



## 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) Northumbria Police

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**

Deckham Bargain Store  
111 Split Crow Road

**Post Town** Gateshead

**Post Code** NE8 4JT

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

Taimour TAMKIN

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

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### PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

Please  
Tick ✓

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|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1) | A responsible authority (please complete (C) below)                                   | ✓                        |
| 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			
Post Town		Post Code	

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

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

Name and Address
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Telephone Number (If any)	
E-Mail address (optional)	

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION**

Name and Address

Northumbria Police  
Central Area Command  
Gateshead Police Station  
High West Street  
Gateshead  
NE8 1BN

Telephone Number (If any)	101 ( <a href="https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/">https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/</a> )
E-Mail address (optional)	<a href="mailto:licensing@northumbria.pnn.police.uk">licensing@northumbria.pnn.police.uk</a>

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please  
Tick ✓

1. **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
2. **Public Safety**
3. **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**
4. **The Protection of Children From Harm**

✓  
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✓

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

Northumbria Police wish to support the application for a review made by Gateshead Council's Weights and Measure Authority

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation**

(Please read guidance note 2)

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, a test purchase exercise using a 15-year-old child volunteer was carried out at the premises of Deckham Bargain Store, 111 Split Crow Road, Gateshead and the child was sold two bottles of alcoholic beverage.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Northumbria Police lodged objections to a licence transfer application for a new premises licence holder Taimour TAMKIN and his appointment as the designated premises supervisor.

Neighbourhood Inspector 7017 Gray will say that she has grave concerns about the way business is being conducted at Deckham Bargain Store due to lack of compliance with the Licensing Act legislation and the impact this has on the protection of children from harm licensing objective as well as the increase of anti-social behaviour in the area where these premises are located.

Northumbria Police have no confidence in the premises licence holder / designated premises supervisor to uphold the licensing objectives and his ability to implement measures necessary for their promotion.

Please note: further evidence may be supplied during any subsequent licensing sub-committee hearings.

Please  
Tick ✓

Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

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If Yes, please state the date of that representation

Day		Month		Year			

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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	Andrew Huddleston	Date	22/06/21
Capacity	Superintendent, Northumbria Police		

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

[Licencing@northumbria.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Licencing@northumbria.pnn.police.uk)

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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# Witness Statement

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

 Statement of: Rebecca Gray URN                                            

 Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Inspector

This statement (consisting of 1 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:

*Rebecca Gray*

 PRINT NAME: Rebecca Gray

 Date 03 / 06 / 2021

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

I am the Neighbourhood Inspector for Gateshead East and as part of my role I am responsible for crime and disorder issues within Gateshead including Deckham. Part of my role covers policing responsibilities for licensing.

There have been concerns regarding youth disorder in the surrounding area for some time and in particular to the sale of alcohol to underage persons. I am seeing an increase in the number of complaint emails from the community regarding this issue.

On Saturday 24 April 2021 I received an email from Tracey Johnson as the Assistant Manager of the Local Authority Trading Standards and Licensing team. In the email Tracey advised that she has observed what appeared to be the sale of alcohol to underage persons. She had witnessed a group of youths leaving Deckham Bargain Stores with a case of fosters, a case of bud and a blue carrier bag with bottles. Taimour TAMKIN is the current owner of the stores and was working there at the time of the sale. TAMKIN was asked to provide the CCTV footage covering the sale but advised he could not as he did not know the password for the system.

On Wednesday 5 May 2021 I received an email from one of Northumbria Force's Missing From Home Co-ordinators Nicola Joicey advising that staff at one of the local care homes had been told by one of the children that she was buying alcohol from Deckham Bargain Stores, 111 Split Crow Road, Gateshead. The child is 16 years old with vulnerabilities.

On Saturday 8 May 2021 I allocated officers to attend Deckham Bargain Stores accompanied by officers of the Local Authority Trading Standards and Licensing team in order to complete a test purchase. A 15 year old volunteer purchased two bottles of blue WKD and was not challenged regarding her age. The CCTV system was seized by officers and a Fixed Penalty Notice issued to TAMKIN. This has been subsequently paid.

I have grave concerns about the way business is being conducted at Deckham Bargain Stores. There appears to be no safeguarding in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to children which results in an increase in nuisance and anti-social behaviour, whilst placing these children at risk due to an intoxicated state.







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Statement of:

KATIE NORTON

URN

Age if under 18:

+18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation:

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER

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Signature:

K. Norton

Date

7/8/21

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I AM THE GIRL NAMED KATIE NORTON & CURRENTLY LIVE AT AN ADDRESS KNOWN TO YOU

I CURRENTLY WORK AT LOXSIDGE HOUSE, CHILDREN'S HOME, BLAYDON CARSHAM, NEAR BIX AS A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE OFFICER & I HAVE WORKED HERE SINCE NOVEMBER 2019.

ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO IS RESIDENT AT LOXSIDGE HOUSE IS CALLED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (2/12/2004), [REDACTED] HAS BEEN RESIDENT AT LOXSIDGE HOUSE SINCE FEBRUARY 2020. [REDACTED] IS MY LINK EMAIL WHICH MEANS I HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER.

UPON SPEAKING TO [REDACTED] OVER THE LAST YEAR SHE HAS REGULARLY TOLD ME SHE HAS BEEN SCARED WITH CIGARETTES & ALCOHOL ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AT A SHOP IN CARSHAM. HOWEVER SHE HAS REQUESTED ME THE NAME OF THE SHOP. ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 I WAS BLED TO THE METRO CENTRE SHOPPING WITH [REDACTED], LATE AFTERNOON [REDACTED] ASKED ME IF I COULD DRAG HER FROM CARSHAM AS SHE WAS MEETING HER FRIENDS, ON THE WAY OUT TO CARSHAM [REDACTED] TOLD ME SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED A SHOP IN CARSHAM & TOLD THE SHOPKEEPER IT WAS HER 19<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. THAT DAY THE SHOPKEEPER GAVE HER A BOTTLE OF VODKA. [REDACTED] SAID THE SHOPKEEPER DIDN'T TAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR THE

K. Norton





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VODKA or Ask Her for any identification to prove her age. [REDACTED] stated the reason she gets served with alcohol on this ship is because her bawdy [REDACTED] (14 yrs) also gets served (her regular) but she didn't state the name of the ship or where it's in. [REDACTED] is in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] didn't offer any description of the time who saw her the vodka then day or say exactly what this involved.

Approximately 1200 hours on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May I dropped  
[redacted] off on Sun Crow Road, Garsfield, she got out of  
the car & walked over to meet her 2 friends, I was  
programming the map function into my Sat Nav before I  
set off to drive & I saw [redacted] & her 2 friends  
walk over & stood outside "Deborah Barrow Sires"  
which is next to a pizza shop on Sun Crow Rd.

I didn't see [REDACTED] or any of her friends getting the  
 stuff, they were just stood outside as I drove past.  
 [REDACTED] Arriving back home to home-side house at 2115  
 hours that same day & it was clear to see [REDACTED]  
 has been drinking Alcohol & was coming under the influence  
 of drink, she didn't say anything when she arrived home.

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**Signature:**

K. A. A.

Signature witnessed by:

RESTRICTED





**NORTHUMBRIA  
POLICE**

**PENALTY NOTICE  
FOR DISORDER**

Northumbria Police

**PART I - POLICE COPY**

Force Code	Notice Type	Source Code	Ticket Number	Penalty Code
010	80	3	3053358 9	18

PNC checked? Yes ☐ No ☒ Pentip checked? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 No previous PNDs issued to this offender for this type of offence Yes ☐ No ☒

Amount

£ 90

**Offender Details**

Title MR D.O.B. 24 03 1981  
 Forename(s) IAIN MOUR  
 Surname IAIN MOUR  
 Address 75 MORTMERE STREET  
 Post Code ME4 5JL  
 Phone No. 07446010038  
 Gender M/F/U M Officer defined ethnicity L Self defined ethnicity A9

**Ethnicity codes - see inner front cover**

Occupation SHOP OWNER  
 Date of Issue 07 05 2021  
 Offence Date 07 05 2021 Offence Time 1915 Hrs  
 At (location) NECKHAM BARGAIN STORE  
 111 SPLITT CROW ROAD  
 Offence Code 4603064

You (offence particulars) Sale of alcohol to persons under 18  
 Contrary to (Act containing offence) Licensing act 2003  
 Place of Issue Street ☒ Custody ☐

I acknowledge receipt of this Penalty Notice

Signature

Offender has been made aware that they will be recorded as being responsible for committing a crime and this is available for disclosure and information sharing purposes where appropriate. Yes ☒ No ☐

Issued by

Surname MUMFAY Signature

Collar No. 3615 Station Code 01

Rank PC

**ID CHECKS MADE** (details section must be filled in)

Driver's Licence ☒ Passport ☐ Bank / Credit Card ☐ National Insurance ☐

Travel / Photo Card ☐ ID Card ☐ CIS/PNC ☐ Radio ☐ Other (specify) ☐

Other (specify) ☐

Details (e.g. driver / card / passport no / national insurance no)

UK Driver License

Fingerprint taken? Yes ☐ No ☒ Photograph taken ☐ DNA taken ☐

Reply after caution

Recipient's Signature

**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE  
PENALTY NOTICE**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, Section 9,  
Magistrates' Court Act 1980, Subsection 5A(3A) and 5B, s. 102;  
Criminal procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**REMOVE PARTS 2-4 BEFORE WRITING ON THIS PAGE**

Statement of (Name)

Age Occupation

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At 20:00 hours on FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2021 I had cause to attend  
DECKHAM BARGAIN STORE, 111  
SPLIT CROW ROAD, GATESHEAD  
In company with PC 1740 JACKSON  
on a joint visit with licensing  
for a first purchase operation.  
Two females acquired by  
licensing who I know to be

At (time) 1500

On (date) 10062021

(Continue on MG11A if necessary and affix firmly to PND)

Surname MURRAY  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Station Code 01

Rank PC

No. 3615

Signature

Date 10062021

Signed

Rank

Number

(Officer corroborating evidence)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**ANY STATEMENT OFFERED BY THE SUSPECT OR A 3RD PARTY  
WITNESS SHOULD BE RECORDED IN YOUR POCKET NOTEBOOK**

Height

Build

Complexion

Description and / or visible distinctive marks and features

3rd Party Witness Statement: Particulars Obtained?

Yes

No

Notebook No.

Arrest Summons No.

Custody Record No.


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is years old, entered the shop at 19:55 hours and  
 left in possession with 2 bottles of alcohol  
 after purchasing it from the shop. I immediately entered  
 the shop in company with PC Jackson and a  
 mem<sup>sm</sup> council worker for licensing and spoke with a  
 male who I now know to be Taimour TAMKIN.  
 TAMKIN was the only person who was working at  
 that time and is the owner of the shop. I informed  
 him as to the reason why we were there and  
 asked to see his CCTV footage. He refused as  
 he claimed he has no access to it as he  
 can not log on. Due to this I seized the  
 Digital Video Recording (DVR) box exhibited as SM/1  
 with the property PIN CO 7195/21. I immediat<sup>sm</sup> continued  
 and reported TAMKIN for the sale of alcohol to  
 persons under 18 contrary to the Licensing Act 2003  
 and gave TAMKIN a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)  
 for the offence.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:







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I/We (Insert name)

Public Health

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

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**Post Town Gateshead**

**Post Code NE8 3SB**

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

Mr Taimour TAMKIN

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

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### PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

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| 1) | A responsible authority (please complete (C) below)                                   |     | X                        |
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I am 18 years old or over  
Tick)

Yes ☐ (Please

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Name and Address
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Telephone Number (If any)	
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**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION**

Name and Address
Alice Wiseman
Director of Public Health for Gateshead
Gateshead Civic Centre
Regents Terrace

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)

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	✓	Tick
1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety		<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. The Protection of Children From Harm		X

**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.

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.

I echo the concerns raised by the Local Weights and Measures Authority in their application for a review. It is clear from the detail provided in the review that the licensing objectives are not being upheld. The level of disregard towards the law, and lack of implementation of measures to ensure that children are protected from harm suggests that the management of this premises is non-existent and that there is no consideration given towards the community's health and wellbeing.

**Please provide as much  
information as possible to support**

## **the representation**

(Please read guidance note 2)

Chief Medical Officer guidelines are clear that children should drink no alcohol before the age of 15 but an alcohol free childhood up to the age of 18 is the best and safest option, with alcohol linked to health problems, and accidents and with children's brains still developing until their 20s.

- In 2017/18 – 2019/20 there were 60 hospital admissions in Gateshead for under 18s due to alcohol specific conditions, a crude rate of 50.5 per 100,000 compared with an England average of 30.7

Alcohol consumption among young people has been linked to a range of negative outcomes, both contemporary (such as lower educational attainment, smoking and criminal behaviour) and later in life (such as increased risk of drug and alcohol dependence and poorer mental and physical health)

The risks from drinking alcohol before our children reach adulthood include:

- Changes or delays to the development of the logical, thoughtful part of the brain
- Alcohol can affect all the different systems in the body and the fact that children's organs are still developing can make them particularly vulnerable
- Alcohol can affect a child's mental health. At a time when mental illness in childhood is increasingly in the media, this highlights why it's essential we protect children from access alcohol before the age of 18.
- Drinking can affect how well a child does at school.
- Alcohol can lead to other risky, impulsive behaviour. Young people who drink regularly are four times more likely to smoke and three times more likely to take other, illegal drugs and more likely to get hurt due to an accident or as a result of violence
- Young people who drink before they are 15 are four times more likely to be dependent on alcohol later in life.

Poorer populations and communities experience a disproportionately greater level of alcohol-attributable harm. Reports are provided which show the area surrounding the premises in relation to the Index of Multiple Deprivation, the level of children living in poverty, and level of unauthorised school absences. This information is in the additional information provided with this representation.

Young people, especially those in our most deprived communities have been negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic due to loss of education, routine, formal and informal support, access to services and support from school. Therefore, it is vital at this time that children in our communities are protected from the long-term harm caused by a premise not acting in accordance

with the licensing objectives. Although more of our children are choosing not to drink alcohol, we need to do everything in our power to encourage that trend and support our children in making healthy decisions.

#### References

CMO for England (2009) Guidance on the consumption of alcohol by children and young people.  
Department of Education (2010) Young people's alcohol consumption and its relationship to other outcomes and behaviour  
Public Health Outcomes Framework - <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/>  
Build Back Fairer – The Covid 19 Marmot Report  
AFS & SHAAP (2011) Re-thinking alcohol licensing  
Balance - What's the Harm – [www.whatstheharm.co.uk](http://www.whatstheharm.co.uk)

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Signature	<i>Alan Wiseman</i>	Date	21.6.21
Capacity	Director of Public Health		

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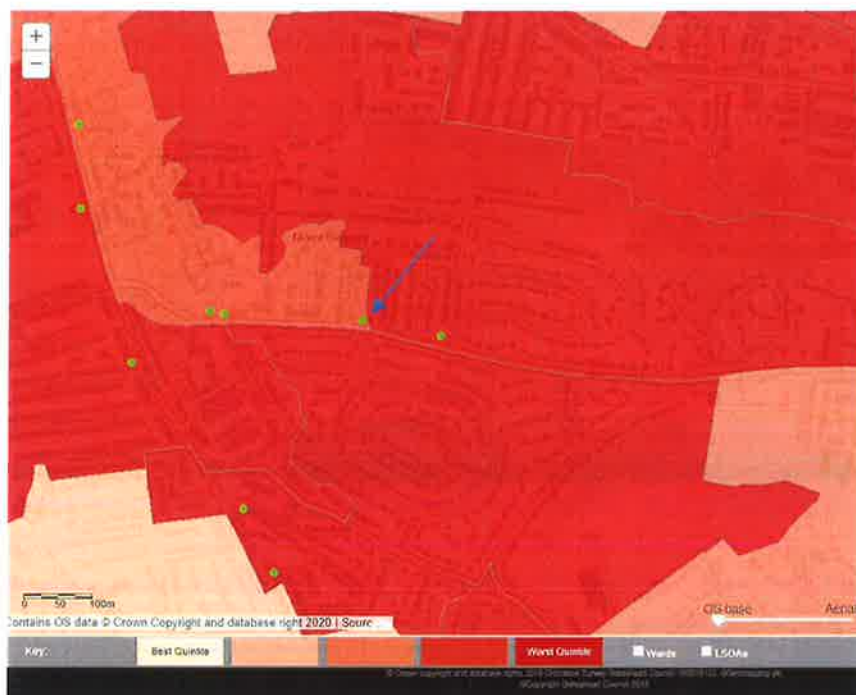


## Additional Information for Public Health Representation

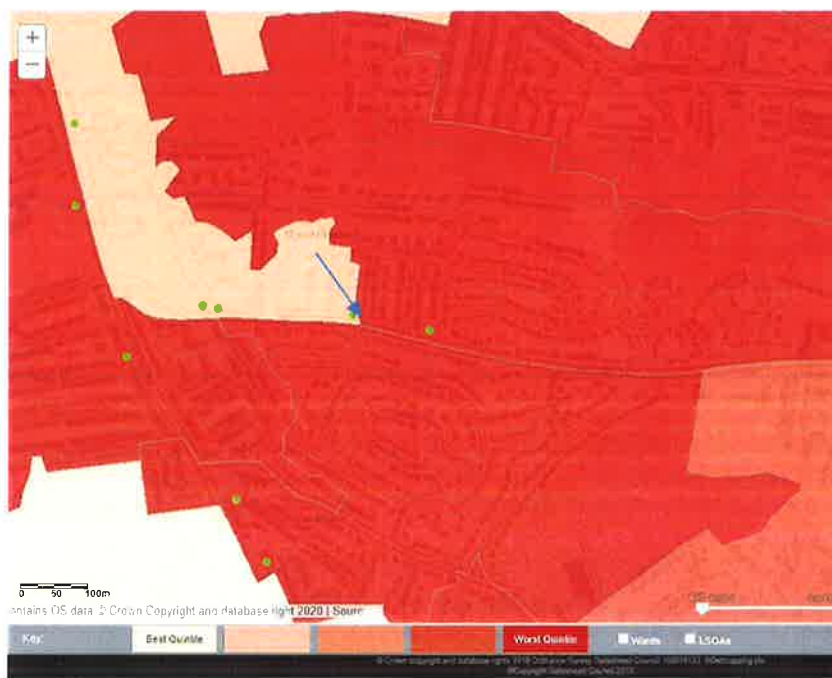
### Deckham Bargain Store

Figure 1, 2 3 show the levels of deprivation, Children living in poverty and unauthorised absence from school at local level in the area surrounding the premises at NE8 3SB. The premises is indicated by the arrow. The dark red colours depict the worse quintiles.

**Figure 1 - Index of Multiple Deprivation in area of NE8 3SB**



**Figure 2 - Children Living in Poverty in area of NE8 3SB**



**Figure 3 - Children with 1 week + Unauthorised absence from school in area of NE8 3SB**





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Yes ☐ (Please Tick)

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E-mail address (optional)

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

Name and Address
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Telephone Number (If any)	
E-Mail address (optional)	

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION**

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This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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

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

Gateshead Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP) is the body responsible for the protection of children from harm.

The GSCP is concerned that the licensable activities taking place at Jenny Halls Off Licence are not in accordance with the promotion of another licensing objective, which is the protection of children from harm.

It has come to the attention of the GSCP that on On 7th May 2021, a test purchase exercise using a 15-year-old child volunteer was carried out at the premises of Deckham Bargain Store, and the child was sold two bottles of blue WKD. WKD is an alcoholic beverage containing 4% alcohol.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation**

(Please read guidance note 2)

Safeguarding Partnerships are the key statutory mechanism for protecting children from harm and agreeing how the relevant organisations in each local area will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do.

Access to alcohol by young people and the resulting crime and disorder is a significant community problem that impacts on crime, and the fear of crime, within many areas of the Borough as well as being an issue that puts children and young people at risk themselves.

The vision of safeguarding partnership is that every child should grow up in a loving and secure environment, which is free from abuse, neglect and crime, enabling them to enjoy good health and fulfil their social and educational potential. Evidence suggests that binge drinking in adolescence could limit opportunities for this to occur and therefore the safeguarding partnership is keen to ensure that licensees restrict access to alcohol by underage drinkers and have processes in place to ensure the protection of children from harm.

Research suggests that the adolescent brain may be uniquely sensitive to alcohol's effects due to the major changes in brain structure and function that occur during this developmental period. Studies have found that binge drinking by youths is also associated with alcohol-related violence and other anti-social behaviours.

A UK study found that binge drinking in adolescence was associated with an increased risk of health, social, educational and economic adversity continuing into later adult life. Alcohol intoxication can occur during binge drinking and the acute toxic effects are generally related to blood alcohol concentrations. There is evidence to suggest that the severe hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) that can accompany alcohol intoxication and may result in coma occurs more commonly in adolescents than adults.

Deaths from alcohol poisoning appear to occur most often when relatively inexperienced drinkers consume very large amounts of alcohol in a short time.

#### **Re Deckham Bargain Store:**

On Saturday 24th April 2021 Trading Standards and Environmental Health Officer were out on duty when they seen 4 young people, a couple of them struggling to carry a quantity of alcohol. These young people looked extremely young. One had a box branded Budweiser and the other had a box branded Fosters. Another had a blue carrier bag and contents of the bag were not clear. The Environmental Health Officer asked the young people if there was a shop nearby. They gave directions towards Split Crow Road.

There were a group of around 5 young males standing outside of the first premises they came across on Split Crow Road stuffing what looked to be a case of alcohol into a black rucksack that one of them was carrying. They had thrown away a blue carrier bag onto the ground. The approximate age of this group was around 15 – 16 years. CCTV was checked at this premises and the young people had not been into this shop other than for one of them to purchase one bottle of Lucozade.

The officers continued along the street towards Deckham Bargain Store. There were two young males standing outside of the shop. Two more young people then came out of the shop, one carrying a blue carrier bag. As they approached the officers, one young person removed from the bag what is known to be 'Hooch'. Hooch is an alcoholic beverage that usually contains in the region of 4% ABV. There were more bottles that could be heard inside the bag, but officers couldn't see what they were. According to the trading standards officer, the young person that had produced the alcohol from the bag looked to be around 15 years of age.

At around 1525hrs, the trading standards officer entered the shop at 111 Split Crow Road, Gateshead known above the premises to be Deckham Bargain Store. There was one male behind the counter and nobody else on the premises. Trading standards officer produced warrant ID and asked him if he was the owner or designated premises supervisor. He replied he was. He gave his name as Taimour TAMKIN. He was asked if he was the only person who was working in the shop that day and he replied that he was. He was informed that 4 youths had been seen leaving the vicinity of his premises with alcohol and witnessed other youths further down the road also carrying alcohol, believed to have been obtained from this premises. Also noted that there were blue carrier bags behind the counter at this shop. Mr TAMKIN was asked to show the trading standards officer his refusals register, he did not know what that was, and was unable to produce anything. He was asked if could look at his CCTV to identify the youths that had been seen outside and down the street. He replied by saying he cannot work the CCTV as he doesn't have the access code for it. He was asked if he could call an engineer while to get the CCTV password so that the officer could view the footage. He called someone on his phone but there was no answer. He was advised that the officer would return the

following week to look at the footage. Mr TAMKIN explained that the person he had sold was 19 years of age. It was confirmed with him that even so, he had a legal responsibility to not sell alcohol to anyone over 18 who he believed was buying it on behalf of those under 18. The trading standards officer did not see any adults come out of the shop, and had a full clear view of the premises.

On 7th May 2021, Trading standards officer arranged to carry out a test purchase exercise using a child volunteer. The volunteer is 15 years of age. At approximately 2000hrs Child A was given money and asked to enter Deckham Bargain Store and attempt to purchase alcohol. She returned a short time later carrying two bottles of WKD. WKD is an alcoholic beverage containing 4% ABV.

Trading Standards Officer returned to the shop with police officers 3615 MURRAY and 1790 JACKSON and saw Taimour TAMKIN behind the counter. He was the only person in the shop at that time. It was explained that a child volunteer had been sent it and that he had sold to her 2 bottles of Blue WKD. He denied doing so. He was asked to show his CCTV and he would not provide access to it as he still could not get into it. He was reminded him about the visit on 24th April where the officer explained that they'd be back to view his CCTV and that he should be able to access the system.

The shop is very small and there were a lot of people entering to purchase alcohol and tobacco. One person selected a large bottle of Lambrini from the shelf and was asked by the officer if he had ID as they didn't believe he looked 25. He said he didn't so was told that Mr TAMKIN cannot sell anything without seeing ID. Mr TAMKIN then started to ask all the people coming into the shop for ID. The customers were getting very agitated by being asked to produce ID and the majority of people who entered the shop could not produce anything.

The officer asked to view the yellow incident book that a colleague had dropped at the premises earlier in the week to see what evidence there was of any other challenges for age restricted sales. The book was empty. The trading standards officer does not believe there was any attempt by Mr TAMKIN to ask anyone for ID, nor that Mr TAMKIN understands the challenge 25 process. I'm not aware whether Mr TAMKIN was operating a challenge 25 policy, but it is good practice for all licensed premises to do so.

The officer also had to remind Mr TAMKIN that he was not to sell to anyone who was over 18 but who he believed was going to pass on the alcohol to anyone who was under 18 otherwise known as proxy sales. While waiting for Mr TAMKIN to be available to speak to in relation to the offence and his CCTV, 4 young girls approached the shop. The officer stepped outside with officer JACKSON while he requested ID from the girls as one was carrying an open bottle of Lambrini. Two girls produced provisional driving licences which showed one to be 19 and one 18. Another produced some ID on her phone and the fourth didn't have any. All of these girls looked extremely young and there are doubts as to whether the ID that they were in possession with was genuine.

There were also young girls that wanted to come into the shop but once they saw that the trading standards officer and PC MURRAY were in the shop, they walked out. The same two were seen lingering in Fife Street when officer walked back in the direction of Deckham Stores.

The people that had been refused alcohol were leaving the area not happy at being challenged. Some of the young people appeared to be getting aggressive towards PC JACKSON who was waiting outside of the premises.

The majority of the young people on this night left the area and headed in the direction of Felling.

I have concerns that the management of this premises is insufficient and greatly undermines the licensing

objectives especially in relation to protection of children from harm. Even after the visit made by trading standards officer on 24th April, Mr TAMKIN had made no effort to introduce any challenge system nor was he recording any refused sales or recording when he'd proactively asked for ID. He has shown total disregard for the law and he has shown no remorse for what he has done. He flatly denied selling anything to anyone underage. The volunteer that had been sent in by trading standards and was not challenged at all or asked to provide evidence of her age. It is strongly believed that this premises are contributing to the antisocial behaviour in the area by selling alcohol to young people.

I have access to intelligence reports which show the hotspot areas for crime and disorder in the area, in particular youth disorder. I believe that the young people seen with the alcohol on Saturday 24th April 2021 were heading in the direction of Saltwell Park. I'm aware of the problems currently reported to police and to our community safety team in relation to antisocial behaviour of youths in the park being found with alcohol and reports of sexual assaults on young females. There are also concerns around child exploitation and the link to alcohol, with saltwell park being targeted by those looking to exploit children.

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Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

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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.

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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	22.6.21
Capacity	Gateshead Safeguarding Children Partnership		

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  
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