

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

## AGENDA



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**at 10.00 am**

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

MEMBERS: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Bailey-Fleet, Thompson and Young

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **MINUTES**  
  
No items
4. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
  - 4.1 Application for a new premises licence: Topsy Doorman, 56 Church Street, Hartlepool –*Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*
5. **ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

#### CIVIC CENTRE EVACUATION AND ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

In the event of a fire alarm or a bomb alarm, please leave by the nearest emergency exit as directed by Council Officers. A Fire Alarm is a continuous ringing. A Bomb Alarm is a continuous tone. The Assembly Point for everyone is Victory Square by the Cenotaph. If the meeting has to be evacuated, please proceed to the Assembly Point so that you can be safely accounted for.

## **Licensing Act 2003**

### **Chair's 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.
  - a) **Will the officers and parties present please introduce themselves.**
  - b) **Has everyone received the papers and copies of the procedure.**
  - c) **This is an application for a new licence for**
2. **Representative of the Assistant Director, Regeneration**  
**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 for Regeneration and Planning**
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 members of the public submitted in accordance with the regulations. I will take these in the following order: -**
7. **Any further questions by Members to the interested parties.**
8. **Do any of the interested parties have any questions or need any issues clarifying?**
9. **Do any of the interested parties wish to briefly sum up?**

**10. Does the applicant wish to sum up?**

**11. Do the Members have any points they wish to have clarified.**

**Are all parties are satisfied they have said all they wish to?**

**12. The Members will now go into closed session to reach our decision. We will be accompanied by the Council's legal representative and the Democratic Services Officer who will assist and advise us during that process. We will return to the meeting with our decision as soon as we can.**

*(Members to leave room)*

**13. Chair informs parties of their decision, with reasons.**

# LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)

**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE:  
TIPSY DOORMAN, 56 CHURCH STREET,  
HARTLEPOOL

## 1. COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITY

### Hartlepool will be a place:

- where those who are vulnerable will be safe and protected from harm.

## 2 PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To consider an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of The Topsy Doorman, 56 Church Street, Hartlepool. A Summary of the application is outlined below:

2.2 Applicant: Stuart John Mark Espin

Premises: The Topsy Doorman  
56 Church Street  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7DX

2.3 The applicant has amended their original application following the statutory consultation period and are seeking a Licence for the following revised activities:

- |                           |                 |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| a. Live Music             | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |
| b. Recorded Music         | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |
| c. Performance of Dance   | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |
| d. Anything Similar a,b,c | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |

- |   |                 |                   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| e. Late Night Refreshment                       | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |
| f. Supply of Alcohol<br>(on & off the premises) | Monday – Sunday | 10:00am – 04:00am |

## Opening hours

Monday – Sunday                      10:00am – 04:30am

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

A copy of the amended Operating Schedule can be found at **Appendix 2**. The Operating Schedule was accompanied by an email stating the following:

1. *As the previous Licence (HART/PS/124) has licensable hours of 10:00 to 04:00hrs, we would like to replicate those precise timings, dialing back our request by 30 minutes regarding licensable activities.*
2. *As per the a/m Licence, we would like to retain the same Opening Hours.*
3. *We propose and provide the new/revised Operating Schedule, as attached.*

A map of the area is attached as **Appendix 3** and street view images of the premises are attached as **Appendix 4**.

- 2.4 The applicant states on the application that the premises will be a late night bar with a kitchen and private function facilities.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Topsy Doorman previously benefited from a Premises Licence, the Licence was held by a Limited Liability Company. The Limited Liability company was dissolved. If a limited liability company becomes insolvent or is dissolved, any licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 will immediately lapse. However, within 28 days of the company's dissolution, an application can be made to transfer the licence to a new entity to continue operations at the same location; if this window is missed, a new licence application will be required to operate the premises legally. The onus is on the Licence Holder to ensure that any transfer is made within the legal parameters.
- 3.2 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and three representations have been received by the Licensing Authority.
- 3.3 Cleveland Police have submitted a representation which is attached as **Appendix 5**. The Cleveland Police representation makes reference to all four Licensing Objectives:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
  - The prevention of public nuisance

- The protection of children from harm
- Public Safety

3.4 Public Protection, Environmental Health (Environmental Protection) have submitted a representation which is attached as **Appendix 6**. The Environmental Protection representation makes reference to the Licensing Objective of Public Nuisance.

3.5 The licensing Authority have submitted a representation which is attached as **Appendix 7**. The Licensing Authority representation makes reference to the following Licensing Objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance

3.6 Hartlepool Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy states:

#### **Licensing Hours**

“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.

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.”

3.7 The applicant has agreed conditions for the Premise Licence with Environmental Health (Commercial Services) and Environmental Health (Environmental Protection) these conditions are attached as **Appendix 8** and **Appendix 9**.

3.8 Further information regarding noise complaints has been submitted by Environmental Health (Environmental Protection) and this can be read at **Appendix 10**.

3.9 Cleveland Police have provided a statement and further evidence to support their representation and this can be read at **Appendix 11**.

3.10 Although conditions have been agreed with Cleveland Police and Environmental Protection the applicant will not agree with the recommended finish time of 02:00am for the sale of alcohol, supply of late night refreshment and regulated entertainment.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

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

4.2 Hartlepool Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy states:

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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

4.3 Members are reminded that they must only consider those aspects of the licence application that are relevant to the representations received.

#### 5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/ IMPLICATIONS

<b>Risk Implications</b>	None
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	If the licence was not granted and the applicant appealed the decision there would be financial implications to the Local Authority.
<b>Legal Considerations</b>	Appeal by the applicant if the licence was to be refused
<b>Equality and Diversity Considerations</b>	None

<b>Staff Considerations</b>	None
<b>Asset Management Considerations</b>	None
<b>Environmental, Sustainability and Climate Change Considerations</b>	None

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 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.

## 7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

None

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Hartlepool Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2021

[https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/info/20023/licences\\_and\\_permits/228/alcohol\\_entertainment\\_and\\_late\\_night\\_refreshment/2](https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/info/20023/licences_and_permits/228/alcohol_entertainment_and_late_night_refreshment/2)

Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

## 9. CONTACT OFFICERS

- 9.1 Sylvia Pinkney  
Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)



**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 STUART JOHN MARK ESPIN  
(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  <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">56 CHURCH STREET</div>			
<b>Post town</b>	HARTLEPOOL	<b>Postcode</b>	TS24 7DX

Telephone number at premises (if any)	NO LANDLINE INSTALLED
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ UNKNOWN

**Part 2 - Applicant details**

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

- |  |                                     |                             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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/limited liability partnership | <input type="checkbox"/>            | please complete section (B) |
| ii as a partnership (other than limited liability)   | <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 ☐ 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 (by ticking yes to one box below):

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 <u>ESPIN</u>			First names <u>STUART</u>		
Date of birth <u>[REDACTED]</u> over		I am 18 years old or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes			
Nationality <u>BRITISH</u>					
Current residential address if different from premises address		<u>[REDACTED]</u>			
Post town	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Postcode	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		
Daytime contact telephone number		<u>[REDACTED]</u>			
E-mail address (optional)	<u>[REDACTED]</u>				
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 2 for information)					
<u>NOT REQUIRED.</u>					

**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		
Date of birth over		I am 18 years old or <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes		
Nationality				
Current postal address if different from premises address		NOT REQUIRED		
Post town		Postcode		
Daytime contact telephone number				
E-mail address (optional)				
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 2 for information)				

**(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
NOT REQUIRED
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?

DD		MM		YYYY	
1	6	0	1	2	0
2	5				

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

DD		MM		YYYY	

*ONGOING*

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

A LATE NIGHT BAR WITH A KITCHEN AND PRIVATE  
FUNCTIONS FACILITIES

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 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)

Please tick all that apply

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

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

☒

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

☒

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4)  <div style="text-align: center;">NOT REQUIRED</div>		
Tue					
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

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Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue			NOT REQUIRED		
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 5)
Tue			NOT REQUIRED
Wed			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)		Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)  <p style="text-align: center;">NOT REQUIRED</p>			
Tue						
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 5)			
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 6)			
Sat						
Sun						

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)		Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			INDOOR LATE NIGHT BAR		Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	1000	0430	THE ABILITY TO DELIVER AMPLIFIED MUSIC TO THE CUSTOMERS WITHIN.		
Tue	1000	0430			
Wed	1000	0430	<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
			DJ'S & BANDS WITHIN.		
Thur	1000	0430	NOTHING OUTSIDE PERMITTED		
			REGULAR MRS.		
Fri	1000	0430	<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	1000	0430			
Sun	1000	0430			

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – <u>please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)		Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)			
Mon	1000	0430	PLAYING MUSIC TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE PREMISES.			
Tue	1000	0430				
Wed	1000	0430	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 5)			
Thur	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED OUTSIDE THE PERMITTED HOURS.			
Fri	1000	0430	<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 6)			
Sat	1000	0430	NON REQUIRED.			
Sun	1000	0430				

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	1000	0430	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	1000	0430	STANDARD ENTERTAINING DANCERS ON OCCASSION WITHIN THE TIME.		
Wed	1000	0430	State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		
Fri	1000	0430	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 6)		
Sat	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED.		
Sun	1000	0430			

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing DJ'S, DANCERS AND ON OCCASSION A LIVE BAND.		
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	1000	0430		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	1000	0430	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	1000	0430	SEE ABOVE		
Thur	1000	0430	<b>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		
Sat	1000	0430	<b>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</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED.		

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	1000	0430	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4) ALCOHOLIC DRINKS SOFT DRINKS PUB SNACKS FOOD FROM KITCHEN	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	1000	0430			
Wed	1000	0430	<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 5)  NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		
Thur	1000	0430			
Fri	1000	0430	<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 6)  NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		
Sat	1000	0430			
Sun	1000	0430			

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<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Mon	1000	0430			
Tue	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		
Wed	1000	0430			
Thur	1000	0430	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri	1000	0430			
Sat	1000	0430			
Sun	1000	0430			
			NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	LINDSEY ESPIN
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Personal licence number (if known)	SBC 154553
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	STOCKTON ON TEES.

K

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 9).

NO KNOWN ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED  
HOWEVER WE ARE HAPPY TO STAY WITH  
THE OLD RESTRICTIONS IN TERMS OF  
ACCESS WITH CHILDREN.

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED
Tue	1000	0430	
Wed	1000	0430	
Thur	1000	0430	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 6)
Fri	1000	0430	NO VARIATIONS REQUIRED.
Sat	1000	0430	
Sun	1000	0430	

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

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)**

ENSURING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF HAVE SUFFICIENT TRAINING WITHIN THE RELEVANT AREAS.  
ENSURING THAT CCTV IS WITHIN ORDER  
APPROPRIATE AND LICENSED SECURITY ARE EMPLOYED IN THE MOST LIKELY / AND CONFRONTATIONAL TIMES.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

ENSURING THAT ALL CRIMES OR POTENTIAL CRIMES ARE RECORDED. INCIDENTS & ACCIDENTS ARE REPORTED APPROPRIATELY.  
TO BE COMPLIANT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES SUCH AS PUB WATCH & LINK RADIO (CCTV).

**c) Public safety**

NO GLASS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.  
ENSURING SUITABLE DOOR SUPERVISORS ARE IN PLACE AT THE BUSIEST OF TIMES.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

ENSURING THAT AREAS ARE KEPT CLEAN TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.  
INTERNAL DOORS ARE KEPT CLOSED TO PREVENT NOISE DISTURBANCE.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

ENSURING THAT STRICT ID CHECKING POLICY IS IN PLACE AND NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE BAR AT ANY TIME TO PREVENT ANY PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

**Checklist:****Please tick to indicate agreement**

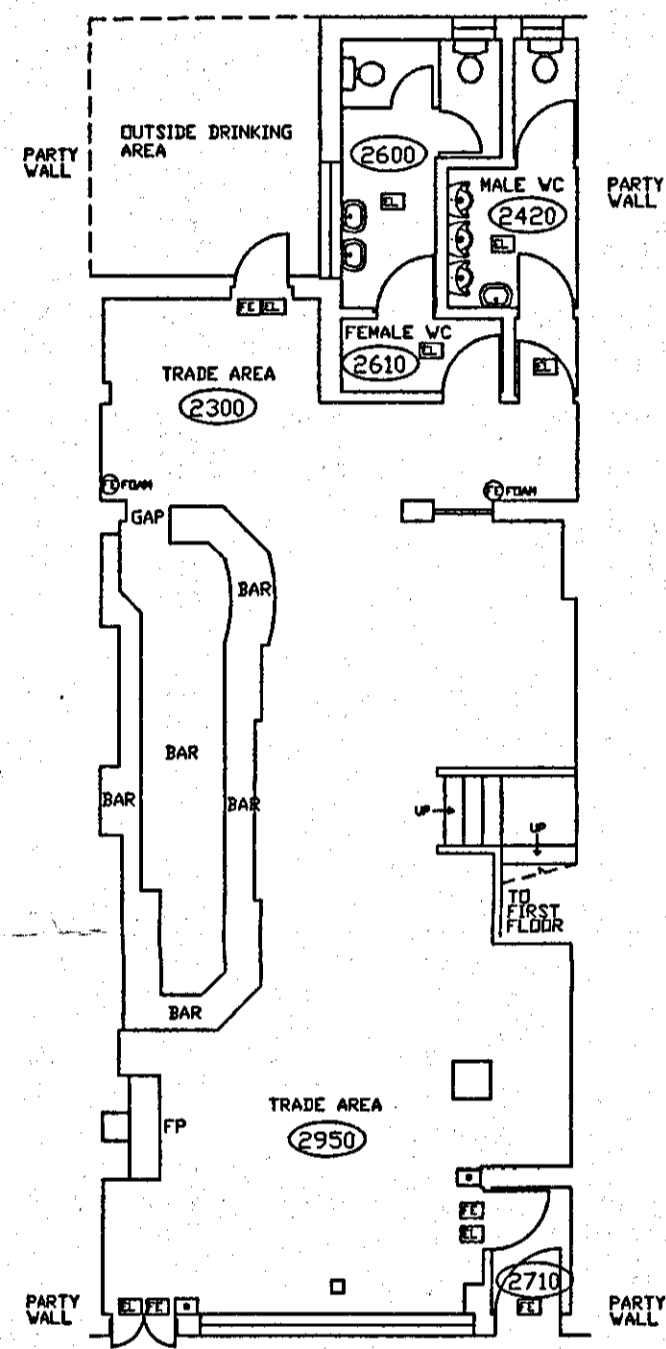
- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee. ☒
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises. ☒
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable. ☒
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises 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. ☒
- ☒ [Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 15).

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 156 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 IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.**

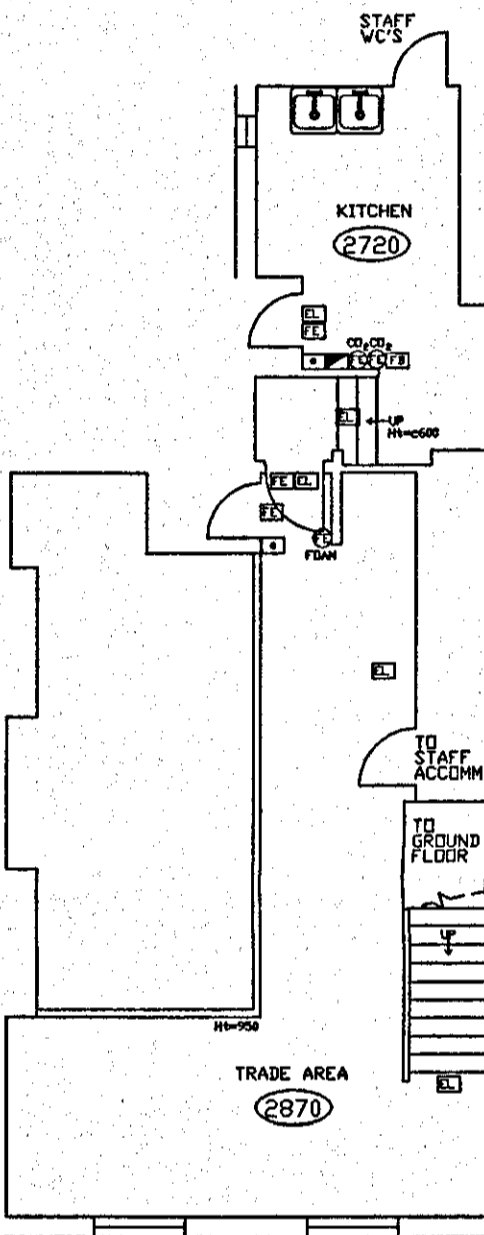
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION:  
1: Number of storeys of building. 3 storeys + cellar  
2: Staff accommodation. 2 bedrooms  
3: Letting rooms with mini bar. 0 rooms  
4: Letting rooms without mini bar. 0 rooms

- LEGEND
- CEILING HEIGHT
  - WINDOW
  - FIRE PLACE
  - DOOR
  - TOILET
  - URINAL
  - WASH HAND BASIN
  - BOILER
  - FIRE EXIT
  - EMERGENCY LIGHT
  - SMOKE DETECTOR
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  - FIRE EXTINGUISHER WATER
  - FIRE EXTINGUISHER POWDER
  - SPRINKLER OUTLETS
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  - STEPS
  - SINK UNIT
  - AMUSEMENT WITH PRIZES
  - BAR FLAP

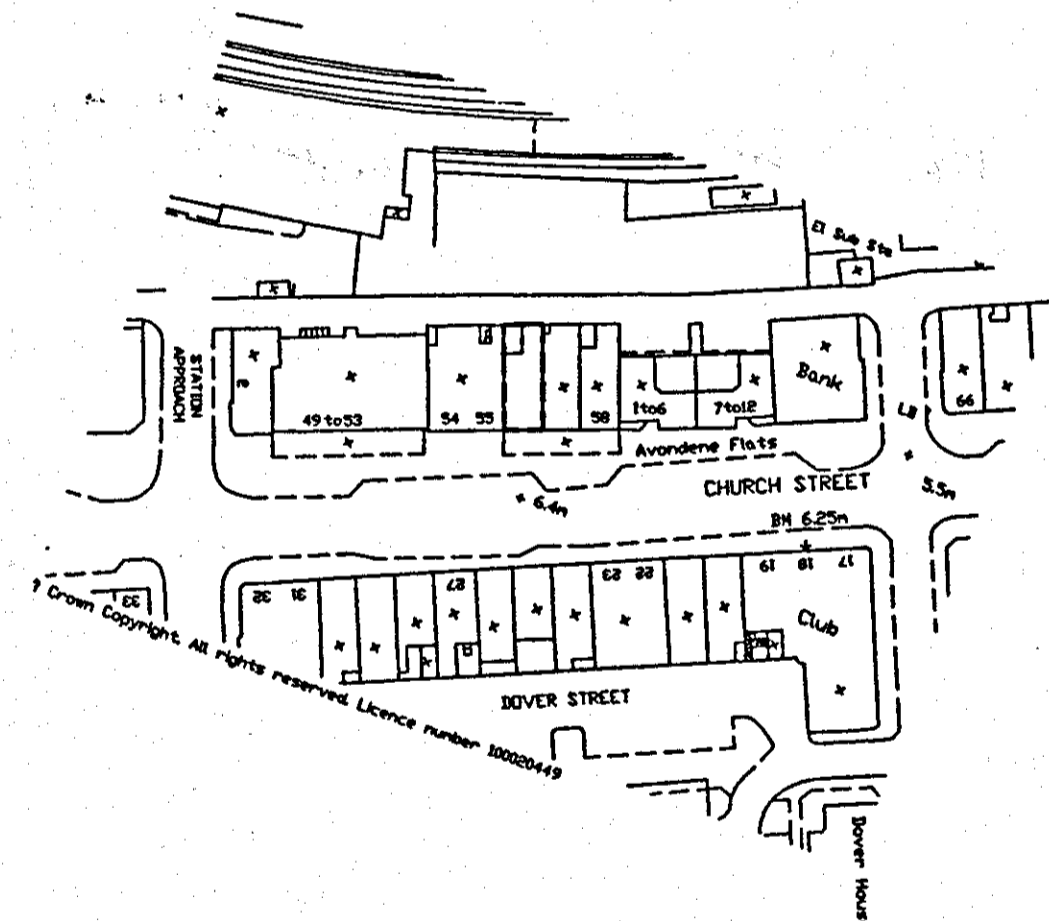


BUILDING SURVEYED AREA = 159.9 SQ. M  
LOCATED IN CELLAR, HATCH ACCESS IN FLOOR BEHIND BAR

SCALE 1:100  
GROUND FLOOR



SCALE 1:100  
FIRST FLOOR



INDICATIVE ONLY  
SCALE 1:1250

PROPERTY		LICENSING SURVEY PLAN	
Property ID	Property Name	Date of Survey	Drp. Scale
018436/05	Tavern Church Street Hartlepool TS24 7DX	14/02/05	AS SHOWN



#### **a) General – all four licensing objectives**

##### **CCTV**

A suitable closed-circuit television (CCTV) system shall be in operation whilst members of the public are in attendance.

The CCTV system will provide clear images in all levels of lighting, enabling facial-recognition, of all areas of the licensed site to which the public have access (save for toilets/showers/changing areas).

The CCTV system camera coverage shall include external areas used by customers. At least one member of staff shall be on duty at the premises who can operate the system and download recorded images.

These images will be downloaded and provided immediately, or where this is not possible as soon as practicable, on request to an officer of a Responsible Authority.

The CCTV system shall be capable of retaining images for a minimum of 31 days, will be of good quality and will contain the correct time and date stamp information.

The CCTV system and images will be kept in a secure environment to which members of the public will not be permitted access.

##### **Staff Training**

All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive induction and/or refresher training (at least annually) commensurate with their role and responsibilities in relation to the sale of alcohol and the times and conditions of the premises licence.

Training shall include Challenge 25, the requirement and process for completing both the incident log and refusal log (detailed below).

Training will be documented, kept at the premises for at least 12 months from the last entry, and made available to the Police and/or Local Authority upon request.

##### **Personal Licence Holder Register**

A register shall be maintained at the licensed premises showing the name, licence number and contact details including telephone number, for the designated premises supervisor and all employed personal licence holders responsible for authorising alcohol sales.

This register shall be available for inspection by any authorised officer of the responsible authorities and shall be securely retained by the Premises Licence holder or nominated person for a period of 12 months from the date of the last entry.

### **Written Delegated Authority**

Where alcohol sales are made under a Personal Licence Holder's delegated authority, a written record of the delegation of authority must be maintained on the premises and available for inspection.

The record must include:

- a. The name of the personal licence holder delegating their authority.
- b. The personal licence number and issuing authority
- c. The name(s) of the person duly authorised
- d. The date the delegated person received training on their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003
- e. The signatures of both persons

### **Alcohol Off Sales**

Alcohol for consumption off the premises may only be provided in sealed containers.

Patrons are not permitted to remove drinks in open bottles/glasses or other open vessel from the licensed premises.

### **Drinking Up Time**

Alcohol sales for consumption on the premises will end 30 mins before closing to provide drinking up time for alcohol already purchased.

## **b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

### **SIA**

The premises should employ two SIA accredited door staff on their entrance from midnight until the premises are closed.

Where door supervisors are employed, a register will be maintained and kept at the venue and made available to the Police and/or Local Authority upon request. It will include: Name of the SIA , SIA badge number, Time they start and finish.

### **Refusal Log**

There shall be a register for the recording of all alcohol sale refusals, including attempted under-age sales, proxy sales and refusals to those who appear intoxicated.

Details to be recorded shall include the date, time, name (if known), physical description of the person, the reason for the refusal, names of staff involved, and whether the refusal was captured on CCTV.

Any identification document coming into the possession of a member of staff, including security staff, shall be recorded in the register, including the name of the person/name on the identification document.

The register shall be available for immediate inspection by any authorised officer of the responsible authorities and shall be securely retained by the licence holder for a for a period of 12 months from the date of the last entry.

**Incident Log**

An incident log shall be maintained on the premises to record all incidents and accidents.

Records should include occurrences of: anti-social behaviour, admission refusals, ejections, seizure of prohibited items, casualties/unwell customers, welfare and safeguarding matters, accidents, and safety incidents.

The records shall include the date, time, and location of the incident; nature of the incident; personal details and contact information for all people involved including any witnesses, SIA and Personal Licence numbers, any crime number and details of police officers attending.

The entry must also include a note of the action taken and, where relevant, a note of the actions to prevent any reoccurrence should also be included.

Incident and accident records may be kept in a bound register with consecutively numbered pages or electronically on a secure digital system. In each case, the information recorded must be processed, stored, and handled in compliance with The General Data Protection Regulation.

The records shall be available for inspection by any authorised officer of the responsible authorities and shall be securely retained by the licence holder for a period of 12 months after the last entry.

**c) Public safety****General**

A current fire risk assessment will be completed and maintained on the premises for inspection by an officer of any of the Responsible Authorities on request.

No glass / glass bottles can be taken from the premises.

The bar areas must be regularly cleared of empty bottles and glasses.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance****General**

The premises licence holder will operate the business with general consideration in respect of the neighbouring properties.

Clear and prominent notices will be displayed in any outdoor public area, and at the exit, requesting patrons be quiet and have consideration for neighbours in the vicinity.

The licence holder shall ensure no noise or vibration emanates from the premises so as to cause a nuisance.

Regular checks will be made of the outside area during the hours of darkness to discourage groups gathering and loitering outside the premises.

A written dispersal policy will be implemented at the venue and be available to the Police and/or Local Authority upon request.

No patrons shall be admitted or re-admitted to the premises within 30 minutes of the applicable terminal hour except for patrons permitted to leave temporarily the premises to smoke.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

**Age Verification Scheme – Challenge 25**

A challenge 25 age verification scheme will operate at the premises whereby any person who appears to be under 25 years of age, and unknown to the staff member serving as a person over 18 years of age, shall not be served alcohol unless they provide identification to prove they are over 18 years of age.

Acceptable forms of identification will be a valid passport, a valid photo ID driving license or a valid proof of age scheme card with the PASS approved hologram.

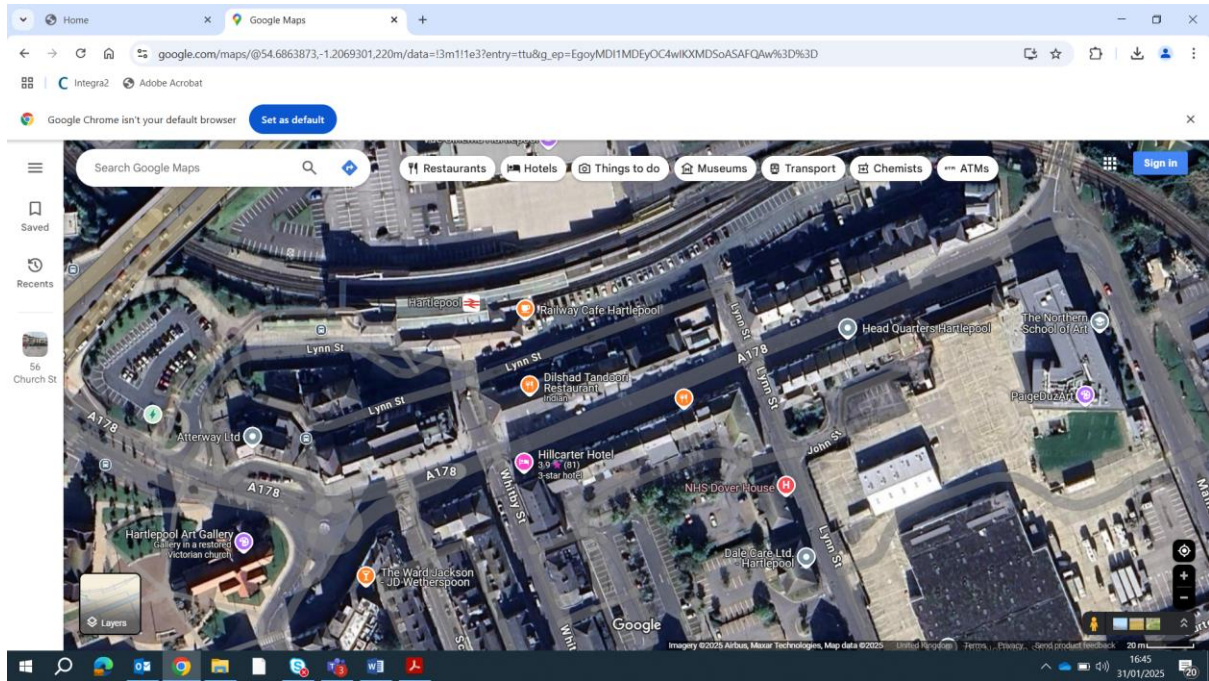
Appropriate signage advertising the operation of the Challenge 25 scheme must be displayed in the vicinity of all points of sale for alcohol.

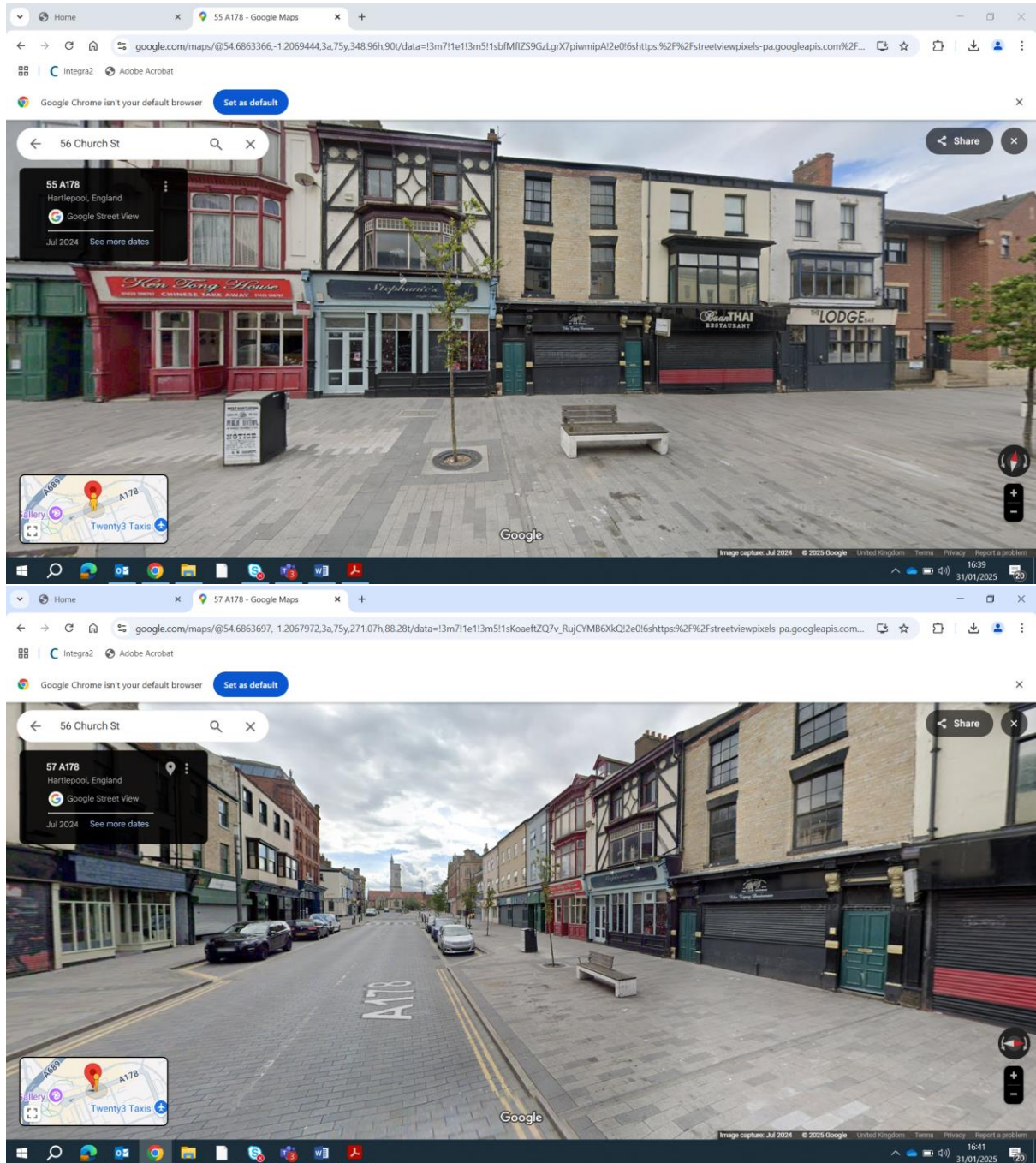
**Age Restrictions**

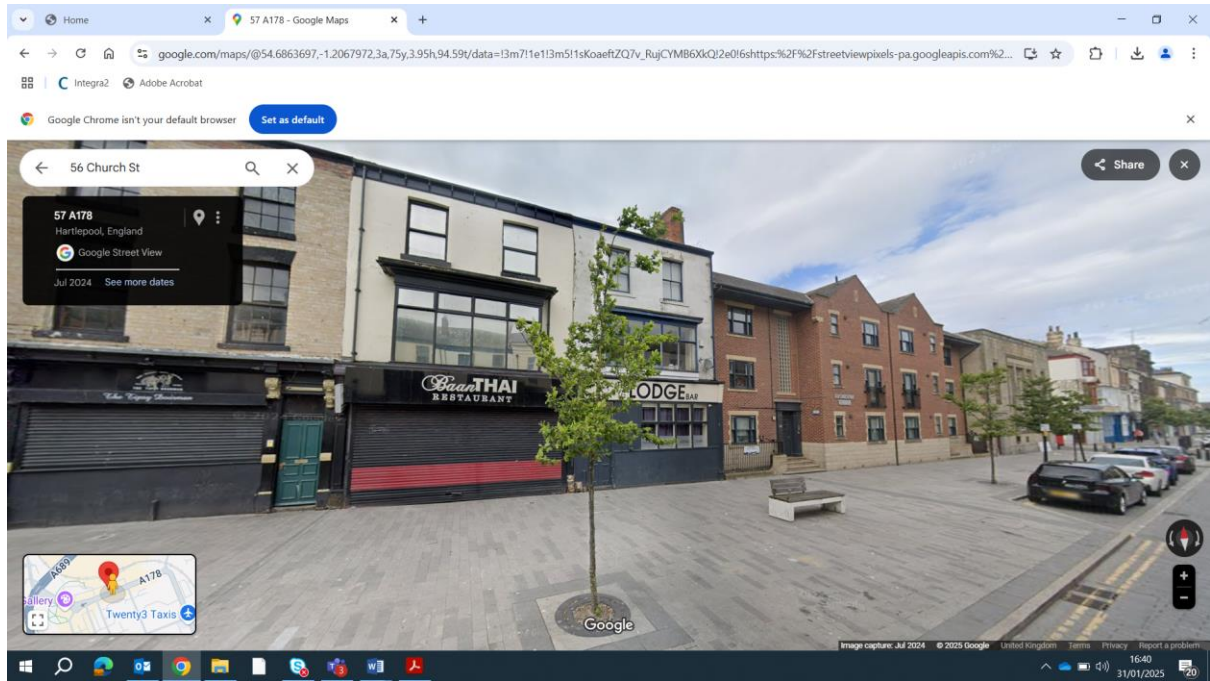
No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies:

- (i) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence, or
- (ii) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.

## Appendix 3 – Map of the Area Tipsy Doorman Licensing Sub – Committee









Licensing Support Unit  
Middlesbrough Police Station  
Bridge Street West  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland  
TS2 1AB  
Tel 01642303176

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**Representations On A Current Application For A Grant 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 make representation about the application for a New Premises  
Licence.

**PREMISES OR CLUB PREMISES DETAILS**

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- |    |                                      |   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | The prevention of crime and disorder | x |
| 2. | Public safety                        | x |
| 3. | The prevention of public nuisance    | x |
| 4. | The protection of children from harm | x |

**GROUNDINGS FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

Cleveland Police have received an application made under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence to be granted at The Tipsy Doorman 56 Church Street Hartlepool TS247DX. The applicant is requesting a licence for a late night bar with kitchen and private function facilities with the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment between 1000hrs – 0430hrs 7 days a week.

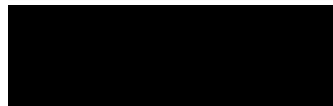
Cleveland Police submit representations to this application for the following reasons,

The premise is situated within the busy night time economy area of Hartlepool. This area already suffers from high levels of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour. Cleveland Police believe that allowing the sale of alcohol as set out in the application would only add to the existing problems that this location experiences.

However, Cleveland Police believe that if the hours for the sale/supply of alcohol are amended to 1000hrs – 0200hrs in support of Hartlepool Borough Councils statement of licensing policy and conditions placed on the premises licence. It will assist in ensuring that the above licensing objectives are not undermined.

Although some conditions have already been offered by the applicant, Cleveland Police would like to add further conditions and have a more robust wording of the conditions offered.

If these conditions and change in hours can be agreed, Cleveland Police feel the licence can be prescriptive enough to ensure it is run as effectively and safely as possible. Cleveland Police have provided the applicant with suggested conditions and amended hours. However, the applicant has not replied so it is taken that they do not agree. As the application can not be progressed Cleveland Police are submitting these objections.



Pc 1620 Clare Lawton  
Licensing Support Unit

Public Protection is formally objecting to the attached New Premise Licence application.

This objection is based on the following licensing objective:

- Prevention of public nuisance.

As a Responsible Authority during the consultation period, I have the opportunity to negotiate conditions with the applicant to ensure the Licensing Objectives are upheld. I proposed several conditions, which the applicant initially agreed to via email. However, despite being advised to do so, the applicant has not signed or returned the attached agreement.

While the applicant indicated that they could work with the conditions, they objected to a closing time of 2am. The applicant questioned the rationale behind the hour's restriction, stating that it "would have a severe adverse effect on my business and I don't feel it would help to work towards the licensing objectives within the Church Street area."

At this time, the applicant has not signed to confirm their agreement with my recommended conditions or the hours restriction. As a result, I have no choice but to object to this application.

To be clear, my objection is not to the application itself but solely to the applicant's unwillingness to agree to the 2am closing time and the recommended conditions outlined in the attached document.

**Zoe Craig**

**Environmental Health Manager (Environmental Protection)**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

I Rachael Readman, on behalf of

**Licensing Authority**  
PUBLIC PROTECTION  
Civic Centre,  
Victoria Road  
Hartlepool  
TS24 8AY



A responsible authority wish to make representation about the application for a new premises licence.

### **PREMISES DETAILS**

**Tipsy Doorman**  
**56 Church Street**  
**Hartlepool**  
**TS24 7DX**

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- |    |                                      |   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | The prevention of crime and disorder | x |
| 2. | Public safety                        |   |
| 3. | The prevention of public nuisance    | x |
| 4. | The protection of children from harm |   |

### **GROUND FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

The Licensing Authority have received an application made under the Licensing Act 2003 for a new premises licence to be granted at the Tipsy Doorman. The Licensing Authority submit representations to this application for the following reason:

The premises is situated on Church Street, which is a busy night-time economy location, including licensed premises, takeaways and student accommodation.

The applicant has requested a licence Monday – Sunday for the following:

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Live Music:                   | 10:00am – 04:30am |
| 2. Recorded Music:               | 10:00am – 04:30am |
| 3. Performance of Dance:         | 10:00am – 04:30am |
| 4. Anything Similar to 1,2 or 3: | 10:00am – 04:30am |
| 5. Late Night Refreshment:       | 10:00am – 04:30am |
| 6. Supply of Alcohol:            | 10:00am – 04:30am |

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. Furthermore, they 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.

The hours requested by the applicant go beyond this Local Authorities Statement of Licensing Policy that states that: *"In non residential areas applications for licences to allow the sale of alcohol or the supply of late night refreshment beyond 2:00am will normally be refused subject to relevant representations being received."*

During the consultation period I have contacted the applicant to inform him of the parameters under which the authority will make licence decisions and to ask if the proposed Operating Schedule may be amended, but unfortunately I have not received a response.



Rachael Readman  
Trading Standards and Licensing Manager

Tipsy Doorman Licensing Sub Committee

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Re: Application for a Premises Licence – Tipsy Doorman, 56 Church Street, Hartlepool TS24 7DX**

I would recommend that the following conditions be attached to the Premises Licence if it were to be granted.

**Conditions**

1. Except with the prior written approval of the Licensing Authority and subject to any conditions which may be attached to such approval: -
  - (a) No special effects, naked flames, smoke production or any process creating a risk of fire, or the illusion of smoke or fire shall be used for the purpose of providing regulated entertainment on the premises.
  - (b) No explosives or highly flammable substances shall be brought into or used on the premises.
  - (c) No special effects shall be used or displays given on the premises, which consist of or include the use of lasers.

Applications for consent, giving detailed descriptions of the equipment to be used and details of the event, including dates and times must be made not less than 28 days before the date of the event.

2. The licensee must ensure that the electrical socket outlets in the licensed premises, which are used for the purpose of providing licensed entertainment, are protected by a residual current device being a 30 mA tripping circuit.
3. There shall be maintained on the premises at all times an adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials for use by patrons.
4. In the event of the fire alarm being activated a suitable relay should be provided so that the electrical power supply to all sound amplification system in the licensed premises shall be immediately intercepted so that the alarm can be clearly heard in all parts of the licensed premises.

Tipsy Doorman Licensing Sub-Committee

When telephoning please use  
(01429) 523325 to contact  
Zoe Craig  
Environmental Health Manager

15/01/2025

Dear Mr Stuart Espin

**Re: Licensing Act 2003**  
**Application for New Premises Licence**  
**Tipsy Doorman**  
**Hartlepool**  
**TS24 7DX**

I am in receipt of a completed copy of your application for a new premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and as a designated 'Responsible Authority' I have considered the contents carefully.

With regards to your application and licensing conditions appropriate. I recommend the following conditions to be attached to your licence.

If you agree to the conditions attached, I will ask that you sign the enclosed acceptance form and return it to

Zoe Craig  
Hartlepool Borough Council  
Civic Centre  
Victoria Road  
TS24 8AY

[zoe.craig@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:zoe.craig@hartlepool.gov.uk)

If you are unwilling to accept the attached conditions, it is likely that the matter will need to be resolved by the Council's Licensing Committee, by way of a hearing.

1. The licensee must install and maintain a noise limiter system approved by the Environmental Protection Team and satisfactory to the Licensing Authority for the duration of the license when regulated entertainment is taking place on the premises. The approved scheme shall include agreed-upon noise levels.
2. All external doors and windows shall be kept closed whilst regulated entertainment is taking place except in an emergency.
3. Signs shall be displayed in prominent positions requesting customers to leave the premises in a quiet and orderly manner and to consider the neighbouring residents.

4. Noise levels will be monitored externally during all events/functions and written records maintained.
5. Music shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
6. No speakers or sound amplification devices shall be installed, placed, or used in any outdoor area of the premises.
7. No music or amplified sound, including live or recorded music, shall be transmitted, relayed, or otherwise broadcast to any outdoor area of the premises

Yours faithfully



Zoe Craig  
Environmental Health Manager (Environmental Protection)

## **Acceptance Form**

### **Re: Licensing Act 2003**

### **Application for New Premises Licence**

### **Tipsy Doorman**

### **Hartlepool**

### **TS24 7DX**

Further to your recent correspondence concerning the above. I confirm that I am happy with the following conditions to be included into my licence.

1. The licensee must install and maintain a noise limiter system approved by the Environmental Protection Team and satisfactory to the Licensing Authority for the duration of the license when regulated entertainment is taking place on the premises. The approved scheme shall include agreed-upon noise levels.
2. All external doors and windows shall be kept closed whilst regulated entertainment is taking place except in an emergency.
3. Signs shall be displayed in prominent positions requesting customers to leave the premises in a quiet and orderly manner and to consider neighbouring residents.
4. Noise levels will be monitored externally during all events/functions and written records maintained.
5. Music shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
6. No speakers or sound amplification devices shall be installed, placed, or used in any outdoor area of the premises.
7. No music or amplified sound, including live or recorded music, shall be transmitted, relayed, or otherwise broadcast to any outdoor area of the premise.

If my application is successful, I understand that these amendments will then form part of any conditions attached to the grant of the licence.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Environmental Protection Further Information

**The Topsy Doorman - 56 Church Street**

I wish to elaborate further on our objection to the applicant's request for operating hours of the above premises for 1000-0400. It is important to note that the establishment in question has previously been the subject of noise complaints from nearby residents. These complaints were related to the amplified music emanating from the premises, which caused disturbance during late hours.

In response to these complaints, officers engaged directly with the licensee, raising concerns about the noise levels from amplified music. Subsequently, an out-of-hours monitoring visit was conducted by officers, who confirmed the presence of amplified music emitting from the premises during late hours.

Given this history of noise disturbances, we are concerned that having the operating hours until 0400 would likely further affect the surrounding residents, particularly during late hours. This would clearly be at odds with the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance, and we respectfully urge the committee to consider these factors when determining the appropriate operating hours.

We are not opposed to the business operating within reasonable hours and are therefore proposing a compromise, allowing the hours to extend only until 0200. This would help balance the needs of the business with the protection of local residents' right to enjoy their own home.

Regards

Zoe

**Zoe Craig** | Environmental Health Manager (Environmental Protection)

**Hartlepool Borough Council**

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## CLEVELAND POLICE

### WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement Clare Lawton

Age if under 18: **Over 18** (if over 18 insert "Over18") Occupation: Pc 1620

This statement (consisting of **9** 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.

Signature: Pc 1620 Lawton

Date: 03/02/2025

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Pc 1620 Clare Lawton for Cleveland Police presently stationed at Middlesbrough Police station in the Licensing Support Unit.

I have performed this role for over 4 years and during that time I have successfully completed the BIIAB level 2 National Certificate for Licensing Practitioners.

My role as a Licensing Officer involves dealing with licensed premises which include on/off alcohol sales and late night refreshment venues. I also carry out enforcement visits at licensed premises. This is to ensure that premises are operating correctly, the conditions of the licence are being adhered to and the licensing objectives are being promoted. I also receive various licensing applications as a responsible authority which included new premise licence applications.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 I received information from Hartlepool Borough Council informing me that the company 'The Topsy Doorman Ltd', who was named as the licence holder on the Premises Licence for the Topsy Doorman 56 CHURCH STREET HARTLEPOOL, was officially dissolved on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024. As a result, if a company becomes insolvent or is dissolved, any licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 will immediately lapse. In essence the premise was unable to engage in any licensable activity as it no longer had a valid premise

Signature Pc 1620 Lawton

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

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license.

I was made aware that the premise had been advised that they would need to apply for a new licence and in the meantime, they could apply for Temporary Event Notices (TENs).

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 I received a telephone call from Stuart ESPIN. I know Stuart ESPIN as owner/manager of the Topsy Doorman. During this call he explained to me that he believed that there had been a mistake made by Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC). He further explained that when the company had been dissolved, he had applied for the premises licence to be transferred into his name and his understanding of it was that this had been processed. I agreed that while this issue was being looked into, if he followed the advice regarding TENs I would authorise them from a police point of view, but he must continue operating in line with the conditions stipulated on his previous licence. ESPIN stated he would. I further explained that if what he was telling me was correct HBC should reinstate his licence and it would revert to business as usual for them.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 I received a new premises application for The Topsy Doorman 56 Church Street Hartlepool TS247DX. Along with x2 TEN applications. The TENS were authorised by one of my colleagues.

With regards to the new licence application the applicant was Stuart John Mark ESPIN. I noted that the application was requesting on and off alcohol sales Monday – Sunday 1000hrs – 0430hrs. Along with the sale of alcohol ESPIN was also requesting Live music, Recorded music, performance of dance and late night refreshment. The application described the premise as 'a late night bar with a kitchen and private function facilities'.

Upon receiving this I was still under the impression that the issue with the transfer of premises licence was still under review. I believed this new application was submitted as a precaution in case there was an issue with the licence being reinstated.

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Signature **Pc 1620 Lawton**

Form/Template Revised 03/2012

Signature Witnessed by

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On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, I received a further x2 TEN applications for the premises, which I authorised.

Upon reviewing the application as the premise had been operating as the Topsy Doorman since November 2022 I was happy for the licence to be granted with updated conditions. However due to issues with late night crime, disorder and violence at the location, I believed that 0430hrs was unsuitable in promoting the four licensing objectives. It also conflicts with section 4.27 of HBC statement of licensing policy, which states

*'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.*

*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'* Cleveland Police fully support this policy.

The Topsy Doorman was granted a licence on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 after a transfer of licence was submitted by them. Due to the licence already been in place the licence was granted with the original conditions which included hours Monday – Sunday 1000hrs – 0400hrs. I have while reviewing this application spoken with the previous operator and asked if they ever utilised the 0400hrs finish. They informed me that they didn't and would always close at 0200hrs as *'we use to get to much bother '*

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 I contacted ESPIN to discuss the new premises application. During this call I raised my concerns regarding the hours that they were requesting explaining

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Signature **Pc 1620 Lawton**

Signature Witnessed by

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that it goes beyond the hours specified with the local authorities licensing policy. ESPIN aired his frustration with this as his premise had already been operating with a 0400hrs finish. I explained to ESPIN that this was a new application, and it is taken as that. Further explaining that whenever there is a new application submitted, I treat each one the same and part of my process is I take into consideration all policies and procedures including the local authority policy and whether I have evidence to support its stipulations, and in this case, I did based on crime and disorder. The call ended with the fact I wasn't saying he couldn't have a licence, but conditions needed refreshing and hours amending. Later the same day I emailed ESPIN with suggested conditions (EXHIBIT CL/1) and amended hours.

I submitted my objections to HBC on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. I received a reply from ESPIN on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 where he stated he was willing to accept the conditions, but not the amended hours.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January I received a late TEN for the Topsy Doorman, on this occasion due to my support of HBC statement of licensing policy I submitted my objections stating if the hours requested terminated at 0200hrs I would agree to the late TEN.

The Topsy Doorman is a late night bar in the centre of CHURCH STREET HARTLEPOOL. CHURCH STREET is situated in the BURNS VALLEY ward area of HARTLEPOOL. It is one of the main locations of the NTE in HARTLEPOOL and has a number of bars, pubs, restaurants, takeaways and late night venues. Cleveland Police hold concerns that if a licence of this nature is granted with the sale of alcohol till 0430hrs it will lead to a rise in alcohol related disorder and gravely undermine the four licensing objectives. HBC statement of licensing policy puts guidance in place to support these four licensing objectives and part of this as previously mentioned is the

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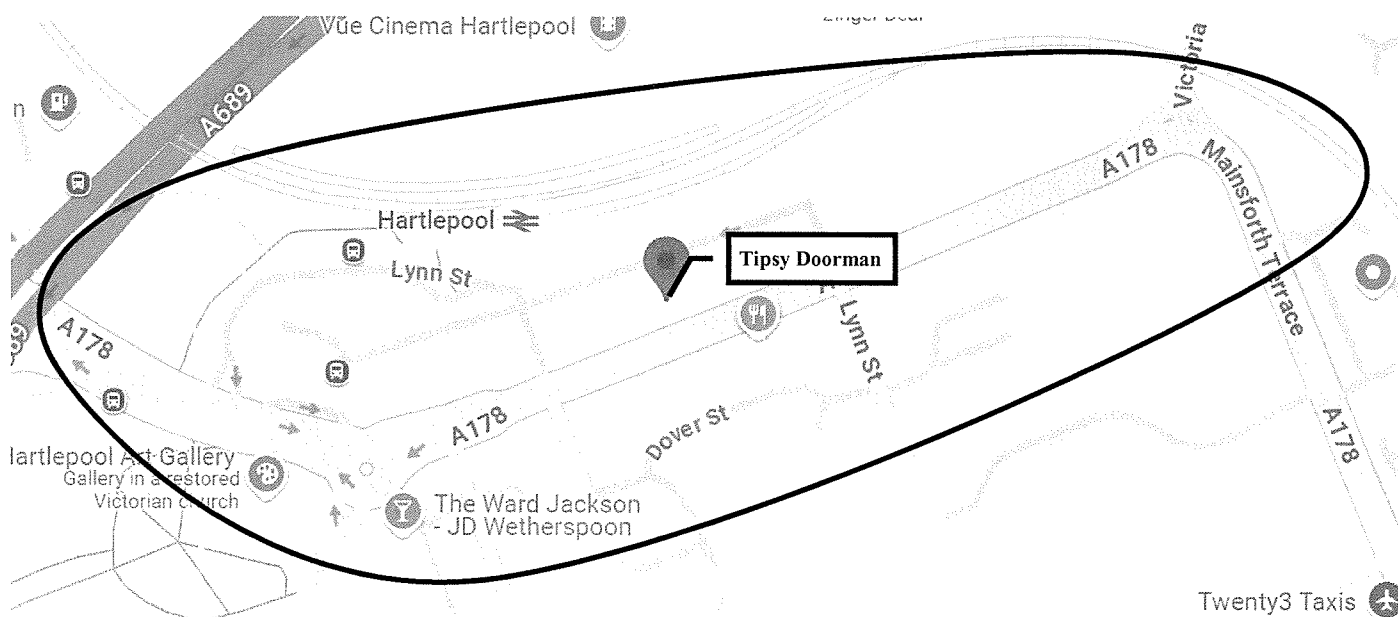
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 termination at 0200hrs for the sale of alcohol in a location of this nature.

As part of my decision making and rationale, I have conducted research on police systems regarding the Topsy Doorman and the surrounding night time economy (NTE) area between 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024. This NTE area is depicted in the below map.



From my research I can state that this premise already suffers from alcohol related crime and disorder, as does the immediate vicinity surrounding the establishment. From this 12 month period I have identified 152 offences that have occurred within the above designated area. 26 of them directly linked to the Topsy Doorman. An overview of these incidents can be found as exhibit CL/2.

In an attempt to reduce the impact of such incidents Cleveland Police introduced a public spaces protection order (PSP). It was introduced as Cleveland Police believed that incidents that were occurring were having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and that these incidents were persistent or continuing in nature. As part of this PSP Cleveland Police have also utilise dispersal powers. The purpose of these is to direct individuals to leave the designated area when it is believed the direction is necessary to remove or reduce the likelihood of any anti-

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social behaviour, crime, or disorder committed or about to be committed by that individual.

Cleveland Police have also worked in partnership with HBC and introduced several NTE initiatives. These initiatives were aimed at reducing incidents within the NTE and to strengthen these areas making them a safe and fun environment for visitors and staff alike. These initiatives have included free Apex radios, a free subscription to Licensing Savi, Strengthening CHURCH STREET forum and supporting the introduction of a CHURCH STREET Pub watch. Not once has a representative from the Topsy Doorman attended any of these initiatives although they have been invited by HBC and I have spoken to them prior to these events taking place.

From this Cleveland police believe that there is a reluctance from the Topsy Doorman to work in any form of partnership where it means them having to attend or participate. I am aware of the Topsy Doorman changing practice and or procedure, however this has been passive and only ever after an incident where there has been police intervention. My experience is that they are reactive rather than proactive. Cleveland Police find this lack of proactivity and partnership working disappointing as licensing relies heavily on partnership work, not just with the local authority and responsible authorities but with the Premise Licence Holders (PLH), Designated Premise Supervisors (DPS), breweries and landlords. I will always try to work with Licensed Premises when there are issues at the premise, but this is a two-way street and requires the co-operation of all sides.

Due to the nature of incidents within the night time economy Cleveland Police licensing unit receive analytical quarterly documents titled 'NTE related public spaces violence and sexual offending'. Which I provide a redacted copy as exhibit CL/3. In the last quarterly document (01/10/2024 -31/12/2024) the designated area above is identified within the NTE hot spot area. It is also identified that peak times for incidents are weekends between 0000hrs and 0400hrs.

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The highest repeat street is CHURCH STREET with the Topsy Doorman been the only repeat location in CHURCH STREET. The document also identifies that 5 offences reported involved a weapon with 3 of them involving the Topsy Doorman. This supports my findings in that this location and premise already suffer significantly from late night crime and disorder.

Out of the 24 incidents identified relating to the Topsy Doorman points to note are 13 of the incidents at this location are after the 0200hrs guidance of HBC statement of licensing policy. 6 of all incidents were reported by the premise itself and the rest having been reported by a member of the public, ambulance service or Hartlepool CCTV.

All incidents have either occurred in the premise or directly out the front. In my opinion I believe incidents occur outside because the location is a gathering point for individuals. I have recently reviewed CCTV footage of CHURCH STREET directly outside the premise. The incident occurred Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 at 0154hrs. It involved people arguing who had been in the premise and a fight ensues outside. I noted that the Topsy Doorman was the only premise with a large number of people gathering outside. An aggravating factor could be the fact that tables and chairs are directly outside the premise. No other premise has this and there is an argument that these tables and chairs should be removed to prevent a flash point. While viewing this CCTV I witnessed a female with blue hair who I know to be the premises door supervisor Joanne BEVERAGE. With the customers coming and going and the obvious arguing I would have expected BEVERAGE to have interjected or at least call the police when the fight started but having checked police systems disappointingly this wasn't the case.

There have also been 2 reports of people having been customers of the Topsy Doorman becoming so drunk they have become unconscious through alcohol. One of the individuals was an underage female where a comment was made by door staff that she was a regular and always

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drinks herself into this state. This is of serious concern to Cleveland Police as firstly are the premise ensuring the correct identification checks are completed and secondly why are they allowing someone so drunk to continue to drink. Another concern held is the perception of continuing to serve intoxicated customers can convey tolerance towards intoxication. If this is the case this could also show a correlation between alcohol and the violence experienced by this premise.

I am aware of other late night venues at this location, however the research I have conducted shows that the Topsy Doorman and immediate vicinity are a repeat location. Although other venues do experience similar incidents it is not to the degree of the Topsy Doorman. More than half of the incidents at the Topsy Doorman are after 0200hrs and at the time of writing this statement I have spoken to these other premises and have been informed the following:-

The Hillcarter / Nexus has a licence until 0400hrs. It has now close and no longer operating.

The Lodge has a licence until 0200hrs.

Club H has a licence until 0400hrs they have an entry fee on the door, last entry at 0330hrs, no one allowed re entry after 0330hrs and a fenced off smoking area. Having spoken to the DPS she explained that having this in place prevents customers leaving on mass. Reducing the potential of large number gathering after closing. They also assess incidents in CHURCH STREET and if necessary close early for example Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 they began closing at 0140hrs and all customers has left by 0200hrs.

Idols has a licence until 0300hrs.

Cleveland police believe that granting another late night venue of this nature will have an adverse effect on the location and people attending wanting to enjoy their night out.

Cleveland police do not suggest that the premise should not receive a premises licence, but the

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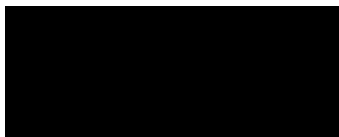
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evidence held suggests that the opening beyond 0200hrs will increase the potential of conflict,  
seriously undermine the four licensing objectives and increase crime and disorder. All of which  
will add further pressure to already fraught emergency services.



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**Copy of conditions sent to applicant Mr S ESPIN for new premises licence for Topsy Doorman 56**

**CHURCH STREET HARTLEPOOL**

**Exhibit CL/1**

- 1) A digital Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped.
  - The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed.
  - CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition.
  - Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs.
  - The system will record and retain CCTV footage for a minimum of 31 days.
  - The system will record for 24 hours a day.
  - The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer.

The Digital recorder will be password protected to prevent unauthorised access, tampering, or deletion of images.

There will be at all times, when the premise is open, a member of staff on duty with access to the CCTV system who is trained in the use of the equipment.

Upon receipt of a request for a copy of CCTV footage from Police, Licensing Officers or any other Responsible Authority, the member of staff will produce the footage within 24 hours or less if urgently required for investigations of serious crime.

CCTV footage must be made available to be viewed by the Police, Licensing Officers or other Responsible Authorities on request during an inspection of or visit to the Premises.

- 2) A member of staff at the premises must be present during opening hours who can facilitate the viewing and downloading of CCTV footage if requested by either the Police or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.
- 3) Toughened glasses will be used inside the licensed premises.
- 4) Open containers of alcohol shall not be removed from the premises.
- 5) There shall be a minimum of 2 SIA door supervisors on duty from 2300 hours on each trading day and who shall remain on duty until the premise closes and is empty of patrons.
- 6) A written or electronic record shall be kept in respect of all door supervisors working at the premises containing the following information:
  - Name

- SIA registration number
- Dates and times at which door supervisor commenced and finished duty
- Details of any incident involving crime and disorder or public safety in which the door supervisor is involved, including calls to police and any action taken.

This record must be kept at the premises for a period of not less than six months and be available for inspection on request by any authorised officer of the Council or Police

- 7) Hand held metal detecting scanners shall be in use at the premises during all trading hours. Detectors shall be operated by door supervisors. Such detectors shall be operative when any licensable activity is taking place.
- 8) Clear and legible notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and to leave the vicinity as quickly and quietly as possible.
- 9) A "Challenge 25" policy will be implemented with all staff insisting on evidence of age from any person appearing to be under 25 years of age and who is attempting to buy alcohol.
- 10) There shall be notices displayed at all points of sale and at all entrances and exits to inform customers and remind staff that the premises is operating a "Challenge 25" policy.
- 11) Only valid passports, UK "photo card style" driving licence, PASS approved proof-of-age cards or Ministry of Defence "Form 90" identification cards shall be accepted as proof of age
- 12) All staff engaged in licensable activity at the premises will receive training and information in relation to the following:
  - The Challenge 25 scheme in operation at the premises, including the forms of identification that are acceptable.
  - The hours and activities permitted by the premises issued under the Licensing Act 2003 and conditions attached to the licence.
  - How to complete and maintain the refusal register and incident log in operation at the premises.
  - Recognising the signs of drunkenness.
  - Dealing with persons who are in the possession of/or incapacitated through the use of drugs or the combined effect of drugs and alcohol.
  - The operating procedures for refusing service to any person who is drunk, under-age or appears to be under-age, or appears to be making a proxy purchase.
  - Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including reporting an incident to the emergency services.

Training records signed by both the staff member and the Designated Premise Supervisor/Store Manager/Business Owner will be retained for future reference and shall be updated at least every 6 months. All staff training records will be made available to the Licensing Authority and/or Responsible Authorities upon request.

Training records will be retained for at least 12 months.

13) An incident log shall be kept and maintained at the premises which will include a log of the following, including pertinent details.

- Any incidents of disorder or of a violent or anti-social nature.
- All crimes reported to the venue, or by the venue to the police.
- All ejections of patrons.
- Any complaints received.
- Seizures of drugs or offensive weapons.
- Any faults in the CCTV system.
- Any visits by a responsible authority (under the Licensing Act 2003) or emergency service.

Records must be completed within 24 hours of any incident, and will contain the time and date, the nature of the incident, the people involved, the action taken and details of the person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident. The logs shall be kept for at least 12 months following the date of entry and be made available for inspection and copying upon request of an authorised officer of a responsible authority.

14) An alcohol sales refusal register shall be kept at the premises and be maintained to include details of all alcohol sales refused. The register will include:

- The date and time of refusal
- The reason for refusal
- Details of the person refusing the sale
- Description of the customer
- Any other relevant observations.

The refusals register will be made available for inspection and copying on the request of an authorised officer of a responsible authority. All entries must be made within 24 hours of the refusal.

The refusals record must be made available to the Police, Licensing Officers and all other Responsible Authorities on request or during an inspection.

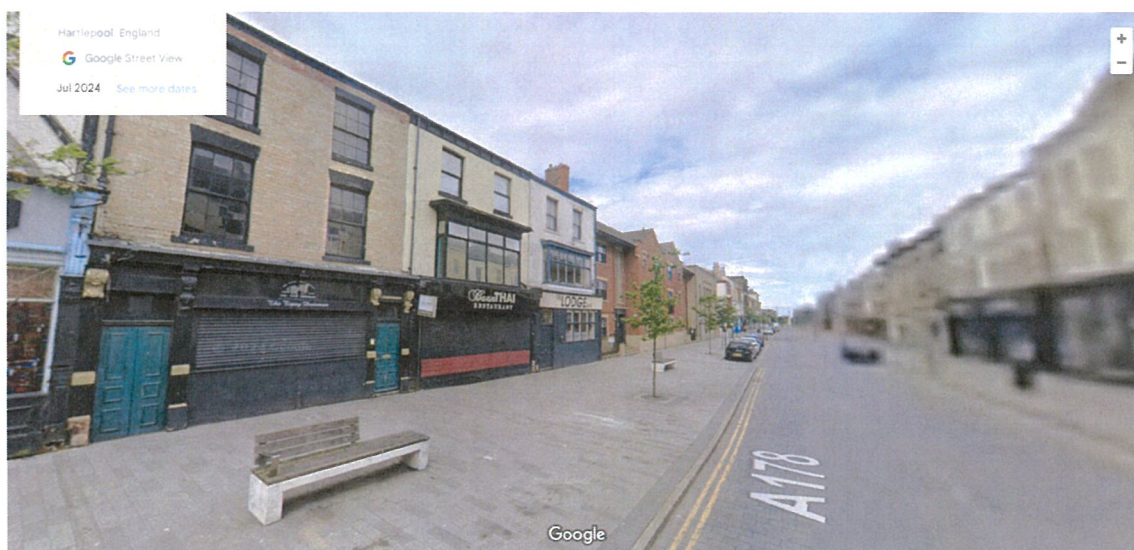
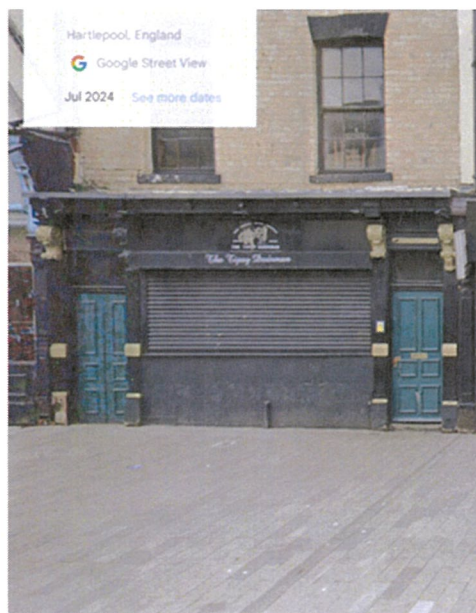
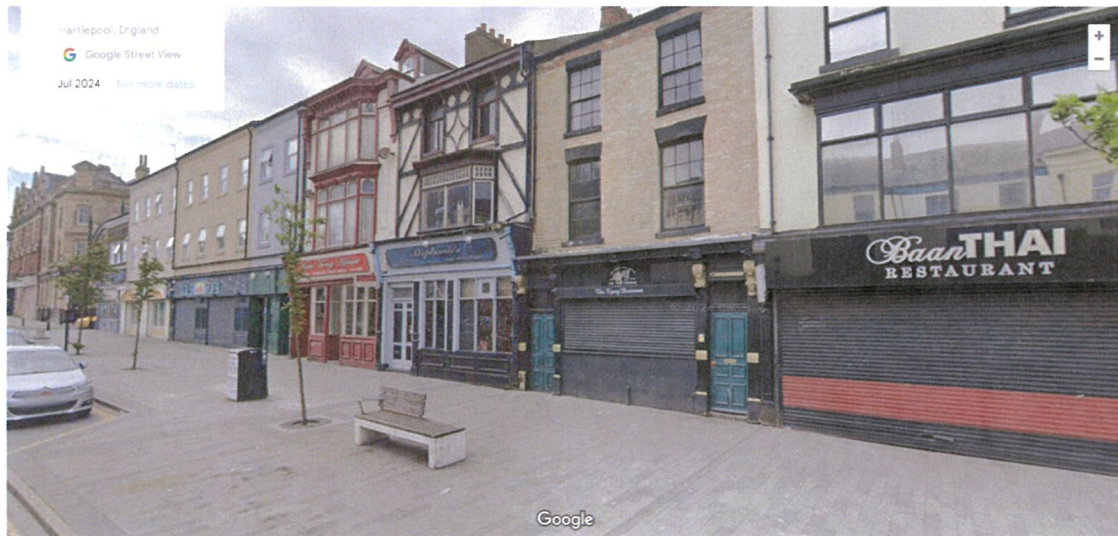
The Premises Licence Holder or the Designated Premises Supervisor must monitor the Refusals Register every month and must sign and date the Refusals Register when this has been completed, or if the Refusals Register is electronic the check and date and time of the check must be clearly recorded.

15) There will be a secure drugs / weapons box at the premise. Any drugs and weapons seized will be placed in this locked receptacle set aside for this purpose. The means for securing or unlocking the receptacle will be retained by the premises licence holder or the designated

premises supervisor or in their absence any other responsible person. A record shall be made of the seizure, the time, date and by whom, and to whom the items were handed on to in a bound book specifically kept for that purpose. Such a book to be produced to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police upon request. The premises licence holder shall make suitable arrangements with the Police for the collection of any seized items.

- 16) A written drugs policy and search policy shall be in place and operated at the premises. It must detail the actions taken to minimise the opportunity to use or supply illegal substances within the premises. The policy must be made available for inspection and copying upon request by an authorised officer of responsible authority.
- 17) Appropriate security arrangements will be in place including toilet areas and other similar areas being regularly checked for evidence of drugs. The date and times of all checks will be recorded in a register kept for that purpose and be available for inspection and copying on request of an authorised officer of a responsible authority.
- 18) There will be a minimum of two notices displayed on the premise indicating that the sale of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is illegal and that those adults who buy alcohol for immediate disposal to those under the age of 18 are committing an offence.
- 19) Persons under the age of 18 shall not be admitted to the premises at any time. Other than passing through to attend residence above and supervised by an adult.

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	Date / Time	Person Reporting	Crime / Incident	Details
1.	27/12/2024 @ 0418hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	2 females fighting outside Topsy Doorman
2.	26/12/2024 @ 0305hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	2 males fighting outside Topsy Doorman one male has facial injuries
3.	22/12/2024 (no time given)	Member of Public	Suspicious circumstances	Anonymous online report of spiking @Topsy Doorman
4.	30/11/2024 @ 0131hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	On going disturbance male trying to attack door staff with bottle. Males leaves starts fighting across the road. Door staff received bite to cheek.
5.	24/11/2024 @0346hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	2 males on motor bike approach another male and assault him, before driving off. Believed male assaulted had been in Topsy Doorman prior.
6.	02/11/2024 @0244hrs	Member of Public	Violence against the person	Member of public calls police stating that someone in a car is arguing with boyfriend and has tried to run him over. Caller was in Topsy doorman.
7.	18/08/2024 (previous evening)	Member of Public	Violence against the person	Female reporting been assaulted in Topsy Doorman toilets pinned to the floor and received injuries to her eye.
8.	18/08/2024 @0039hrs	Member of Public	Violence against the person	Female reporting whilst outside Topsy Doorman has been punched and hair pulled.
9.	11/08/2024 @0051hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	Report from staff that a male had 'kicked' off in premise, smashed glasses, threatened to kill door staff and assaulted the reporting person.
10.	11/08/2024 @0114hrs	Member of Public	Violence against the person	Report of 2 males fighting at the premise.
11.	09/08/2024 @2228hrs	Member of Public	Violence against the person	6 males fighting glass and bottle been used. Male had been in Topsy Doorman and fight started as he left.
12.	02/08/2024 @0204hrs	U/K	Concerns for safety	Male unconscious due to alcohol friends state he has had about 20 Jager bombs. Enquires show that he had been in the Topsy Doorman prior to collapsing.
13.	02/08/2024 @0312hrs	U/K	Violence against the person	Large fight outside Topsy Doorman. Topsy have been advised to close early due to incidents report in the locality. Licensee has approach police asking why they should close. They were advised due to violence. Licensee begrudgingly closed.

14.	07/02/2024 @2239hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	Males squaring up to each other in CHURCH STREET. Enquires show that 2 males having began arguing in the Topsy Doorman made there way outside where a fight begins. One male received injuries requiring medical attention.
15.	27/05/2024 @0211hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	Fight outside Topsy Doorman trying to fight door staff. Threatening to kill and fight. Male has attacked door staff from behind bottle in his hand.
16.	26/05/2024 @0059hrs	Ambulance	Violence against the person	Male reporting he has been assaulted outside the pub. He had had an argument with a male and a second male came over punch and headbutted him. Injuries to ribs with a broken ankle which required surgery.
17.	11/04/2025 @0145hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	X2 males fighting, incident log reads as though males had been ejected from Topsy Doorman.
18.	05/04/2024 @0345hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	Female leaves Topsy Doorman and starts to fight with several members of the public assaulting a female.
19.	05/04/2024 @ 0121hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	Male fighting outside Topsy Doorman with several members of the public
20.	29/03/2024 @0317hrs	HCCTV	Violence against the person	Male has been 'knocked out' by another male outside Topsy Doorman.
21.	01/03/2024 @0149hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	Fight on going outside Topsy Doorman one male unconscious. Male had become aggressive towards door staff when he had been refused entry.
22.	23/02/2024 @0308hrs	HCCTV	ASB – Nuisance	Disturbance outside bar. Females arguing and swearing.
23.	17/02/2024 @0312hrs	HCCTV	ASB – Nuisance	Disturbance in the street several males seem to be arguing.
24.	16/02/2024 @0410hrs	Ambulance	Licensing / Safe guarding	Ambulance reporting underage has been drinking at the Topsy Doorman and is unconscious due to alcohol. Door staff has made a comment that the female regularly drinks herself into a condition od collapse.
25.	26/01/2024 @0142hrs	Topsy Doorman	Violence against the person	Reporting that males are refusing to leave. Have managed to get them outside, but are no kicking and causing damage. There has been an altercating and punches thrown. One male is shouting he has a shotgun.

26.	05/01/2024 @0049hrs	Member of Public	Violence against the person	Female reporting been assaulted and thrown to the floor by the female manager of the Topsy Doorman. She has been dragged outside for no reason.
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## Force Analytical Function Briefing Note (TC&P Command)

Crime, incident, problem type or subject:	NTE related public space violence and sexual offending
Geographic area:	Hartlepool – Town area
Prepared by:	C8844 Jasmine Court
Date:	09/01/2025
Reference number:	OD-283-25
Requested by:	Sgt 417 BAVIN, Licensing

This report has been prepared to identify key patterns, series and themes associated with offences and individuals (victims and offenders) to assist in understanding the causes of serious violence and sexual offending linked to the nighttime economy (NTE). **It has been redacted to focus on the Topsy Doorman, 56 Church Street.**

Recent analysis of serious violence throughout Cleveland was conducted by CREST Advisory to identify high harm NTE hotspots for public space violence and sexual offending, based on high harm scoring, using the Cambridge Harm Score.

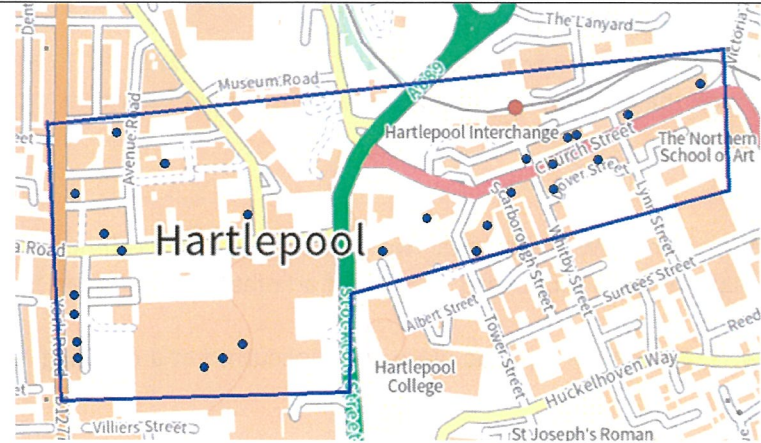
Analysis focuses specifically on Violence with Injury (VWI), Violence without Injury (VWOI) and sexual offending within each of the NTE hotspots. The NTE period has been defined by CREST as between 18:00 – 06:00hrs all days. Two NTE hotspots have been identified within the Burn Valley and Victoria wards.

A request has been received from Licensing to provide an overview of offending each quarter for each NTE hotspot and this report focuses on Hartlepool between 01/10/2024 and 31/12/2024 between 12:00-06:00 hrs each day. A list of offences under review is listed in Appendix A at the end of this report.

Separate products will be prepared for other NTE hotspots within other LPAs.

### ANALYSIS

- 40 offences occurred within the NTE hotspot as illustrated in map 1.
- AOABH accounted for the largest number of offences with 26. (65%) followed by wounding with intent to do GBH (12.5%)
- 9 sexual offences occurred within the hotspot area, including sexual assault and rape.

Map 1: NTE hotspot in Burn Valley & Victoria	Locations/streets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The highest repeat street was Church Street (13) followed by York Road (6) and Victoria Road (5)</li> <li>• 20 occurred in the street, 8 offences within hospitality premises (including licensed premises), 4 occurred within a shop, 2 were in a dwelling.</li> <li>• Top repeat locations were a premise on Victoria Road (4) and <b>The Topsy Doorman</b>, Church Street (4).</li> </ul>

## **OFFENCE & MO**

- 5 offences (including 2 linked) involved weapons, which caused either minor injuries or emotional distress. The weapons included a vehicle, can of alcohol and teeth (biting).
- All 5 of these offences occurred in Licensed premises including The Tipsy Doorman (3).
- In 14 offences, the offender behaviour was described as aggressive, 13 were violent and 1 was intoxicated.
- 65% of all offences were committed by a stranger (26); only one of these was not seen. 18% were committed by acquaintances (7), and 13% refused to identify (5).
- Peak days are over the weekend (43%) and peak time periods are between 00:00 – 04:00 (45%).

## **OFFENDERS & VICTIMS**

### **OFFENDERS**

- 24 named suspects are linked to offences, with 1 charge to date.
- There are no repeat suspects.
- 10 suspects have 24 active flags/markers, which include 4 being current to probation, 4 Restraining Orders, and 3 serial DA perpetrators.
- One is flagged as an individual (unconvicted) of serial and serious sexual offences.
- Other flags include Claire's Law Perpetrator, Neighbourhood Crime Target, High Volume Shoplifter, Potential Perpetrator of CSE, and victim of DA.
- No suspects linked to OCGs.

### **VICTIMS**

- 41 victims are linked to 40 offences, this includes 1 repeat victim, with 2 offences.
- Victims were aged between 14 and 68 years old.
- 10 victims have 19 active flags/markers. These include receiving Claire's Law Disclosure, MFH Trigger Plan.
- 2 Child Subject to Protection Plans.
- 1 Potential Victim of Sexual Exploitation.
- 2 victims of DA.

## **VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST FEMALES**

### **VIOLENCE**

- 7 offences of violence against females; 3 in Burn Valley and 4 in Victoria.
- 2 offences occurred on Victoria Road and 2 occurred on Church Street (one in Tipsy Doorman)
- All but one of these are assault with injury, with the other being with intent to cause serious harm.

### **SEXUAL OFFENCES**

- 8 offences of sexual offences against females, all are in Victoria ward. Two of these are linked offences.
- The offences include Sexual Assault on female aged 13 and over (3), Rape of a Female Child Under 16 (2), and Rape of a Female Aged 16 and Over (2)
- Of the 8 offences, 2 occurred in Hospitality, 3 occurred in a public place and 2 occurred at a dwelling. (One not listed).

### **ASB/ALCOHOL RELATED**

- 7 offences were committed under the influence of alcohol.
- 4 of these occurred in Burn Valley; all were violent offences and all were assault with injury.
- The other 3 occurred in Victoria and included 2 violent offences and 1 sexual offence.
- Repeat Streets were Church Street (2) and Victoria Road (3).

- Key times were 21:00 – 03:59 with peak times between 00:00 – 03:59.
- 43% of all alcohol related offences occurred over the weekend.
- There have been no ASB related offences within the hotspot during this period.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Increase police presence/ other agency presence in the hotspot areas informed by the days/ times included in this document.
- Develop a multi-agency approach to focus on vulnerable individuals within this area who may be at risk of becoming involved in escalating levels of violence both as victims and/ or perpetrators, particularly those highlighted as potential victims of exploitation.
- Consider working with the Angels and suggesting locations they could patrol.