

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the  
Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**I** Gateshead Council – Local Weights and Measures Authority

*(Insert name of applicant)*

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

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Deckham Bargain Store 111 Split Crow Road, Deckham	
<b>Post town</b> Gateshead	<b>Post code (if known)</b> NE8 3SB

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Mr Taimour TAMKIN
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> OOCH 02011
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

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

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

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

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

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr

☐

Mrs

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Miss

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Ms

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Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick ✓ yes

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**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address Tracey Johnson Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures Economy, Innovation & Growth Civic Centre Regent Street Gateshead NE8 1HH
Telephone number (if any) 07925 306840
E-mail address (optional) traceyjohnson@gateshead.gov.uk

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

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

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

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 blue WKD. WKD is an alcoholic beverage containing 4% alcohol.

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

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021 I was out on duty with Gordon Smiles an Environmental Health Officer. 4 youths were walking towards us, a couple of them struggling to carry a quantity of alcohol. These youths looked extremely young and, in my opinion, would have been around 14 - 15 years of age. One had a box branded Budweiser and the other had a box branded Fosters. Another had a blue carrier bag and I did not see what he was carrying inside of the bag. I heard Gordon ask the youths if there was a shop nearby. They gave directions that led us up towards Split Crow Road.

There were a group of around 5 male youths standing outside of the first premises we 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 youths had not been into this shop other than for one of them to purchase one bottle of Lucozade.

We continued up the street towards Deckham Bargain Store. There were two male youths standing outside of the shop. Two more youths then came out of the shop, one carrying a blue carrier bag. As they approached myself and Gordon, one youth removed from the bag what I know to be Hooch. Hooch is an alcoholic beverage that usually contains in the region of 4% ABV. There were more bottles that I could hear inside the bag, but I couldn't see what they were. The youth that had produced the alcohol from the bag looked in my opinion to be around 15 years of age. I produce a copy of a map identifying where the youths were seen in relation to the stores mentioned as exhibit TJ/DBS/3.

At around 1525hrs, I 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. I showed him my 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. I asked if he was the only person who was working in the shop that day and he replied that he was. I informed him that I had just observed 4 youths leaving the vicinity of his premises with alcohol and also that I'd witnessed other youths further down the road also carrying alcohol that I believed they had obtained from this premises. I also noticed that there were blue carrier bags behind the counter at this shop. I asked Mr TAMKIN if I could look at his refusals register. He did not know what that was, and he was unable to produce anything to

me. I asked if I could look at his CCTV to identify the youths that I had 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. I asked him to call an engineer while I was there to get the CCTV password for me to have a look. He called someone on his phone but there was no answer. I told him that I'd be back the next week to look at the footage. Mr TAMKIN explained that the person he had sold was 19 years of age. I 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. I do not believe this story and I did not see any adult come out of the shop as I approached other than the youths previously mentioned. I had a full clear view of the premises.

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, I arranged to carry out a test purchase exercise using a child volunteer. The volunteer is 15 years of age. I produce a photograph of Child A as exhibit TJ/DBS/2 (not to be disclosed to public). 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.

I returned to the shop with police officers 3615 MURRAY and 1790 JACKSON. I entered the shop and I saw a man who I know to be Taimour TAMKIN behind the counter. He was the only person in the shop at that time. I explained that I had sent in a child volunteer and that he had sold to her 2 bottles of Blue WKD. He denied doing so. I asked if he could show me his CCTV and he would not provide access to it as he still could not get into it. I reminded him of the visit that I'd made on 24<sup>th</sup> April where I'd explained that I'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 I asked him if he had ID as I didn't believe he looked 25. He said he didn't so I said 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.

I 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. I do not believe there was any attempt by Mr TAMKIN to ask anyone for ID, nor do I believe 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.

I had to also 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 I was waiting for Mr TAMKIN to be available to speak to in relation to the offence and his CCTV, 4 young girls approached the shop. I 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 I have 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 myself and PC MURRAY were in the shop, they walked out. The same two were seen lingering in Fife Street when I returned to my car then walked back in the direction of Deckham Stores when I got into my car.

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

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

I have grave 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 me on 24<sup>th</sup> 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. I do not believe that should committee allow this licence to continue by adding conditions to this licence that Mr TAMKIN would comply with them. 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 me was not challenged at all or asked to provide evidence of her age. Although CCTV has been seized by the police, at the time of putting this review into the licensing service, I have not had sight of whether it was recording on the night of the sale or 24<sup>th</sup> April. I do however strongly believe that this premises are contributing to the antisocial behaviour in the area by selling alcohol to young people.

In the 22 years that I have worked in Trading Standards I have never come across a shop so bad for attracting young people buying large quantities of alcohol. It was extremely busy that night with groups of young people coming from all directions. Not all customers were under 18 but were below the age of 25 and were visiting the shop to purchase alcohol.

I produce intelligence reports to show the hotspot areas for crime and disorder in the area, in particular youth disorder as TJ/DBS/4. I believe that the youths seen with the alcohol on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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If yes please state the date of that application

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



Please tick ✓


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

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

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

Signature



Date

25/05/2021

Capacity Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures

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

<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	

**Notes for Guidance**

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





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Avon St



Fife St

Highfield Rd

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and beauty shop



The Shakespeare Inn



Greggs Outlet Deckham  
Takeaway



Chandos St

Renwick Stores



St Mark's Court  
Care Home



J M Stores  
Convenience Store



Deckham Bargain Store  
Off Licence



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Edgware Rd



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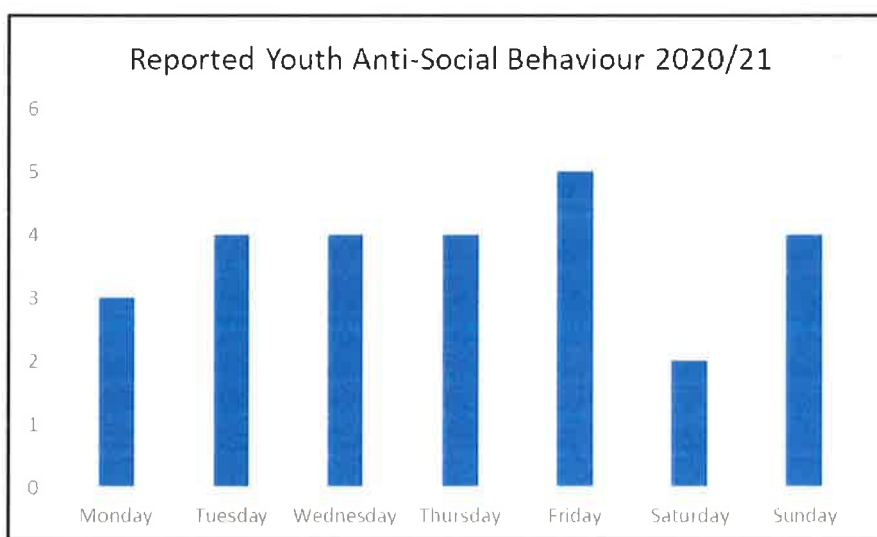
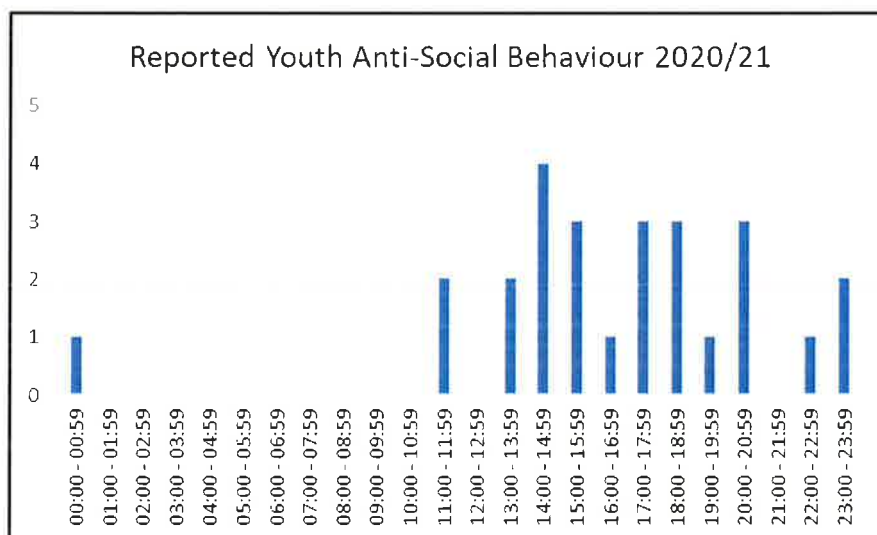


## Deckham Bargain Store, 111 Split Crow Road

Please note, the location of the premises is represented on the map by a black circle.

### Youth Anti-Social Behaviour Figures

- For the period 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021, 26 incidents of youth anti-social behaviour were recorded by Northumbria Police within 500 metres of 111 Split Crow Road. In the same period in 2019/20 there were 17 recorded incidents. This represents an increase of 53%.
- During the same period, reports of youth anti-social behaviour across the whole of Gateshead reduced by 21% (1,075 incidents, -285 compared to the previous year).
- Although there aren't large numbers of incidents, we can see from the charts below that reports tend to be made from the early afternoon until late evening. There does not appear to be a specific pattern with regard to days of the week, however, fewer incidents have been reported on Saturdays in the last year.
- The maps show hotspots for incidents of youth anti-social behaviour and all anti-social behaviour reported to police in the last two financial years.



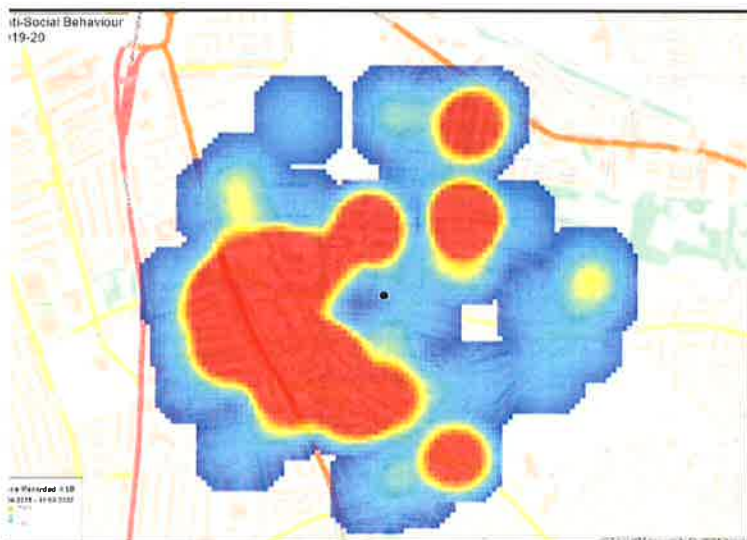
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2019-20



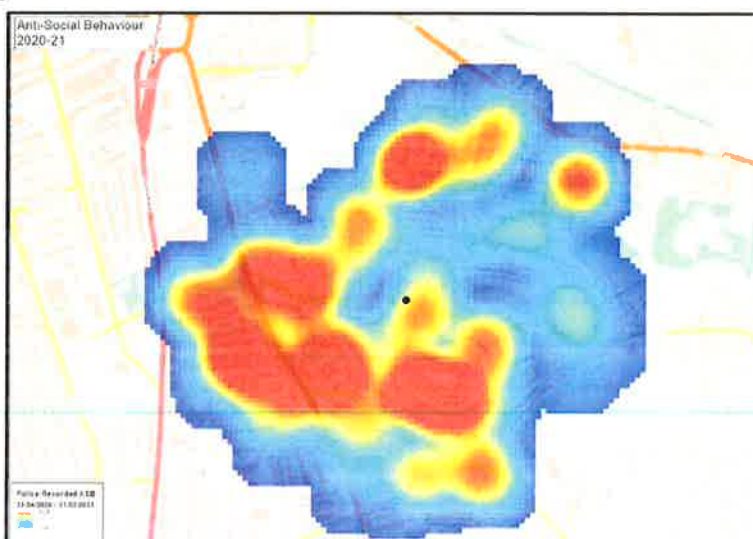
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2020-21



Anti-Social Behaviour  
19-20



Anti-Social Behaviour  
2020-21



### Recorded Crime Figures

- Between 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2021 there were 721 crimes recorded within 500 metres of 111 Split Crow Road. This is a slight increase of 1% compared to the same period in 2019/20 (+8 crimes). For Gateshead as a whole, recorded crime during the same period fell by 10% (2,007 fewer crimes).
- 12% of offences were deemed to be alcohol-related and, again, is a higher figure than the previous year (2019/20 = 11%). This figure also changes depending on the crime type, for example, only 4% of theft other offences recorded in the last year were deemed to have been alcohol-related, but 15% of violent crime was deemed to have been alcohol-related.
- Violent crime (violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery) make up the majority of recorded crime in this area, with just over six in 10 offences recorded classed as violent crime.
- The graphs below show crimes by time of day and by day of the week during 2020/21
- The maps show hotspots of crime recorded by the Police in the last two financial years

