

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate 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 **Josh Maitland on behalf of Hartlepool Trading Standards**

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Go Local
Victoria House
24-26 Avenue Road

Post town Hartlepool

Post code (if known) TS24 7SE

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

Lojan Ramesh

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

HART/PS/618

Part 2 - Applicant details /

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

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2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

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

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes
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**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Mr Josh Maitland Senior Trading Standards Officer Public Protection Civic Centre Hartlepool TS24 8AY
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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| | Please tick one or more boxes ✓ |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

I am requesting this review on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council's Trading Standards department, a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003. I believe the current trading practices at Go Local, 24-26 Avenue Road are opposing the licencing objectives of the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

On 10th October 2025, the Trading Standards team carried out an underage sales operation aimed at identifying premises in the town that were selling age-restricted products to children. The operation involved 15-year-old and 16-year-old volunteers who covertly entered licenced premises under the supervision of officers and attempted to buy the products.

At approximately 19:27pm the volunteers attended the shop and were sold four cans of Strongbow Cider and a Lost Mary vape containing nicotine. It is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol to an individual aged under 18. It is also an offence under the Children and Families Act 2014 to sell a nicotine containing product to a person under the age of 18.

The premises licence also has a "Challenge 25 Policy" which was not followed.

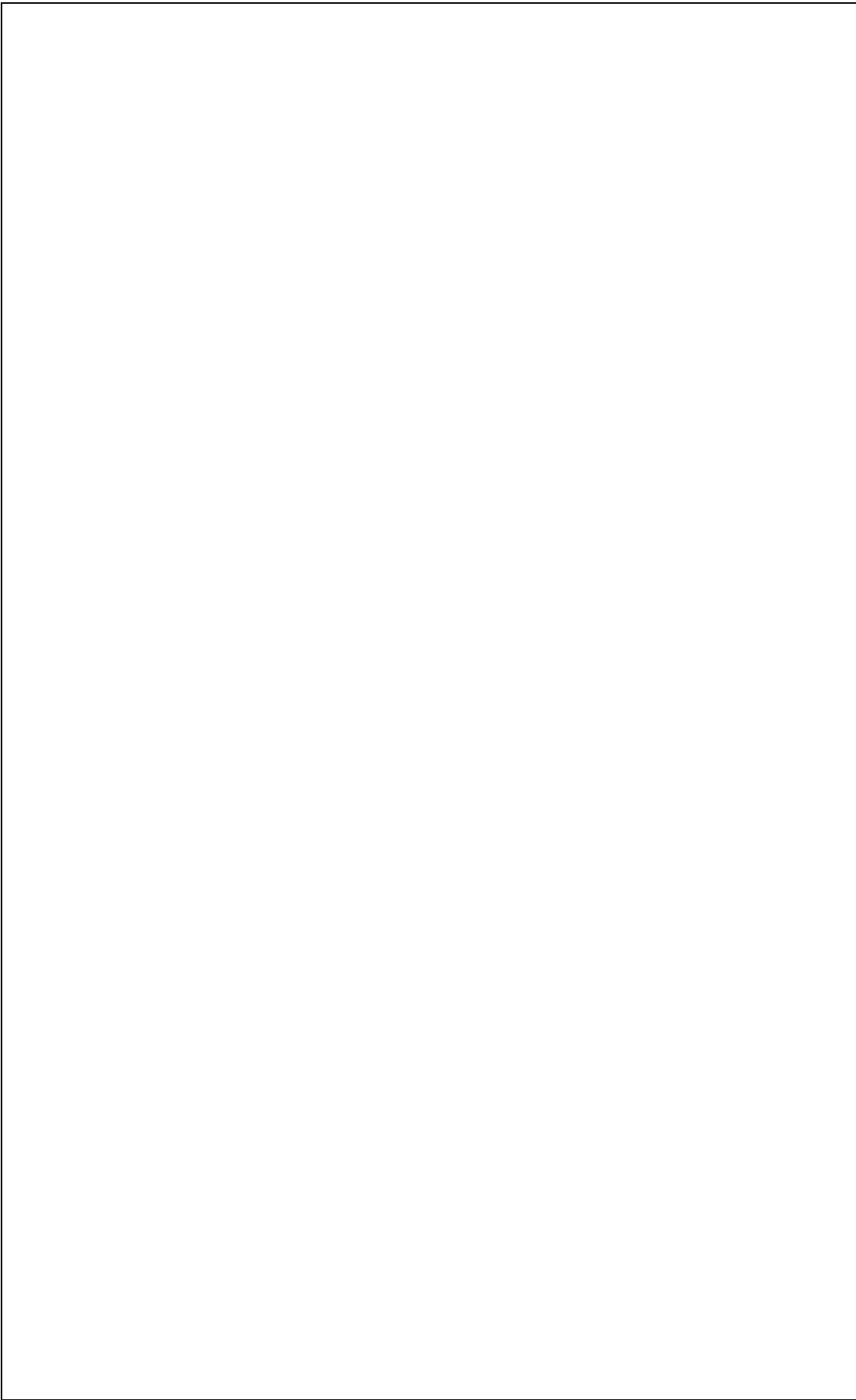
At approximately 11:37pm on 19th December 2025, an officer from the authority's Licencing department entered the shop and purchased a bottle of Kopparberg Cider. The premises licence only permits the sale of alcohol between 8am and 11:30pm and the operator knew this but served the goods anyway. In an unsuccessful attempt to not get caught, the seller gave the officer a plastic carrier bag so that they could conceal the goods when they left the premises.

With regard to the underage sale, the Licence Holder and DPS at that time did not co-operated with the investigation. They did not responded to interview correspondence where they could have provided insight as to why the incident happened which would also help prevent similar incidents from happening again.

Considering the evidence, it is the Authority's position that reviewing Go Local's premises licence is necessary and proportionate to protect children from harm and to prevent crime and disorder.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

To support my application supporting evidence will be provided by myself and Tracy Watling (Licencing Support Officer)



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If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate ☐
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ☐

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

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

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Date **12/01/2026**

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Capacity **Senior Trading Standards Officer**

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

**The Licensing Team
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre, Hartlepool
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