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**NORTHUMBRIA
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Licensing Department
Eldon Square Neighbourhood Policing Team
Central Management Offices
Percy Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7JB

17th September 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Northumbria Police are in receipt of a New club premises certificate.

The applicant is Bensham Community Fishers Club and the premises are located at:
100 Coatsworth Road, Gateshead, NE8 1QP.

The applicant has not offered enough detail in the application to mitigate the risk to the promotion of the licensing objectives and in particular the prevention of crime and disorder.

Some issues include the lack of measures put in place relating to admissions to the premises, acceptance of membership, club rules relating to other premises although the Bensham Community Fishers Club is not affiliated, references made in the club rule book to the Licensing Act 1964 & 1988 and the Clerk of Justice rather than Licensing Act 2003.

It can be inferred from the application form and its presentation that the applicant has a lack of understanding of the requirements under the current regime. As such there is an elevated risk to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

We believe that the licensing objectives, the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm will be undermined should this application be granted.

Northumbria Police objects to the grant of the Club Premises Certificate.

Northumbria Police Licensing



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

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 (Insert name)

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

Bensham Community Fishers Club
100 Coatsworth Road, Gateshead,

Post Town
Gateshead

Post Code
NE8 1QP

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

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	<input type="text"/>
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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 | ✓ |
| 2. Public Safety | ✓ |
| 3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance | |
| 4. The Protection of Children From Harm | ✓ |

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 this application is 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).

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.

The information in the application is very limited and does not demonstrate how the applicant will promote the licensing objectives. It does not describe the mechanisms that the premises will have in place to protect children from harm, prevent crime and disorder, and promote public safety.

Further supplementary evidence will be provided to support this representation. We are willing to meet with the applicant to discuss conditions that we feel would support the licensing objectives.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation

(Please read guidance note 2)

The Director of Public Health objects to this licence application as it does not give enough information about how the licensing objectives will be promoted.

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
- Since 2008/09 the rate of admissions to hospital for alcohol related conditions has increased by 25.4%
- 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.

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.

My objection to this application 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.

Please
Tick ✓

Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

If Yes, please state the date of that representation

Day		Month		Year			

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

 **How We Collect And Use Information**

The information collected, on this form and from supporting evidence, by Gateshead Council will be used to process your application. The information may be passed to other Enforcement Agencies as permitted by law.


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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	17.9.19
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
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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