



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 Thomas Wilson Working Men's Club and Institute Ltd 16 Chowdene Bank Low Fell			
Post Town	Gateshead	Post Code	NE9 6JD

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Thomas Wilson Working Men's Club and Institute Ltd

Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known) 00CH 08027
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PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

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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"/> |

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> |

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

The Licensing Authority in the capacity of a responsible authority have concerns regarding this premises.

I have had sight of the application to review the club premises certificate submitted by Environmental Health in relation to the Thomas Wilson Working Men's Club & Institute. The Licensing Authority have had numerous discussions with the Secretary of the club since September 2021 in relation to carrying out activities in the Club without the necessary authorisations to sell alcohol in place. Namely, organising and holding events that were open to members of the public rather than limiting these events to members or guests of members.

On a number of occasions, the Licensing Authority have approached the Club to request that they submit a Temporary Event Notice which would allow them to sell alcohol to the general public much as a premises licence would allow, and not limit the activity to supplying alcohol to its members or guests of members.

Advice was also sent to the Club which was copied to the CIU in January 2022 by myself where I expressly set out our concerns that unlicensed activity was taking place at the premises.

On 1st April 2022, a Licensing Officer was able to enter the Club, purchase a ticket on the door for an event then proceed to purchase 2 pints of alcohol from the bar without being asked to prove membership or whether they were a guest of a member. This again was after numerous conversations with the Club Secretary regarding when a TEN should be submitted.

Posts for events are widely advertised on social media inviting anyone to attend. The Licensing Authority can only advise the Club so many times on when they need to submit a temporary event notice, but they don't seem to be proactive in submitting such notices.

I'm also aware that the Club is often used for functions such as weddings, wakes or birthday parties where not all guests are members or are even able to be signed in for the function due to the numbers restricted by the Club Rules Book. This only allows one member to sign in 3 guests at any one time. Functions which are held without the records being kept are undermining the

Licensing Objectives and will also be a breach of the Club Rules as the Club has no idea of who is on the premises at any time.

More recently an event of Bonkas Bingo was advertised on social media for 2nd September 2022. An officer of the Council was able to attend the premises and purchase a ticket from behind the bar without challenge as to whether they were a member of the club. Subsequently, the Club have submitted a late Temporary Event Notice.

I believe that the licensing objective of Crime and Disorder is being undermined by the activities of the Club. Allowing the supply of alcohol to non-members when this should only be to members or guests of members. This also means that the club has no control over who is in the club at any one time. This in itself breaches their club rules, and it also contradicts the explanations set out in the legal response supplied to the Council in response to the letter sent by me in January 2022.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation

(Please read guidance note 2)

The Licensing Authority over the past year have tried to work with the Club to ensure that when events are promoted, they have the necessary authorisation in place to sell alcohol to members of the public.

Currently there are very few conditions on the premises certificate, and it would be beneficial if conditions were added to the current certificate in order to bring this up to date with other licensed premises in the Borough.

The Licensing Authority are well aware of how the current economic climate is affecting businesses and this Club is likely one of the biggest Club premises we have in Gateshead. We would welcome the Club to submit a Premises Licence Application which would allow them to market the premises more widely and enable them to hold functions without the need to submit Notices to the Authority. There is a restriction on the number of Notices any premises may have in one calendar year which is why I believe the club are not submitting these for all of the events that it should.

Holding a premises licence as well as the club certificate would mean they would be free to hold as many functions that their diary could hold and we've had these conversations with the Club and their legal representative but to date, no application for a premises licence has been forthcoming.

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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.

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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	24/08/2022
Capacity	Assistant Manager – Trading Standards & Licensing		

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