

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

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.

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Notes for Guidance

- 1. The ground(s) for representation <u>must</u> be based on one or more of the licensing objectives.
- 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.
- 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

Crime and Disorder Statistics

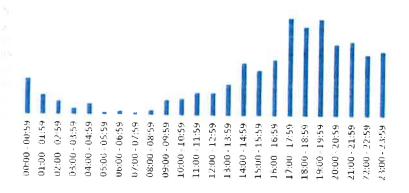
The information below covers the period 01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021 and, where comparisons are made, these refer to the period 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020.

For the purposes of this exercise, a boundary was drawn around Saltwell Park and the area known as The Avenues. Jenny Hall is shown on the map as a black circle.

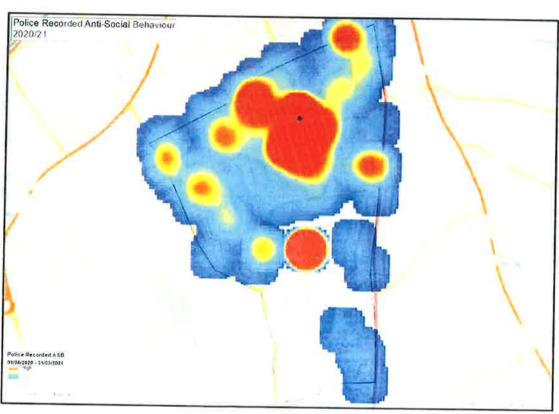
Anti-Social Behaviour

- There have been 645 incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded by Northumbria Police within the defined area. This is an increase of 49% (+211 incidents) when compared to the previous period. Note, reports of anti-social behaviour for the whole of the Gateshead borough increased by two thirds during this time.
- Of the 645 incidents recorded, 12% were specifically coded as youth disorder.
- 3% of incidents were classed as alcohol related. Although the proportion of incidents classed as alcohol related are small, the number of incidents linked to alcohol has increased by 89% in 2020/21 to 17 incidents.
- The graph below shows the number of incidents by time during 2020/21. There are higher numbers of reports in the early evening, particularly between 1700hrs and 2000hrs

Police-Recorded Anti-Social Behaviour 2020/21

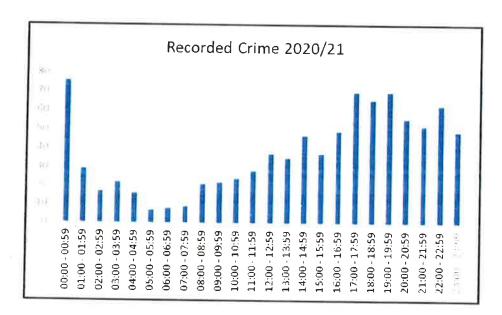


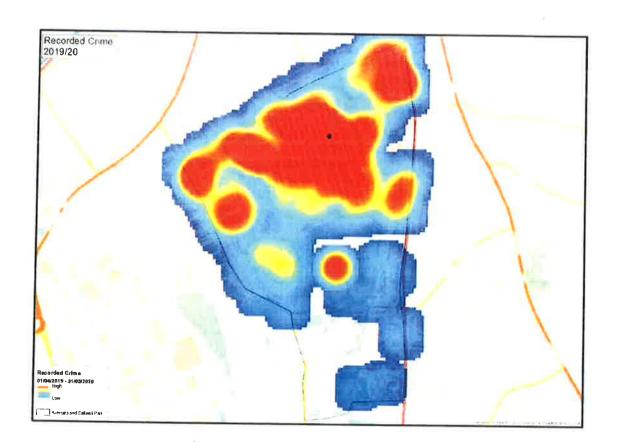


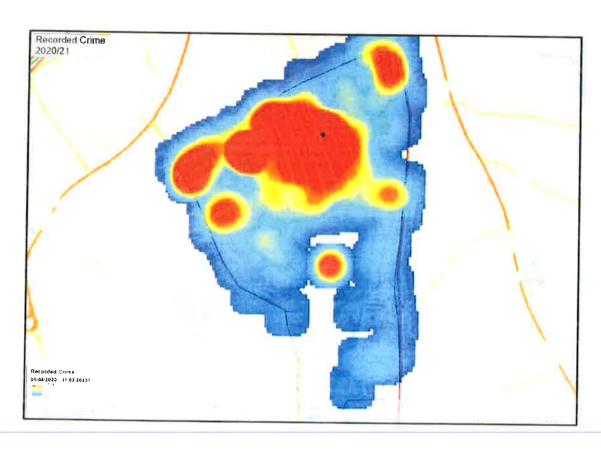


Recorded Crime

- 910 crimes have been recorded between 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2021 in the identified area.
 This is an increase of 2% (+21 crimes) compared to the same period in 2019/20. For
 Gateshead as a whole, recorded crime during the same period fell by 10% (2,007 fewer
 crimes).
- 9% of offences were deemed to be alcohol-related. This figure changes depending on crime type. For example, only 3% of theft other offences recorded in the last year were deemed to have been influenced by alcohol, but 13% of violent crime was classed as alcohol-related.
- Violent crime (violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery) makes up the
 majority of recorded crime in the area, with more than half of offences classed as recorded
 crime.
- Of the violence against the person offences reported, more than a quarter are public order offences
- A quarter of all crimes recorded in the last financial year occurred on the street or in a public place









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I am a Community Support Officer 5571 TELFORD based at GATESHEAD POLICE STATION and on SATURDAY 1st May 2021 I was on patrol in full uniform with my colleague CSO 5950 DOBSON. At 15:30hrs my colleague and I attended SALTWELL PARK, GATEASHEAD.

I entered SALTWELL PARK from the entrance on EAST PARK ROAD and parked our vehicle next to that entrance. I proceeded on foot towards the large grassed area situated at the top end of the park to find a small group of youths with alcohol. I asked the youths for their details but they were unable to provide any ID but they did confirm they were underage. I confiscated their alcohol and wrote down their details and words of advice given.

I then walked down towards the BOWLING GREEN which is situated at the bottom end of the park. As I approached the BOWLING GREEN we witnessed youths, males and females sitting around the area with alcohol. The youths with the alcohol did not have any ID but did confirm they were underage and handed over the alcohol.

I took the details of the youths with alcohol and words of advice given. We then returned to

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Statement of: ADAM LEE TELFORD

our vehicle and then exited SALTWELL PARK. I drove through BENSHAM using BRINKBURN AVENUE. Going past JENNY HALLS PREMIER STORE I witnessed a group of youths outside the premise. I then pulled up at the rear of the premises where another set of males were loitering with a large amount of alcohol. The alcohol was removed from the males as they could not provide any ID but they informed us that the alcohol was from JENNY HALLS store on BRINKBURN AVENUE.

I went round to the front of the property where another three males were loitering that also had alcohol on them. The males could not provide any ID and the alcohol was seized from the youths and details taken. I then entered JENNY HALLS store and witnessed a male buying two bottles of wine and a large box of beers. The male provided ID and he was 18 years old so words of advice was given. The female store assistant confirms males and females had been in the store earlier that day purchasing alcohol and that she had only refused a sale to one individual.

When I exited the store, the males who were outside were heading along BRINKBURN AVENUE towards SALTWELL PARK.

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On the 8^{lh} May 21, at approximately 1146am I returned to Jenny Halls, at the time of the visit AMOLAK BHAKER was the only person working in the store and in charge at that time .

I have asked BHAKER if I could have a look of his refusal book, he said he was not aware of what a refusal book was, so this was explained to him.

Bhaker was asked if he knew who the DPS was of the store, he said he did not, at this point he has rang his dad who was the manager of the store who I believe is RANJIT SINGH , who notified Bhaker, he was the actual DPS, I have asked if BHAKER could he use the CCTV he replied he couldn't.

At the time of the visit BHAKER informed me he had been working in the store for 3weeks, but he couldn't produce any evidence of training given to him or any other staff member

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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: JULIE MCGOW
Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER
This statement (consisting of 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: Date 21/05/21
I am a Police Community Support Officer within Northumbria Police and have been employed in the position for over 17 years.
I am based at Gateshead Police Station working within the Gateshead area, which incorporates the area of Bensham. My duties include tackling a variety of issues that contribute to the quality of life for local residents, mainly involving problems with youth disorder and alcohol related incidents. As part of my role I have come to know a lot of local residents and have regular contact with them.
On the 24th April 2021, I was called to numerous incidents by the control room of 200 youths causing disorder within saltwell park and surrounding Streets. Whilst in this area I was stopped by members of the public informing me there were large groups of underage youths drinking and fighting at the bowling green, which is located within Saltwell park, Gateshead, these groups were causing members of the public to be afraid and concerned not only for their own safety but the safety of the underage youths who were intoxicated.
Further anonymous information was received that evening that the underage youths within saltwell park had been purchasing there alcohol from JENNY HALLS, 6, BRINKBURN AVENUE, BENSHAM.
Salt well park is approximately two hundred meters away from JENNY HALLS OFF LICENCE, over the last 6months I have noticed an increase of youth disorder and alcohol related incidents.
have then notified Licensing/trading standards of the intelligence I had received that underage youths had been purchasing alcohol from Jenny halls , this led to a joint operation with trading standards and Northumbria Police



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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 adherence to measures to ensure that children are protected from harm suggests that the management of this premises is not robust enough. This could cause significant impact to the local community's health and wellbeing.

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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, and level of unauthorised school absences. This is in the additional information which accompanies 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.

My support of this review is informed 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. If the committee chose to add more conditions to the licence as a result of this review Public Health would be able to provide Point of Sale information about underage and proxy sales for the premises to display as a reminder to staff and customers of the potential harm caused to young people.

References

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Public Health Outcomes Framework - https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/

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Balance - What's the Harm - www.whatstheharm.co.uk

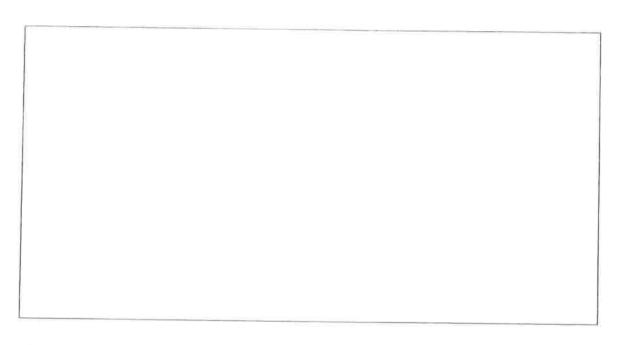
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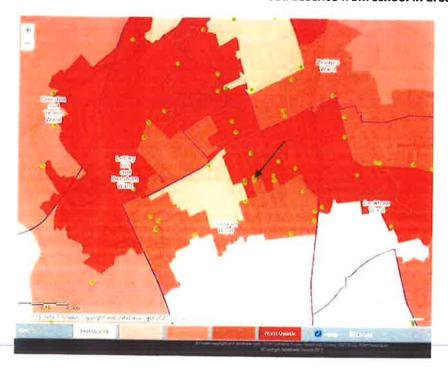
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Figure 1 & 2 show the levels of deprivation, and unauthorised absence from school at local level in the area surrounding the premises at NE8 4JT. The premises is indicated by the arrow. The dark red colours depict the worse quintiles.

Figure 1 - Index of Multiple Deprivation in area of NE8 4JT



Figure 2 - Children with 1 week + Unauthorised absence from school in area of NE8 4JT





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)

Saira Park / Gateshead Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP)

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

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			Please Tick √
1)	A responsible authority (please complete (C) be	elow)	✓
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(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	
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Daytime contact telephone number	
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(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION	
Name and Address	
Saira Park, Business Manager (on behalf of GSCP) Safeguarding Business Unit I st Floor, Civic Centre Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH	
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Telephone Number (If any)	0191 433 8010
E-Mail address (optional)	sairapark@gateshead.gov.uk

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	✓

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 7th May 2021, a test purchase exercise using a 15-year-old child volunteer was carried out at the premises and the child was sold two bottles of VK Blue, which 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 Jenny Hall Off Licence:

There was a change to the premises licence in August 2020 in which a new licence holder and DPS was appointed at the premises.

Trading standards received intelligence that children were able to purchase alcohol from Jenny Halls Off Licence and were consuming it in nearby Saltwell Park. Police had also recently seized large quantities of alcohol from youths found in possession of it in Saltwell Park and they told police that they had obtained the alcohol from Jenny Halls.

On Friday 7th May 2021, a test purchase operation was carried out using a 15-year-old child volunteer. At around 1840hrs she was handed money by the Trading Standards & Licensing Officer and asked to attempt to purchase alcohol at the shop known as Jenny Halls.

The child entered the shop and a short time later returned with two bottles of VK blue. She had been asked for ID by the seller, but she was unable to provide any. They then asked her if she had a photo of her ID on her phone. She did not. She was then asked her date of birth and she gave this as XX September 2002. There were two males behind the counter who both appeared to agree that she was able to purchase the alcohol.

Officers returned to the shop and discussed the sale with the seller of the alcohol who is known to be Amolak BHAKER. Amolak confirmed with officers he was the son of the owner and he had worked at the premises for two weeks. He claimed to have received training but there was no written record of the training. He claimed that he had served the volunteer to get the queue down. He also confirmed he had asked the volunteer for ID but she couldn't show him any.

There appears to be an increase in youth antisocial behaviour in Saltwell park especially fuelled by alcohol. It is not acceptable for licence holders to ask for ID on mobile phones when this ID can be tampered with or even fake.

This premises licence has very few conditions currently on the licence and at the very least committee should be seeking to add conditions in relation to CCTV, a Challenge 25 policy, Staff Training in relation to underage sales and proxy-sales and encourage the use of a refusals ledger.

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