, with such a premise as SRJ Convenience with the sale of alcohol 24 hours day 7 days a week runs the risk of increased noise and Anti social behaviour. Which in turn may cause irritation to local residents.

Less than a 2 minute walk away is the licensed premise The Travellers Rest. With the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment as requested in this application concerns are held that this premise will be used by revellers from The Travellers Rest as a location to attend to enable further purchase of alcohol. Again, with the risk of an increased likelihood to cause noise and disturbance.

I don't think that the police need to highlight that although not all people who attend the night time economy cause crime and disorder. Common sense tells us that the increased supply of alcohol and alcohol availability will increase crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.

Submitted for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Lawton', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Pc 1620 Clare Lawton

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Licensing Support Unit



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

2021

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APPENDIX ONE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy statement is based on the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and has taken full account of the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).
- 1.2 This policy will apply for a period of five years from 1st January 2021. It will be kept under review and revised/amended if considered appropriate to support the licensing objectives. Any policy changes or revisions will be subject to consultation.

The Borough of Hartlepool

- 1.3 Hartlepool Borough Council, acting as the licensing authority for the Licensing Act, recognises the benefits to Hartlepool of a thriving service economy and wishes to promote, wherever possible, a town that meets and exceeds the requirements of its residents and visitors. However, the licensing authority recognises that certain types of licensed premises, particularly those offering alcohol and/or music, may have a detrimental impact on those who live nearby through the escape of noise or the actions of patrons both on and off the premises.
- 1.4 The licensing authority intends to seek a balance between the needs of residents and local businesses by using this Licensing Policy, and other strategies, to promote and encourage well-managed, neighbour friendly licensed premises that represent a positive addition to life in Hartlepool.

Legal Background to this Policy Statement

- 1.5 Hartlepool Borough Council, acting as the licensing authority, is able to grant or reject applications for the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment or late night refreshment. Conditions designed to ensure safety, protect children from harm, prevent crime, disorder and public nuisance will be attached to licences where appropriate. However, the ability of licensing authorities to grant licences and attach conditions is limited by provisions in the Act, Regulations made under the Act and by guidance from the Secretary of State. The licensing authority must have regard to the guidance and will deviate only where there are justifiable reasons for doing so.
- 1.6 In formulating this policy document the licensing authority has had regard to the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights, recognising that everyone has the right to respect for his/her home and private life and that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his/her possessions.

- 1.7 The Human Rights Act 1998 makes it unlawful for a public authority to act in a way which will be incompatible with a convention right. The licensing authority will endeavour to ensure that any licensing decision does not cause a breach of a convention right.
- 1.8 The licensing authority in taking into account the provisions of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 will also have regard to the likely effect of the exercise of their functions on crime and disorder in their area.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE LICENSING POLICY

Purpose

- 2.1 The licensing policy has four main purposes:
- To reinforce to elected Members on the Licensing Committee, the boundaries and powers of the local authority, and to provide them with parameters under which to make their decisions.
 - To inform the licence applicants of the parameters under which the authority will make licence decisions, and therefore how a licensed premises is likely to be able to operate within the area. (Note however that each case will be examined on an individual basis.)
 - To inform residents and businesses of the parameters under which the authority will make licence decisions, and therefore how their needs and concerns will be addressed.
 - To support decisions made by the licensing authority when these decisions are challenged in a court of law.

Scope

- 2.2 The Act is concerned about the supply and sale of alcohol, the provision of certain entertainment and late night refreshment.
- 2.3 Activities that require a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and covered by this policy include:
- Retail sale of alcohol
 - Supply of hot food or drink from a premises from 23.00 to 05.00 hours
 - Supply of alcohol or provision of regulated entertainment to club members or guests
 - Provision of regulated entertainment listed below to the public or section of the public, or club members or with a view to profit:

- Performances of a play
- Exhibition of a film
- Indoor sporting events
- A boxing or wrestling entertainment
- Live music performances
- Playing of recorded music
- Dance performances

- 2.4 The scope of the policy covers new applications, renewals, transfers, variations and reviews of both premises licences, personal licences and club premises certificates. The policy also applies to temporary events notices (TEN's).

3. TYPES OF LICENCES

Personal Licences

- 3.1 A personal licence will be granted where an applicant:
- a) is aged 18 or over
 - b) possesses an accredited licensing qualification
 - c) has not forfeited a personal licence in the last 5 years
 - d) has not been convicted of a relevant offence
- 3.2 The licensing authority will, however, reject any application where the applicant fails to meet a), b) or c) above.
- 3.3 Where an applicant has an “unspent” relevant conviction, the police may oppose the application. If such an objection is lodged a licensing hearing will be held. Where no such objection is received from the police, the licensing authority will grant the licence.
- 3.4 At a hearing the licensing authority will consider carefully whether the granting of a licence will be in keeping with the promotion of the crime and disorder objective. Considerations will include the seriousness and relevance of the conviction(s), the period that has elapsed since the offence(s) were committed and any mitigating circumstances. The licensing authority will only grant the application if it is satisfied that doing so will promote this objective.
- 3.5 Reason(s): Prevention of crime and disorder is both an objective of the Licensing Act 2003 and an important responsibility of the Council under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The holder of a personal licence should be a person who is not only properly qualified but a person who will assist the fight against crime. Granting a licence to a known criminal will, in many cases, undermine rather than promote the crime and disorder objective.

Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates

- 3.6 An application for a premises licence or club premises certificate must consist of: -
- an application form, in the prescribed format, detailing the licensable activities and proposed operating hours
 - an operating schedule
 - a plan of the premises to which the application relates
 - the appropriate fee
- 3.7 If the licensable activities include the sale of alcohol, a consent form from the individual agreeing to be the designated premises supervisor (DPS) will also be required (not required for club premises certificates).
- 3.8 The application must be advertised in the prescribed manner.

4. LICENSING PRINCIPLES

General

- 4.1 In carrying out its licensing functions the authority will promote the licensing objectives set out in the Act. These are:
- the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - the protection of children from harm
- 4.2 To achieve these objectives the authority will use its full range of powers and consider all relevant responsibilities including its planning controls, transport controls and crime and disorder policies. The authority will enter into appropriate partnership arrangements, working closely with the police, the fire authority, local businesses, community representatives and local people in meeting these objectives.
- 4.3 In determining a licence application the overriding principle adopted by the licensing authority will be that each application will be determined on its individual merits.
- 4.4 The Act covers the licensing of individuals for the retail sale of alcohol (personal licences), the licensing of premises for the retail sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshment (premises licences), the supply of alcohol and/or the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshment from certain clubs (club premises certificates) and the permitting of certain licensable activities on a temporary basis (temporary event notices).

- 4.5 In general a reference in this policy to a licence will include a club premises certificate.

Duplication

- 4.6 So far as is possible, this Policy is not intended to duplicate existing legislation and regulatory regimes that are already placed on employers and operators, e.g. Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. Conditions in respect of public safety will be attached to licences only if they are considered necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 4.7 It is accepted that licensing and planning regimes are separate and distinct and it is therefore possible that duplicate, or similar, conditions may be applied to a premises under both regimes. It is also possible that contrary decisions about the granting or refusal of a licence/planning permission may occur as such decisions must take into account differing legislative matters.

Licence Conditions

- 4.8 Licensing is about regulating the carrying on of licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events within the terms of the 2003 Act. Conditions attached to various authorisations will be focused on matters which are within the control of individual licensees and others granted relevant authorisations.
- 4.9 Conditions will be specifically tailored to the premises and activities to be undertaken, with a view to ensuring the licensing objectives are achieved.
- 4.10 Licensing law is not a mechanism for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are away from licensed premises and therefore beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or authorisation concerned.
- 4.11 The licensing authority will not impose blanket standard conditions. Where there are outstanding representations regarding a licence application, licence conditions will be tailored to the individual application to help promote the licensing objectives. They will not be imposed where it is considered that other regulatory regimes provide sufficient protection to the public e.g. health and safety at work and fire safety legislation.
- 4.12 In the spirit of openness, transparency and reasonableness, the licensing authority encourages all parties to a licence application to discuss concerns during the statutory consultation period so that any necessary conditions can be agreed without the need for the intervention of the licensing authority.
- 4.13 To assist applicants, the licensing authority has published a range of model conditions that applicants are encouraged to consider as part of their risk assessment process. These model conditions can be found at www.hartlepool.gov.uk/licensing.

Alcohol Harm Reduction

- 4.14 The licensing authority recognises that for most people alcohol represents an enjoyable addition to well-balanced social activities. However, there is increasing concern that, for some people, alcohol misuse is leading to self harm and social nuisance.
- 4.15 In determining licence applications, the licensing authority will have regard to any relevant Government guidance relating to alcohol consumption, alcohol misuse and alcohol harm.

Protection of Children

- 4.16 Whilst the protection of children from harm is a licensing objective, the licensing authority will not normally impose conditions restricting or prohibiting the admission of children to licensed premises. However, conditions designed to protect children will be imposed where necessary if relevant representations have been received.
- 4.17 The licensing authority will not impose any licence conditions requiring the admission of children to licensed premises.
- 4.18 Examples of premises where the introduction of additional controls are likely to be necessary are:
- Where entertainment or services of an adult or sexual nature are provided.
 - Where there have been convictions of members of the current staff at the premises for serving alcohol to minors or premises with a reputation for underage drinking.
 - Where there is a known association with drug taking or dealing.
 - Where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises.
 - Where the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the exclusive or primary purpose of the services provided at the premises.
 - Where entertaining or providing facilities for the entertainment of children is a significant part of the premises' operation.
- 4.19 In such circumstances, additional conditions may be expected where considered necessary for the prevention of harm to children. These may include: -
- Limitations on the hours when children may be present
 - Age limitations
 - Limitations on the parts of premises to which children will be given access
 - Requirements for accompanying adults
 - Full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place

- 4.20 Where the exhibition of films is permitted, the licensing authority will impose a condition requiring the exhibition of films to be limited to only those age groups recommended by either the British Board of Film Classification or the licensing authority. For such films, licensees must indicate in their operating schedules how such action will be assured. Only in exceptional cases will variations of this general rule be granted by the licensing authority and then only with appropriate safeguards.
- 4.21 In relation to specialist Film Festivals where it is desired to show films not classified by the BBFC the licensing authority will, provided adequate notice has been given, classify the films concerned. Information regarding such classifications will be available for inspection at the Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool. To achieve consistency and the protection of children the licensing authority will use the guidelines published by the BBFC.
- 4.22 In connection with the protection of children from harm, the licensing authority will provide details of which body is responsible for such matters. Details of licence applications, where relevant, should be forwarded to this nominated body for examination.
- 4.23 Where there is provision of entertainment specifically for children (e.g. a children's disco) the licensing authority will expect the presence of sufficient appropriate adults to control the entertainment and the access and egress of the children to ensure their safety.
- 4.24 Where it is the intention of the licensee to offer responsibility for the supervision of children as part of a licensable activity, the licensing authority will expect licensees to take appropriate measures to ensure the suitability of employees for such purposes – this may involve employees providing a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Designated Premises Supervisors

- 4.25 The sale and supply of alcohol, because of its impact on the wider community and on crime and anti-social behaviour, carries with it greater responsibility than that associated with the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshment.
- 4.26 Because of this the licensing authority expects that the designated premises supervisor (DPS) for a licensed premises will be able to demonstrate that they are in day to day control of the premises, playing an active role in its operation through a regular personal presence.

Licensing Hours

- 4.27 The licensing authority does not accept that longer opening hours for licensed premises 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 can create a nuisance for those residents who are affected by the general operation of a premises or from revellers returning home during the early hours.

Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but licences for before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, licence applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises for before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:30 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused.

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.

- 4.28 Whilst zoning will not be adopted, the licensing authority will impose stricter conditions with regard to noise control in areas which have denser residential accommodation.

Live Music, Dancing & Theatre

- 4.29 The licensing authority recognises that traditional cultural activities such as music and dancing should be encouraged as part of a wider cultural strategy. Account should be taken of the need to encourage and promote entertainment such as live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefits of communities generally.
- 4.30 Only conditions considered necessary, proportionate and reasonable for the promotion of the licensing objectives will be attached to licences for activities of this nature. The authority will avoid measures that may deter live music, dancing and theatre by imposing unjustified indirect substantial costs. The licensing authority will closely monitor the impact of licensing on such activities and, where a negative impact can be identified, will re-visit the Licensing Policy with a view to investigating how the situation might be reversed.

Enforcement

- 4.31 Where necessary, enforcement action will be taken in accordance with the principles of the Regulators Code and the Council's Enforcement Policy.
- 4.32 In particular, regard will be had to the following principles:

- Targeting - i.e. focusing on activities that give rise to the most serious risks or where hazards are least well controlled.
 - Consistency - i.e. similar approaches in similar circumstances to achieve similar ends.
 - Transparency - i.e. helping duty holders to understand what is expected and distinguishing between statutory requirements and guidance.
 - Proportionality - i.e. action taken should be proportional to the risk presented.
- 4.33 The authority will establish protocols with the local police and the fire brigade on enforcement issues to avoid duplication and to provide for the most efficient deployment of council, police and fire officers in respect of inspection of licensed premises and the enforcement of licensing law.
- 4.34 Furthermore the policy of the Council will be a light touch inspection regime for well managed and maintained premises with a targeted and increased inspection and enforcement regime for “high-risk” premises and those suspected of not being operated within the terms and conditions of the licence.

Integration of Strategies and Other Policies

- 4.35 Hartlepool Borough Council fully recognises and endorses the value of good relations between persons of different racial groups. The licensing authority recognises the obligations placed upon it by the Equality Act 2010 and will ensure that this Policy promotes race equality and the elimination of unlawful discrimination.
- 4.36 The Council will integrate its various strategies to achieve consistency and transparency in the achievement of the licensing objectives.
- 4.37 Arrangements for reporting to local authority transport committees will be made to ensure transport strategies take account of the need to quickly disperse people from busy town centre areas to reduce the potential for nuisance and disturbance.
- 4.38 Arrangements will be made for the reporting of Hartlepool’s employment situation and the needs of the local tourist economy to the licensing committee to ensure that these issues are taken into account when licensing matters are being considered.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

General Requirements

- 5.1 The licensing authority will expect individual applicants to address the licensing objectives in their operating schedule, (as required under the Act). The operating schedule will have regard to the nature of the area where the premises are situated, the type of premises concerned, the licensable activities to be provided, the times during which it is proposed that relevant licensable activities are to take place and details of other times during which it is proposed that the premises are to be open to the public.
- 5.2 In many cases it may be helpful to all concerned for council officers to discuss with applicants and/or their advisers a draft operating schedule before it is formally submitted. This will help ensure it properly addresses all the issues of concern to the council. Where licensable activities include the supply of alcohol, specified information on the individual identified as premises supervisor shall be supplied as well as whether the supply of alcohol is proposed for consumption on and/or off the premises and operational procedures.

Nuisance

- 5.3 The licensing authority will expect the operating schedule to clearly demonstrate actions intended to ensure the operation will be “neighbour friendly”. In particular, the applicant shall propose adequate practical steps to prevent disturbance to local residents.
- 5.4 The licensing authority does not accept that longer opening hours for licensed premises 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 can create a nuisance for those residents who are affected by the general operation of a premises or from revellers returning home during the early hours.
- 5.5 Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but licences for before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, licence applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises for before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:30 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 In relation to noise from within the building the licensing authority will expect the applicant to have carried out acoustic tests to ascertain whether there is sound leakage. This noise could relate not only to entertainment but also from

air handling equipment or patrons. The licensing authority will expect potential noise breakout to have been addressed in practical ways such as:

- Keeping doors and windows closed and providing suitable mechanical ventilation
- Installing soundproofing measures to control noise breakout and vibration to an acceptable level.

5.8 The licensing authority will expect venues that attract queues to formulate a scheme to avoid disturbance to nearby residents. In some cases this may be achieved by simply ensuring that the direction of the queue is away from residential accommodation.

5.9 However, possible excessive noise generated by customers and/or disorder requires more rigorous action. It is important that queues formed later in the evening or in early morning are adequately supervised to keep noise/disorder to a minimum. Such action can also help stop drug dealing during the queuing process but the prime purpose will be to prevent noise and disturbance. Door supervisors will generally be expected to carry out this role, but they must be adequately trained and given clear instructions as to their duties and responsibilities – where necessary they should be adequately supervised by a suitably nominated person or persons.

5.10 In terms of patrons leaving the premises, particularly late at night or early in the morning, the licensing authority will expect the applicant to indicate in their operating schedule that consideration has been given to, and included where appropriate, such practical steps as:

- Erecting prominent notices at the exits to premises asking customers to leave quietly and not to slam car doors, etc
- At appropriate times making announcements to the same effect.
- Instructing door staff to ask customers leaving the premises to leave the area quietly
- Reducing the volume of music towards closing time and where appropriate playing quieter, more soothing music.
- The availability of licensed taxis or private hire vehicles to take patrons from the premises
- In appropriate cases door supervisors or a premises manager patrolling nearby streets periodically to assess for themselves whether there is a noise or disorder problem and how best to deal with it
- Banning from the premises people who regularly leave in a noisy fashion.
- Increasing outside lighting levels
- Where there is a private forecourt, yard, etc, preventing patrons from using it for eating and drinking etc after a certain time. Planning conditions are usually imposed to restrict use after 8.00 pm or at sunset where adjacent to residential properties.

5.11 There can be little doubt that a well-managed licensed venue can benefit the local community. However, there is clearly a risk of local residents being

disturbed particularly if the venue is open late at night. People leaving the premises, particularly late at night or in the early hours of the morning, can be a significant problem. Customers may be less inhibited about their behaviour and may be unaware of the noise they are creating.

- 5.12 A responsible applicant or licensee will wish to further the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance by introducing practical measures such as those referred to above to prevent such nuisance.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- 5.13 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 create a nuisance for those residents who are affected by the general operation of a premises or from revellers returning home during the early hours.

Shops, stores and supermarkets will in general be licensed to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping but licences for before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused. In addition, licence applications for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises for before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:30 p.m. in residential areas will generally be refused.

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.

- 5.14 The licensing authority will expect an applicant to indicate in their operating schedule the steps proposed to prevent crime and disorder such as:
- Use of CCTV both within and outside the premises
 - Procedures to prevent the supply of alcohol to those already drunk
 - Metal detection and search facilities
 - Procedures for risk assessing promotions and events such as “happy hours” for the potential to cause crime and disorder, and plans for minimising such risks
 - Measures to prevent the use or supply of illegal drugs
 - Employment of licensed door supervisors and other appropriately trained staff
 - Participation in an appropriate scheme designed to ensure effective liaison with the local community
- 5.15 Reason(s): Prevention of crime is both an objective of the Licensing Act 2003 and an important responsibility of the Council under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is important, therefore, that the applicant is able to demonstrate to the licensing authority the practical steps that will be taken to further this objective.

- 5.16 Premises that are supplying alcohol for consumption on the premises after midnight and whose operation, at that time, is primarily or significantly of the 'vertical drinking' format, will be expected to provide all drinks in plastic glasses.
- 5.17 Reason: Standard drinking glasses are made of annealed glass that, when broken, can create long shards which can be used as a stabbing weapon. Toughened glass will shatter completely when broken but, due to its manufacturing process, is extremely hard and may cause blunt force injuries if thrown or used as a weapon.
- 5.18 Rigid or flexible plastic glasses will not shatter when broken and will not cause blunt force injuries. As such, the licensing authority believes such a condition is a reasonable and proportionate requirement that will prevent those serious injuries that occur when drinking glasses are used as weapons.

Construction/Maintenance and Safety

- 5.19 The licensing authority will expect licensed premises to meet all legal safety requirements, but in addition wishes to promote the highest possible standards of safety for patrons and others who may be affected by a licensed premises. It will expect the applicant to have addressed the requirements of Health and Safety at Work and Fire Safety legislation and, where appropriate, other technical standards that may be appropriate for the premises concerned.
- 5.20 The licensing authority will also expect the operating schedule to detail how the premises will be properly managed and maintained to ensure public safety at all times.
- 5.21 The licensing authority expects licensed premises to be a safe environment and applicants will be expected to consider how customers can be kept safe from foreseeable risks.

Pricing of Alcohol

- 5.22 The Licensing Authority encourages all licensed premises to apply a minimum price of 50p per unit of alcohol to all products sold under their premises licence. (The unit pricing will be reviewed in line with national Guidance.)
- 5.23 Where licensed premises are found to be selling alcohol below this price, and problems associated with that premises are in breach of the licensing objectives, a responsible authority or interested party may bring a licence review. Following the review, the Licensing Committee may impose a condition in relation to the pricing of alcohol, in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

- 5.24 The Licensing Authority will expect applicants to demonstrate in their operating schedule how the pricing of alcohol products on sale in their premises will not negatively impact on the licensing objectives.
- 5.25 **Reason:** The licensing authority believes the price of a product influences its demand and, where alcohol is sold cheaply, consumers may be encouraged to buy, and consume, more of it.
- 5.26 The expectation that licensees will not sell alcohol below the stated minimum unit price does not create a legally binding obligation but it does place a duty on licensees to take into account the price of the alcohol they sell and the effect that price may have on levels of alcohol consumption.
- 5.27 If a licence is reviewed and the Licensing Authority believes that one or more of the licensing objectives has been undermined because of the price that alcohol has been sold at, it may impose a condition on the licence to prevent irresponsible pricing in future.

Access for Persons with Disabilities

- 5.28 All premises are expected to provide adequate facilities and access for people with disabilities. The needs of disabled people must therefore be addressed in the operating schedule.
- 5.29 Reason(s): Wherever practicable, persons with disabilities should not be treated in a less advantageous way. In addition, responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 will need to be considered and adequate facilities provided in premises where necessary.

Publicity

- 5.30 All those affected by an application should be made aware of its existence and of the opportunity to make representations. In an attempt to ensure this is achieved, applications for a premises licence must be advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.
- 5.31 Reason(s): The grant of a licence can have a significant impact on the lives or businesses of those living or working in the vicinity of premises for which a licence is sought. Therefore, all those likely to be affected by an application have the right to be made aware of it and of the opportunity to make representations.

Other Policies, Objectives and Guidance

- 5.32 Applicants for licences will be expected to have taken into account relevant strategies and policies such as the local crime prevention strategies, planning

and transportation policies, tourism and cultural strategies in determining their operating schedules.

- 5.33 In addition to the above, applicants will also be expected to address the impact of their premises on the local community and demonstrate that matters such as the prevention and clearance of litter and other waste materials arising from the use of their premises have been considered.

Planning

- 5.34 Premises for which a licence is required must have a suitable, appropriate authorised use under planning legislation.
- 5.35 The licensing authority will not normally entertain an application for a licence unless the applicant can demonstrate that the premises has either an appropriate (in terms of the activity and hours sought) planning consent, or an appropriate certificate of lawful use or development. Exceptions may be made where the applicant can demonstrate compelling reasons why the application should not be refused and the planning status of the premises has not yet been finalised.
- 5.36 Reason(s): Licensing applications should not be a re-run of a planning application and should not cut across decisions taken by the local authority Planning Committee or following appeals against decisions taken by that Committee. Proper integration will be assured by the Licensing Committee, where appropriate, by providing regular reports to the Planning Committee on the situation regarding licensed premises in the area, including the general impact of alcohol related crime and disorder. This will enable the Planning Committee to have regard to such matters when taking its decisions and avoid any unnecessary overlap.

Drug Awareness

- 5.37 The licensing authority recognises that drug use is not something that is relevant to all licensed premises. However, it is recognised that special conditions may need to be imposed on certain venues where drug use is, or has been, taking place in order to reduce the sale and consumption of drugs and to create a safer environment for all.
- 5.38 The licensing authority will expect licensees of venues to take all reasonable steps to prevent the entry of drugs into their premises; to take appropriate steps to prevent drugs changing hands within the premises; and to otherwise adopt precautionary measures to address the consequences of drug misuse.

Door Supervisors

- 5.39 Whenever any persons are employed at licensed premises to carry out any regulated security activity, all such persons must be licensed with the Security Industry Authority.
- 5.40 The licensing authority may consider that certain premises require stricter supervision for the purpose of promoting the reduction of crime and disorder or other licensing objectives. In such cases, the licensing authority may impose a condition that licensed door supervisors must be employed at the premises either at all times or at such times as certain licensable activities are being carried out.
- 5.41 Reason: Door supervisors, and others placed in a similar position, are often those first called upon to respond to issues of safety and disorder on licensed premises. The licensing authority intends to ensure that such people are equipped with the skills necessary for the discharge of this important role.

6. CUMULATIVE IMPACT

- 6.1 The licensing authority has carefully considered the issues of alcohol related crime, disorder and nuisance in Hartlepool and has determined not to publish any Cumulative Impact Assessments.

7. ADMINISTRATION, EXERCISE & DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

- 7.1 The licensing authority has delegated its decision-making functions to the Licensing Committee, Sub-Committees and officers in accordance with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- 7.2 Many decisions and functions are purely administrative in nature and these will be delegated to officers in the interests of speed, efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- 7.3 Detailed information regarding the delegation of functions can be found in Appendix One.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

- 8.1 Further details regarding the licensing application process, including application forms can be obtained from:

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APPENDIX ONE

Delegation of Functions

Matter to be dealt with	Full Committee	Sub Committee	Officers
Application for personal licence		If an objection made	If no objection made
Application for premises licence/club certificate		If a representation made	If no representation made
Application for provisional statement		If a representation made	If no representation made
Application to vary premises licence/club premises certificate		If a representation made	If no representation made
Application to vary designated premises supervisor		If a police objection	All other cases
Request to be removed as designated premises supervisor			All cases
Application for transfer of premises licence		If a police objection	All other cases
Application for interim authorities		If a police objection	All other cases
Application to review premises licence/club premises certificate		All cases	
Decisions regarding personal licence holder following conviction of offences		All cases	
Decision on whether a complaint is relevant frivolous vexatious etc.			All cases
Decision to make representations on behalf of the licensing authority acting as a Responsible Authority			All cases
Determination of a police objection to a temporary event notice		All cases	