



Representations on a Current Application for a Grant/Variation/Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under The Licensing Act 2003

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I/We (Insert name) Alice Wiseman

Wish to make representation about the application for variation/grant for a premises licence/club premises certificate (delete as applicable)

PART 1 – PREMISES OR CLUB PREMISES DETAILS

Postal Address of Premises or Club Premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

262 High Street

Post Town
Gateshead

Post Code
NE8 1AQ

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

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

PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

- | | Please Tick ✓ |
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| 1) A responsible authority (please complete (C) below) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) A member of the club to which this representation relates (please complete (A) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Other persons (Please complete (A) or (B) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING REPRESENTATION (fill in as applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other Title (for example, Rev)

Surname

First Names

I am 18 years old or over Yes (Please Tick)

Current Address	<input type="text"/>		
Post Town	<input type="text"/>	Post Code	<input type="text"/>

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER PARTY MAKING REPRESENTATION (e.g Body or Business)

Name and Address

Telephone Number (If any)	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION

Name and Address Alice Wiseman Director of Public Health Gateshead Council Regent Street Gateshead NE8 1HH
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Telephone Number (If any)	0191 433 2777
E-Mail address (optional)	

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- | | Please
Tick ✓ |
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| 1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The Protection of Children From Harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for representation (please read guidance note 1)

This representation is made in my capacity as Director of Public Health for the Borough of Gateshead.

The Director of Public Health in Gateshead is concerned that the extension of the operating hours at The Metropole are not in accordance with the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Since 2013 Directors of Public Health have been 'responsible authorities' under the Licensing Act 2003. The role of the Director of Public Health is to help promote the health and wellbeing of the local populations they serve. The Public Health approach to reducing harms arising from alcohol misuse is to encourage and promote responsible drinking and protect young people from related harm. This is an expansive remit that influences a wide range of circumstances, including local licensing arrangements. Similarly the licensing regime is concerned with the promotion of the licensing objectives, which collectively seek to protect the quality of life for those who live, and work in the vicinity of licensed premises, and those who socialise in licensed premises.

International evidence suggests that making it less easy to buy alcohol, by reducing the number of outlets selling it in a given area and the days and hours when it can be sold, is an effective way of reducing alcohol-related harm (NICE, PH24). Control policies in this area (regulating availability) reflect the theory that if alcohol is less easy to obtain, alcohol consumption and harm will decrease (Public Health England, 2016).

Alcohol outlet density (AOD) is a key concern in this ward where the density of alcohol outlets is 5.7 per 1000 head of population, significantly higher than the average of 2.9 alcohol outlets per 1000 head of population for Gateshead. The evidence (University of Sheffield 2018) suggests that higher levels of AOD are associated with:

- More frequent alcohol consumption

- Increased overall alcohol consumption
- Greater average levels of drinking among students
- Alcohol-related violence
- Self-reported injuries
- Higher alcohol related hospital admission rates

The time at which alcohol is available is rarely measured, however, it is recognised (PHE, 2016) that purchasing alcohol at 8.00am has different implications to purchasing for consumption at 8.00pm. It is acknowledged that longer serving hours cause greater alcohol related harm (PHE, 2016). A review of 14 studies showed increased opening hours resulted in an increase in average weekly consumption in heavy drinking men (1.3 unit increase) and men aged 18-24 years (2.4 unit increase). Overall consumption in the population did not change suggesting that increases in opening hours may facilitate the drinking of male heavy drinkers but not for other groups such as women or moderate drinkers (PHE, 2016). The experience of the local drug and alcohol treatment service Gateshead Recovery Partnership supports this; 'hardened daytime drinkers congregate in the town centre and trawl the pubs on the High Street'. (Statement 2) Figure 10 shows the wider public perception for the time when they feel it appropriate for bars and pubs to open.

Those who are alcohol-dependent drink regularly to keep any withdrawal symptoms away, drinking early, or first thing in the morning (to avoid withdrawal symptoms). However, due to their physical dependence they may not appear to be drunk, and are served. However, they are still at serious risk of developing conditions due to heavy drinking (liver damage, cirrhosis, and cancers). Figure 11 shows the level of Gateshead's hospital episodes for alcoholic liver disease.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation

(Please read guidance note 2)

Rising consumption has been attributed to the increased affordability, availability and promotion of alcohol, along with a greater social acceptance of regular drinking and a tolerance of drunkenness. Increased availability of alcohol has come about through the progressive relaxation of the licensing regime. The contributory role that alcohol plays in a wide range of adverse social consequences is also increasingly recognised with links to crime, social disorder, fire fatalities, violence, domestic violence, child neglect and work-related problems. Poorer populations and communities experience a disproportionately greater level of alcohol-attributable harm (AFS and SHAAP, 2011)

According to estimates from Balance, alcohol related harm in Gateshead costs around £401 per head (taking into account costs to the NHS, crime and licensing, social services and the workplace). The cost per head across the North East is £386 and across England it is £363 per

head. (Figure 9)

The Director of Public Health objects to the variation to this licence as it does not support the licensing objective, specifically the promotion of public safety. The extension of hours would further contribute to the level of alcohol related harm experienced in this ward.

The Bridges ward is subject to the highest rates of alcohol related harm in the borough:

- 2nd highest ratio of licensed premises to 1000 population in the borough
- Highest rate of alcohol related ambulance call outs, 19.3 per 1,000 population (6.1 per 1000 for Gateshead) (Figure 7)
- Highest rate of alcohol related crime (Figure 2), alcohol related violent crime (Figure 3), alcohol related sexual offences (Figure 4)
- Lowest male life expectancy 72.5 years (77.4 years for Gateshead)

The harm experienced across Gateshead is highlighted in the following statistics:

- Gateshead currently has the 3rd highest rate of alcohol related admissions (persons, narrow) to hospital in England (Figure 8)
- Since 2008/09 the rate of admissions to hospital for alcohol related conditions has increased by 25.4% (Figure 8)
- Gateshead has the 2nd highest rate for alcohol related hospital admissions in the North East
- Since 2008/09 the rate of admissions to hospital for alcohol related conditions for females has increased by 33.2%. The projected trend is for this indicator to continue to increase.

My objection to this variation is supported by the growing knowledge of the role of alcohol in a wide range of acute and chronic disorders, and a greater understanding of its negative social impacts. Licensing is and always has been a whole population intervention which should be employed to protect our population from harm.

References

- AFS & SHAAP (2011) Re-thinking alcohol licensing
- NICE. Public health guideline (PH24). *Alcohol-use disorders: prevention*
- Public Health England (2016) *The public health burden of alcohol and the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of alcohol control policies: an evidence review*. London: Public Health England.
- University of Sheffield (2018) *Alcohol outlet density and alcohol related hospital admissions in England: a national small-area level ecological study*. *Addiction*. [Online]: <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.14285>

Please
Tick ✓

Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

✓

If Yes, please state the date of that representation

Day		Month		Year			
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If you have made representation before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them.

08/05/17 Objection to variation in the licence to extend hours from 10.00 to 09.00 for the same reasons in relation to Public Safety as have been put forward in the new representation.

All of the reasons presented in the previous objection remain the same. The decision on this date was to refuse the variation of the Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises between 9 and 10am every day.

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Part 3 – Signatures (Please read guidance note 3)

Signature of representative or representatives solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (See guidance note 4) If signing on behalf of the representative please state in what capacity.

Signature		Date	6/6/19
Capacity	Director of Public Health		

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this representation. (Please read guidance note 5)	
Post Town	Post Code

Telephone Number (if any)	
E-mail Address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for representation **must** be based on one or more of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems, which are included in the grounds for representation, if applicable.
3. The representation form must be signed.
4. A representative's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this representation.
6. For further information about the Licensing Act 2003 please contact: The Licensing Act Section, Development & Public Protection, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 1HH
Tel: 0191 433 3918 or 0191 433 3178

Supplementary Evidence - Public Health representation – The Metropole Licence Variation Alcohol Related Harm: Bridges Ward

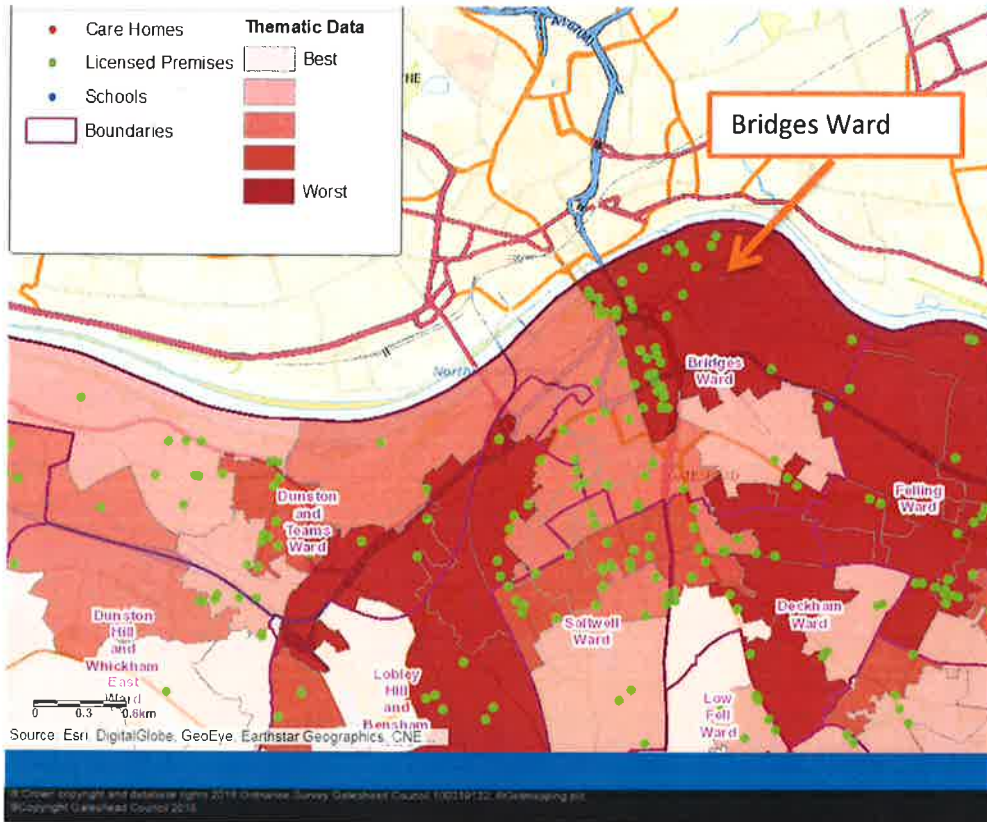


Figure 1. Overall IMD – Index of Multiple Deprivation

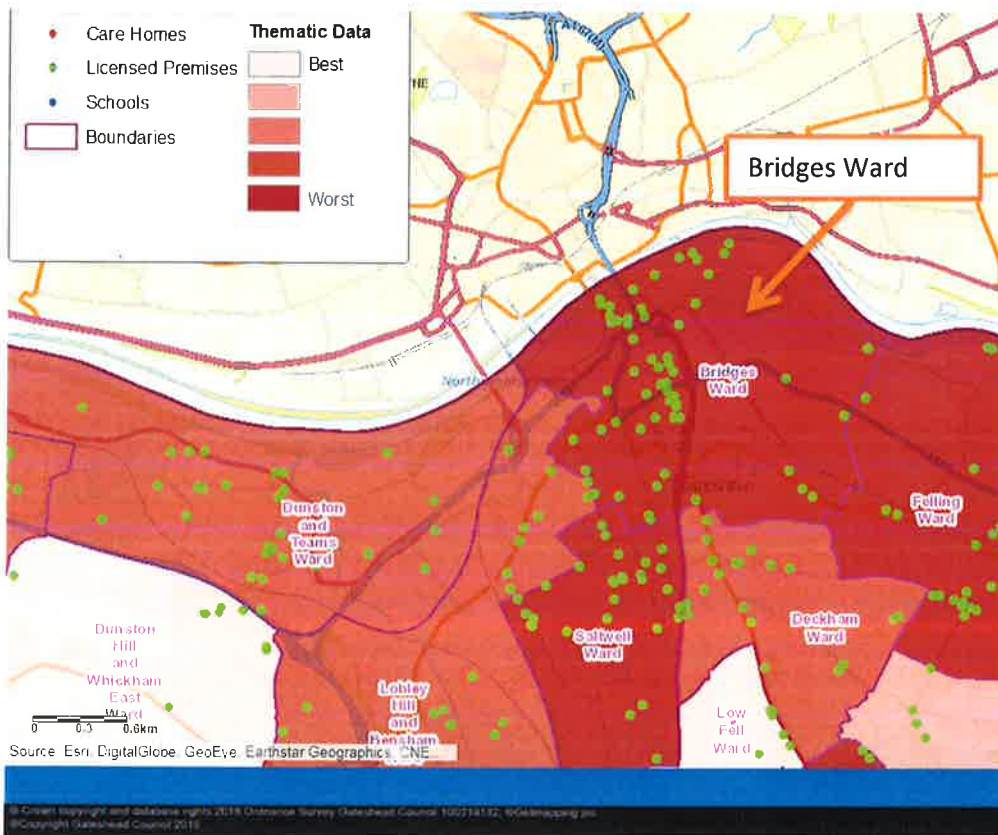


Figure 2. All Alcohol Related Crime 2014/17 (Rate per 1,000)

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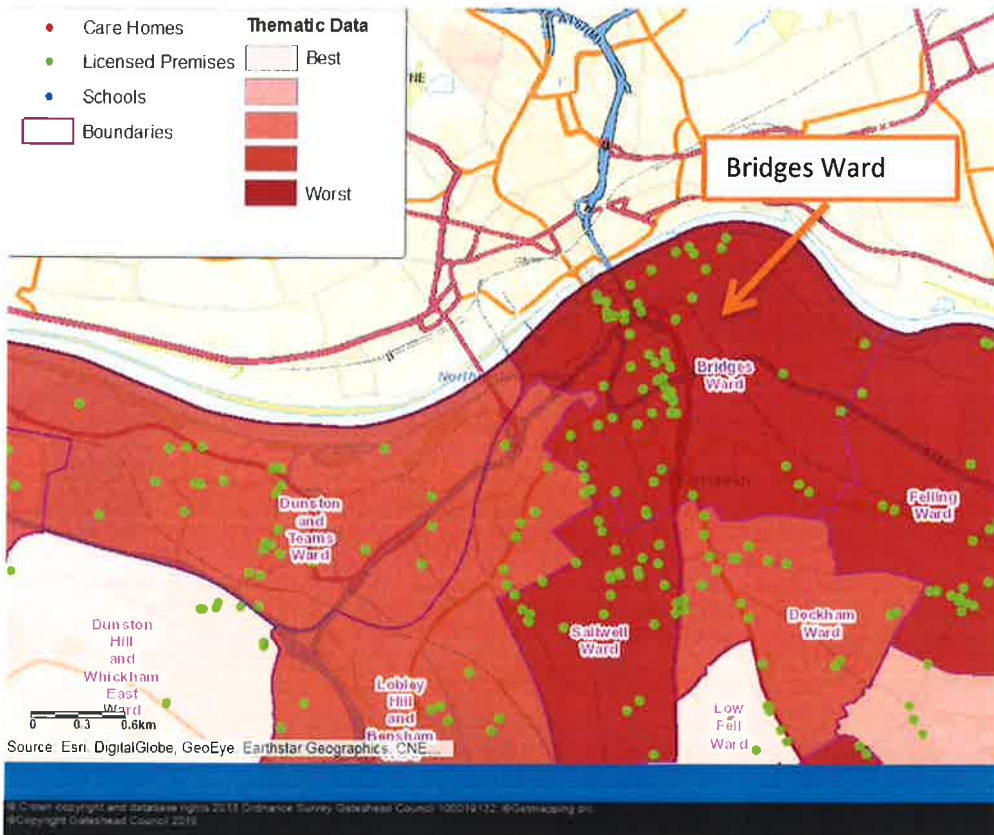


Figure 3. Alcohol Related Violent Crime 2014/17 (Rate per 1,000)

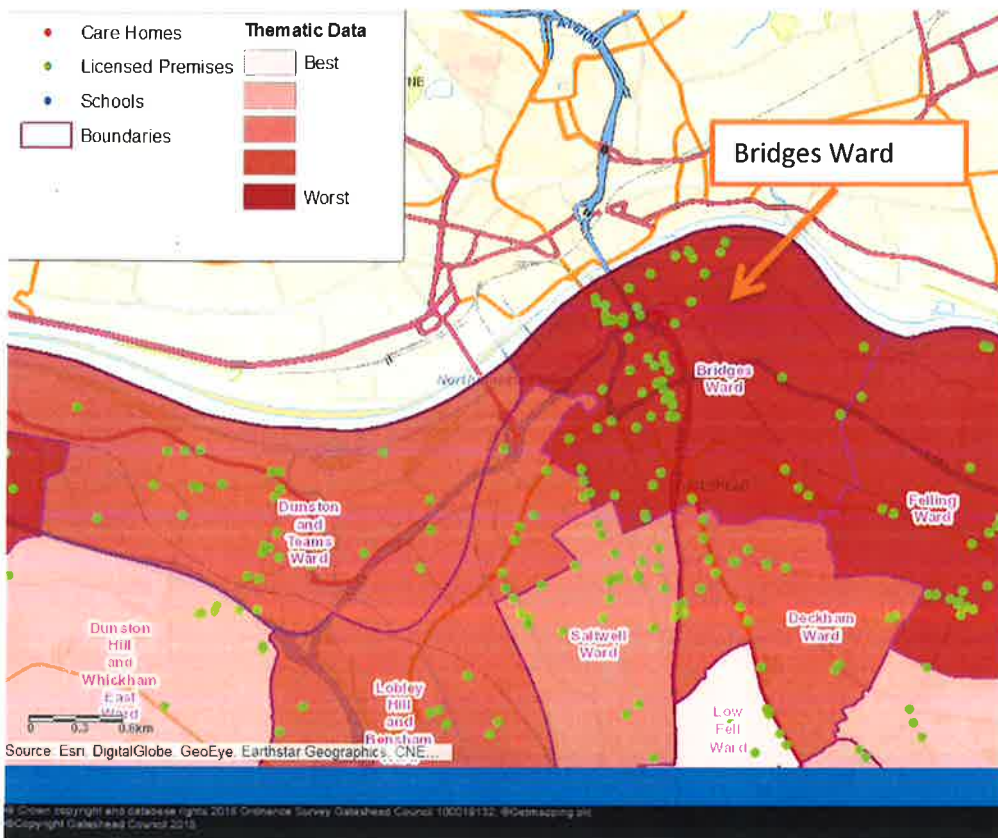


Figure 4. Alcohol Related Sexual Offences 2014/17 (Rate per 1,000)

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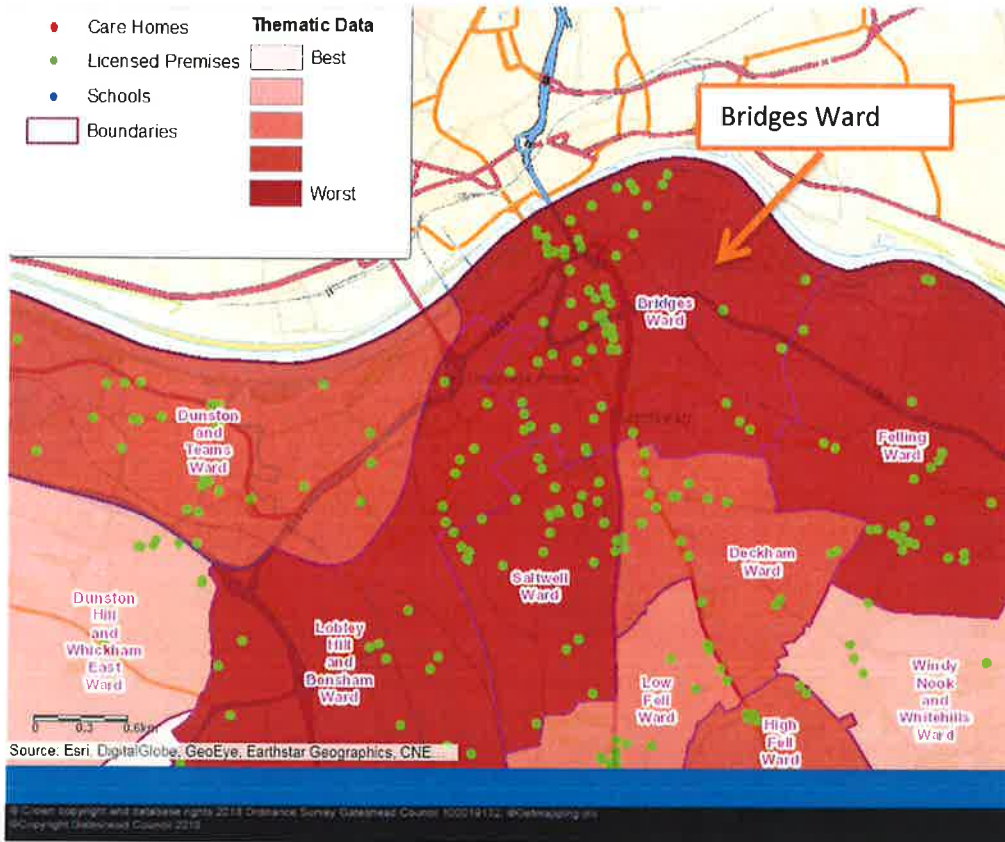


Figure 5. Alcohol Related ASB 2014/17 (Rate per 1,000)

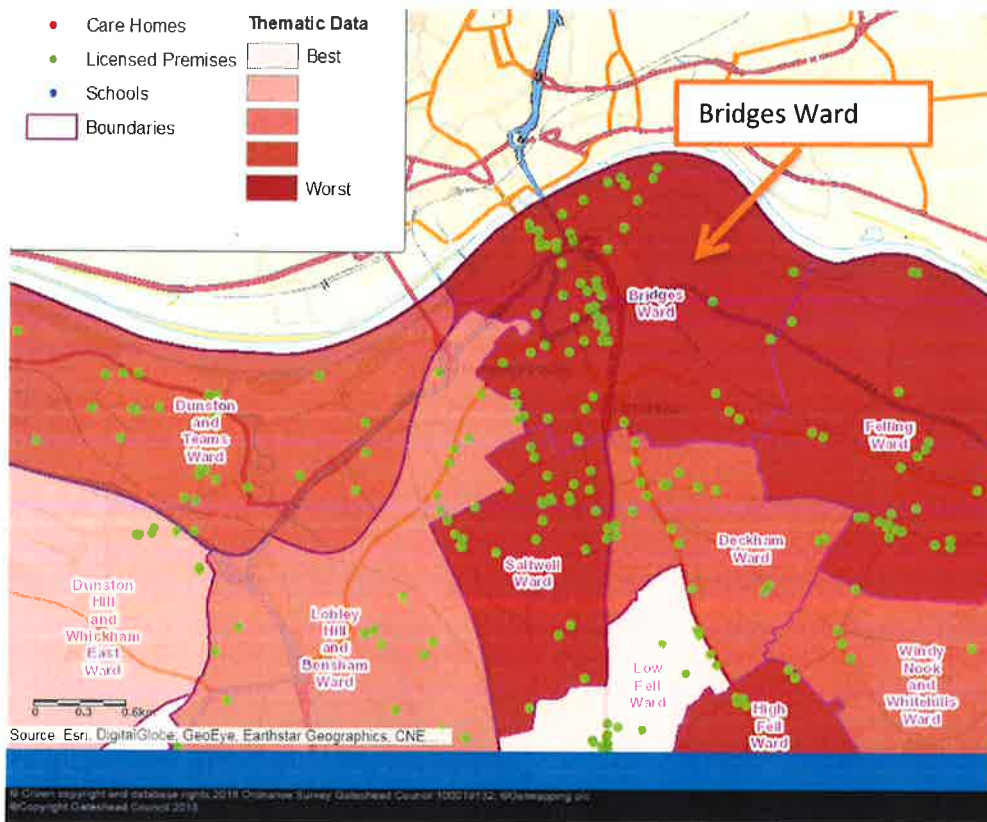


Figure 6. Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions 2013/14 (Rate per 100,000)

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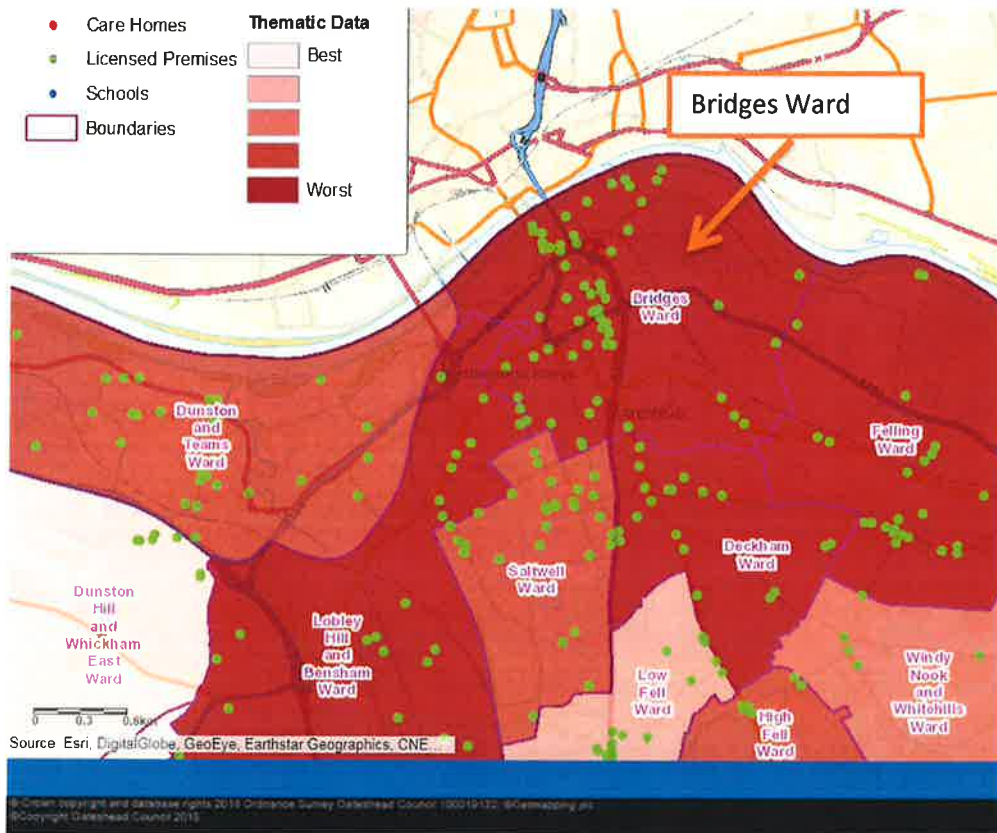


Figure 7. Alcohol Related Ambulance Callouts 2016/17 (Rate per 100,000)

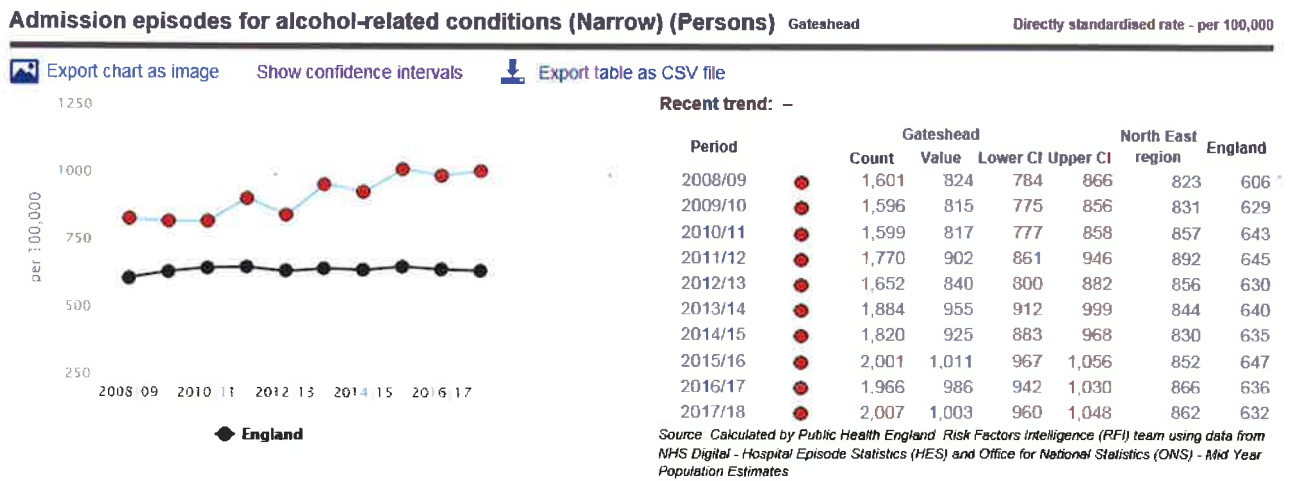


Figure 8. Alcohol-related hospital admissions (narrow)

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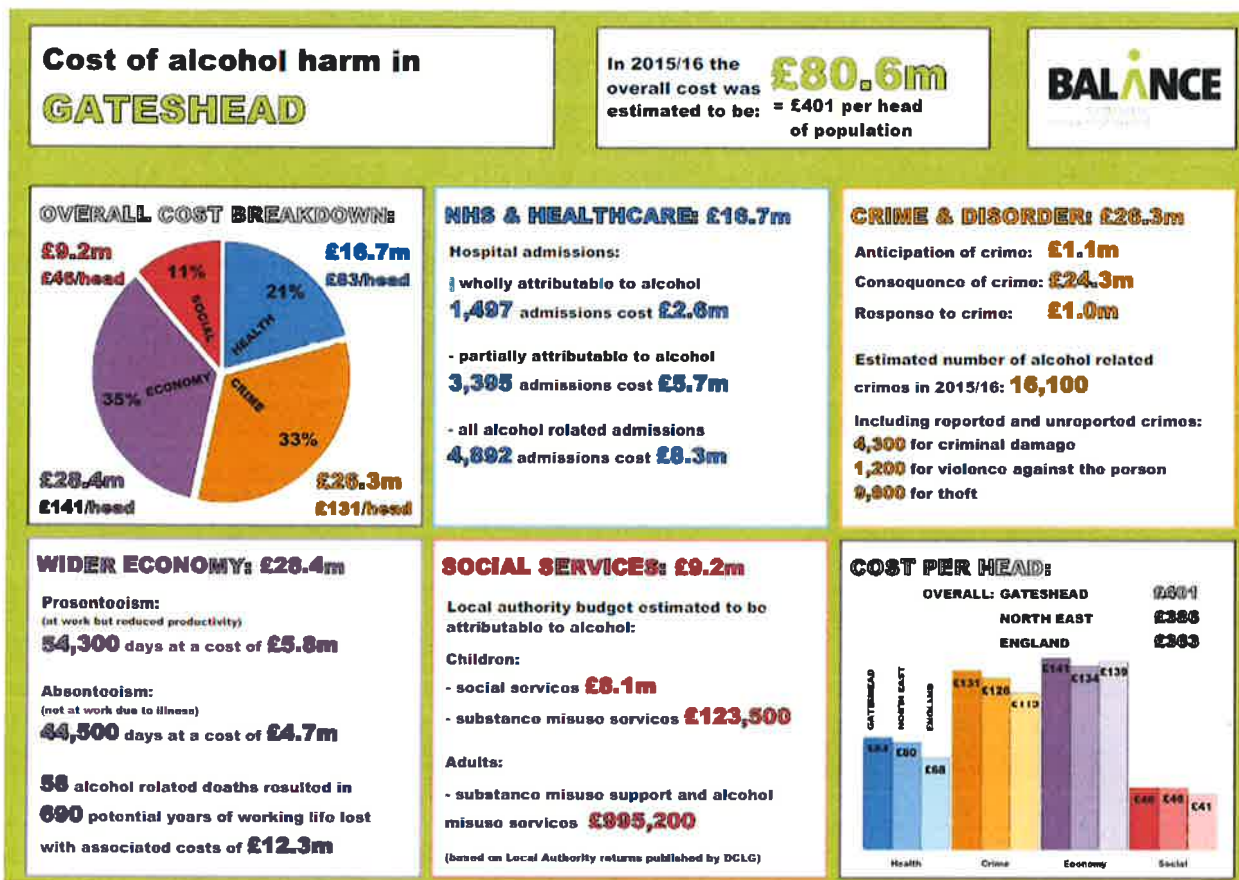


Figure 9. Cost of alcohol harm in Gateshead. (Balance. 2015/16)

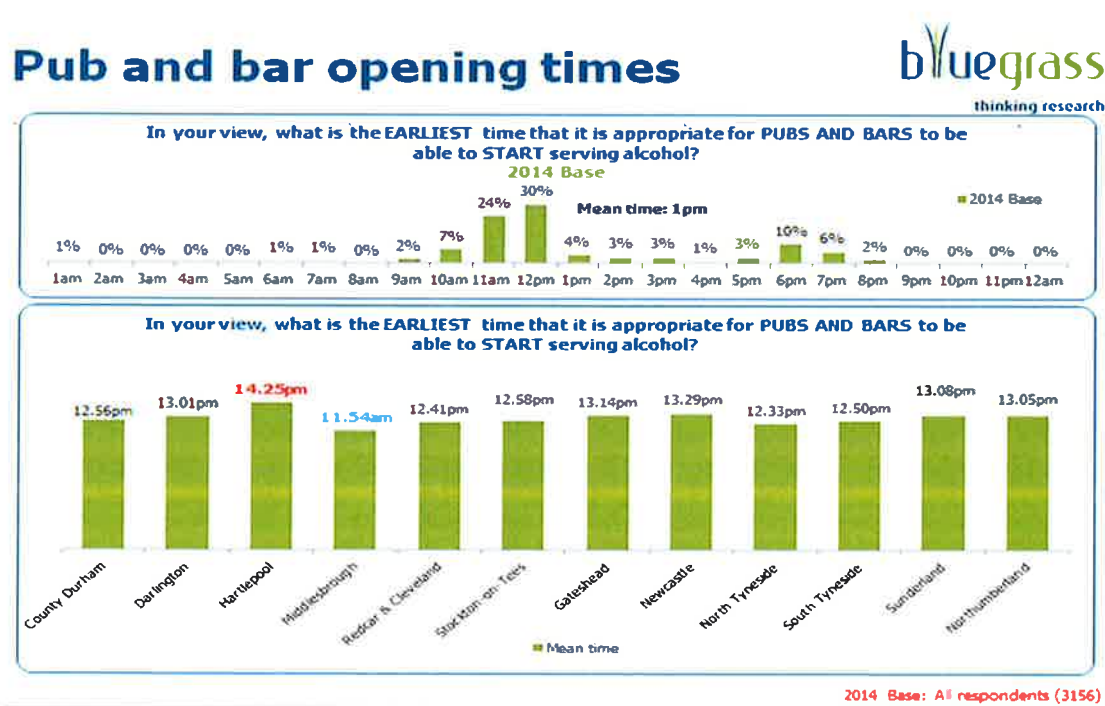


Figure 10. Public Perception Survey 2014

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Statement 1: Balance’s Annual Public Perceptions Survey 2014 (Approx - 3000 Respondent of which 1048 from Gateshead)

When asked the question:-

‘In your view what is the EARLIEST time that it is appropriate for PUBS and BARS to be able to start serving alcohol?’, the group answered:

9am to 10am - 3% support

9.05 - Admission episodes for alcoholic liver disease condition (Broad)

Area Code	Area Name	Directly Standardised rate per 100,000							Ranks (LAs ranked out of 326, 1=highest rate, 326=lowest rate)						
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
All People (all ages)															
E06000047	County Durham	116.4	124.4	134.9	137.0	139.6	124.3	126.9	47	45	46	44	41	80	76
E06000005	Darlington	68.4	63.3	88.8	107.8	125.3	113.2	98.6	164	206	134	95	58	97	148
E08000037	Gateshead	195.9	189.1	210.5	201.7	173.3	171.8	179.3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Figure 11. Admission episodes for alcoholic liver disease (PHE, LAPE, 2010 – 2017)

Statement 2: Gateshead Recovery Partnership - Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Provider

In the month of April 2019 Gateshead Recovery Partnership engaged with the following:
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Verbal feedback from service users would indicate that having public houses in the vicinity is a potential trigger for use and can jeopardise recovery. Further extended opening hours is likely to exacerbate this.

Given the focus currently from public health in relation to liver disease and the direct impact alcohol sales have on this as a service we would not support extended opening hours which will only encourage earlier alcohol consumption.

There is anti-social behaviour currently in the centre of Gateshead with police orders in place in an attempt to combat this – again extended opening hours may have an impact. Feedback from both service users and staff is the feeling of being intimidated by the crowds outside the Metropole.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

**Supplementary Evidence - Public Health representation – The Metropole Licence
Variation Alcohol Related Harm: Bridges Ward**

**Kate Stockdale
Partnership Manager
Gateshead Recovery Partnership**

Web: changegrowlive.org



Rebecca L Sparrow

From: Councillor Angela Douglas
Sent: 14 May 2019 14:26
To: Rebecca L Sparrow
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003- The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

Good afternoon.

I wish to make a representation in response to the application to vary the licence for The Metropole Public House on the grounds of Public Safety.

I object to the variation of the licensing hours in this establishment. This public house does not serve food so I can see no reason why it would need to be open at 8.00 am other than for the reason to serve alcohol. This is an establishment which is located in the centre of Gateshead in a busy street which is visited by families and local people. Local shops and business in the vicinity could also be adversely affected by potential problems which could arise as a consequence of overuse of alcohol.

Given the well known and well publicised problems associated with the overuse of alcohol, for the health, wellbeing and safety of all Gateshead residents, including our young people, I would ask that careful consideration is given to refusing this application

Regards

Cllr Angela Douglas
Cabinet Member

From: Rebecca L Sparrow <rebeccasparrow@gateshead.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:44 am

To: CE Licensing; Elaine Rudman; Tim Briton; Anneliese Hutchinson; Peter Wright; Stewart Sorrell; Tracey Johnson; Emma Lucas; 'licensing@northumbria.pnn.police.uk'; 'firesafety.licensing@twfire.gov.uk'; Alice Wiseman; Saira Park; CE Environmental Health; Michael Aynsley; Sonia Stewart; Barry Ashley; Laura Kirton; Adam Lindridge; Gemma Thompson; CE Highway Events; Kirsty Clark Licensing; Eleanor Cockbain; Phil McCarthy; Sarah Miller; Natalie Goodman; Gerald Tompkins; Julia Sharp; All Council Members

Subject: Licensing Act 2003- The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

Good Morning

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Application to vary an existing Premises Licence

Applicant (Premises Licence holder) : Amber Taverns Ltd

Applicant Contact Details: Craig Barwell, Poppleston Allen Solicitors, 0115 9349170 or via
email: c.barwell@popall.co.uk

Premises & Address: The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

Summary of application:

The variation seeks to extend the opening and sale of alcohol hours from 10:00 hour to 08:00 hours every day.

Date Received: 13/05/2019

Last Date for Representations: 10/06/2019

Deadline for Hearing (if required): 08/07/2019

Can you please let me know if you have any comments to make in regards to this application by replying to this email or alternatively using the voting buttons at the top of this email. The voting buttons allow you to respond to the application with either 'Objections' or 'No Objections'. If you wish to make an Objection to this application please can you provide additional information to substantiate this. If you need any assistance please contact me direct.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Sparrow

Licensing Officer

Development & Public Protection

☎: Direct Line 0191 433 3178

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✉ <mailto:rebeccasparrow@gateshead.gov.uk>

🌐 Gateshead Council Website: www.gateshead.gov.uk

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Rebecca L Sparrow

From: Councillor Keith Wood
Sent: 14 May 2019 14:16
To: Rebecca L Sparrow
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003- The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

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Rebecca

Thanks for clarification.

I would like to raise an objection to extend these opening hours. I see no benefit to the wider community in extending the license to 08.00 hrs. Doing so would only serve to exacerbate a problem for those with addiction problems. The application is clearly directing the extension at the vulnerable in our society.

Regards

Keith

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From: Rebecca L Sparrow <rebeccasparrow@gateshead.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:58 pm
To: Councillor Keith Wood
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003- The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

Dear Councillor Wood

Yes the hours are correct in the email. The applicant usually opens at 10.00am and now wants to open at 8.00am every day to serve alcohol.

You may recall that you have previously submitted a representation from when Amber Taverns applied to vary the Metropole premises licence in March 2017. The 2017 application sought to extend the commencement of sale of alcohol to 09:00 and to extend the terminal hour to 01:00 hours on Friday and Saturdays.

Please let me know whether you would like any further information.

Kind regards

Rebecca Sparrow

Licensing Officer

Development & Public Protection

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Sent: 14 May 2019 13:37
To: Rebecca L Sparrow <RebeccaSparrow@Gateshead.Gov.UK>
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003- The Metropole, 262 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DJ

Rebecca

Can you please clarify if these hours are correct in the email you sent.

Regards

Keith

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Rebecca L Sparrow

From: Jazz Chamley [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2019 16:49
To: CE Licensing
Subject: Extended opening times for Metropole Public House

To whom it may concern

Gateshead Recovery Partnership (GRP), Change Grow Live (Cgl) have been engaging and treating adults with substance misuse services since 2014. The service is an integrated Drug and Alcohol service.

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Cgl as an organisation would oppose extending Metropole's opening hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions

regards

Jazz Chamley
Tyneside Services Manager
47 Jackson Street
Gateshead
NE81EE

[REDACTED]
Web: changegrowlive.org

Rebecca L Sparrow

From: Alby Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2019 16:02
To: CE Licensing
Subject: the Metropole extended licensing hours

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Hi,

I work for Recovery Connections in partnership with cgl in Gateshead. I would like to forward the following comments from some of our clients about the proposed extension of licensing hours for the Metropole pub in Jackson st.

"I object to the Metropole being given an extended license, Gateshead has a visible addiction problem which will only increase. \having it just down the road from a recovery service further emphasises how unsuitable this is." –HH

"I feel that by increasing the Metropole licensing hours will increase Gateshead's problem with anti- social behaviour." – JM

"I'm fully against the proposal of opening the Metropole from 09.00 as someone in recovery from alcohol and cocaine abuse I have seen and experienced first hand the damage that is done not only to the addicted person but the people around them. Given where the Metropole is placed and how close it is to the recovery services I think it would send out the wrong message and encourage the wrong behaviours. I believe we should be trying to educate people on the damage alcohol does to people as opposed to extending the hours of public houses and encouraging the drinking culture that already has a vice like grip on Gateshead town centre." –DM

Yours sincerely,
Alby Graham

Rebecca L Sparrow

From: Alby Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2019 16:08
To: CE Licensing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi,
Another client has written,

"I'm two months in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse; the recovery is difficult enough with the wide range of establishments in Gateshead town centre offering alcohol seemingly 24/7. I don't believe the wider community or those trying to overcome addiction would be well served by allowing increased opening hours for the Met on Jackson st." –IW

Thanks,
Alby Graham

DEAR SIR / MADAM

I AM WRITING WITH REGARDS TO THE METROPOLE PUB IN GATESHEAD
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PUB HAS ASKED FOR AN EARLY LICENCE OF 9 O'CLOCK
I HOPE THAT THIS IS GRANTED, IT IS A FRIENDLY PUB WHERE I MEET
MY FRIENDS FOR A SOCIABLE DRINK.

I DONT FEEL OPENING ANY EARLIER WILL HAVE A DAMAGING EFFECT
ON THE AREA JUST THE SAME AS WEATHERSPONS OPENING AND SERVING
ALCOHOL AT THIS TIME DOES NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT,

YOURS SINCERELY

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10th JUNE 2019.