

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY 2024**

#### **LICENSING ACT 2003 – CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE – 138 NEWCASTLE ROAD, SUNDERLAND**

##### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an application to grant a premises licence in respect of the above-mentioned premises brought in accordance with Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

##### **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF DECISION**

- 2.1 In considering the application the sub-committee will be mindful of the provisions of section 18 of the Licensing Act as stated in paragraphs 5.2 below.
- 2.2 When determining the application, the Sub-Committee is requested to have regard to the representations referred to in paragraph 4.0 below and to take such steps as they consider appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps may be: -
- a) to grant the application subject to the operating schedule modified to such extent as the Sub-Committee considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and subject to the relevant mandatory conditions;
  - b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
  - c) to reject the application.

##### **3.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members will recall that this matter was scheduled to be considered by the Committee at its meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Due to an external matter, the hearing was required to be cancelled due to us not being able to meet quorum.
- 3.2 According to the information provided by the applicant's agent, The premises will be a new convenience store where all types of convenience products will be sold including fresh & frozen food, toiletries, household, newspapers etc. Other services will also be offered to customers such as the ability to pay bills & buy lottery tickets. Alcohol is not the intended focus of the business there is an expectation that alcohol sales will have a limited impact on the area as local people are expected to, on the whole, purchase alcohol along with other products.
- 3.3 A copy of the application form, premises plan and a set of proposed conditions, which will be included in the operating schedule are attached at **Appendix 1**.

- 3.4 For Members' information, the premises is situated on Newcastle Road and was formally Booze Busters. The premises is attached to a parade of hot food takeaway outlets. Plans showing the street view of Newcastle Road and an aerial plan of the area are shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.5 The application is for sale of alcohol Monday – Sunday 07:00 to 03:00 and late night refreshment (hot food and drink) Monday – Sunday 23:00 – 03:00. In summary the confirmed proposed licensable activities and opening hours are detailed as follows:

<b>Licensable Activity</b>	<b>Proposed Hours</b>
Sale of Alcohol Off the Premises	Monday to Sunday 07:00 to 03:00
Late night Refreshment	Monday to Sunday 07:00 to 03:00
Opening Times of Premises	Monday to Sunday 07:00 to 03:00

- 3.6 During the consultation period, a statutory notice was published in the Sunderland Echo on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. In addition, blue site notices were displayed at the premises for a period of 28 days, allowing for any persons to submit any representations.
- 3.7 In line with the statutory procedure set out in the Licensing Act 2003, a 28-day consultation period was allowed for any representations to be made.
- 3.8 Relevant representations were received from local residents, Ward Councillors and Responsible Authorities.

#### **4.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 During the statutory 28 day consultation, a number of representations were received in objection to the application by email from local residents. In addition to the objections received, the Licensing Section also received a petition from 71 local residents. Copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.2 On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Sarah Norman, representing Public Health in her role as a Responsible Authority. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 4**.
- 4.3 On 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Scott Lawrence, representing the Licensing Section in his role as a Responsible Authority. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 5**.

- 4.4 On 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Councillor Kelly Chequer, cabinet member for Healthy City and Ward member for Southwick. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 6**.
- 4.5 On 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Northumbria Police, acting in their role as a Responsible Authority. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 7**.
- 4.6 On 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Councillor Michael Hartnack, Ward member for Fulwell. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 8**.
- 4.7 On 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 a representation was received in objection to the application from Amelia Barker, representing the Environmental Health Section in her role as a Responsible Authority. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix 9**.
- 4.8 On 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 Northumbria Police submitted further information in support of their representation. A copy of the information is attached at **Appendix 10**.
- 4.9 Between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 emails were exchanged between Mr Lawrence and Ms Sherratt regarding the application and proposed amendments to the application. Mr Lawrence submitted further details regarding this exchange which can be found at **Appendix 11**.

## **5.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 5.1 To determine the application as requested by section 18(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

18(3) *“Where relevant representations are made, the authority must—*

*(a)hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and*

*(b)having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers for the promotion of the licensing objectives”*

- 5.2 Section 4(2) of The Licensing Act 2003 lists the licensing objectives as:-

*(a)the prevention of crime and disorder;*

*(b)public safety;*

*(c)the prevention of public nuisance; and*

*(d)the protection of children from harm.*

## **6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

6.1 None submitted.

## **7.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS/CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 There are no other considerations that require the attention of the Sub-Committee.

## **8.0 GLOSSARY**

8.1 No acronyms or abbreviations have been used in this report.

## **9.0 LIST OF APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1** - Application form and plan of premises

**Appendix 2** - Plans of surrounding area

**Appendix 3** - Representations and petition from local residents

**Appendix 4** - Representation from Public Health

**Appendix 5** - Representation from the Licensing Section

**Appendix 6** - Representation from Councillor Kelly Chequer

**Appendix 7** - Representation from Northumbria Police

**Appendix 8** - Representation from Councillor Michael Hartnack

**Appendix 9** - Representation from Environmental Health

**Appendix 10** – Further information from Northumbria Police

**Appendix 11** – Further information from the Licensing Section

## **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.

# Appendix 1

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference  This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference  You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- Yes  No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

### Applicant Details

\* First name

\* Family name

\* E-mail

Main telephone number  Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone.

Is the applicant:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
- Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

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**Address**

\* Building number or name

\* Street

District

\* City or town

County or administrative area

\* Postcode

\* Country

**Agent Details**

\* First name

\* Family name

\* E-mail

Main telephone number  Include country code.

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader
- A private individual acting as an agent

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

**Agent Business**

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?  Yes  No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

Registration number

Business name

VAT number

Legal status

Your position in the business

Home country

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

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**Agent Registered Address**

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

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**PREMISES DETAILS**

I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**Premises Address**

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address     OS map reference     Description

**Postal Address Of Premises**

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Newcastle Road Mini Mart"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="138 Newcastle Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Sunderland"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="SR5 1NA"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Further Details**

Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	<input type="text" value="6,000"/>



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### APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company / limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

### Confirm The Following

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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### INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

#### Applicant Name

Is the name the same as (or similar to) the details given in section one?

- Yes  No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

First name

Family name

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- Yes  No

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### Current Residential Address

Is the address the same as (or similar to) the address given in section one?

Yes  No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

### Applicant Contact Details

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

Yes  No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>
* Date of birth	<input type="text" value="dd"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/> / <input type="text" value="yyyy"/>
* Nationality	<input type="text"/>
Right to work share code	<input type="text"/>

Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK  
Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents

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### OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start?  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

Provide a general description of the premises

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For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

The premises will be a new convenience store where all types of convenience products will be sold including fresh & frozen food, toiletries, household, newspapers etc. Other services will also be offered to customers such as the ability to pay bills & buy lottery tickets. Alcohol is not the intended focus of the business there is an expectation that alcohol sales will have a limited impact on the area as local people are expected to on the whole purchase alcohol along with other products.

In terms of addressing the licensing objectives, this premises will be brand new and subject to significant investment which will involve the installation of high spec equipment such as CCTV, electronic refusals register and till prompts. In addition to that, in order to mitigate any risk from the sales of alcohol and its impact on the licensing objectives a number of robust conditions, which reflect the expected policies and procedures to be operated within the business, have been included as part of this application.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

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### PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

- Yes  No

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### PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

- Yes  No

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### PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

- Yes  No

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### PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

- Yes  No

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### PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

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Will you be providing live music?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing recorded music?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

Yes  No

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**PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

Yes  No

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**LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT**

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

Yes  No

**Standard Days And Timings**

**MONDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.  
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days  
of the week when you intend the premises  
to be used for the activity.

**TUESDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

**WEDNESDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

**THURSDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

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FRIDAY

Start 23:00

End 03:00

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start 23:00

End 03:00

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start 23:00

End 03:00

Start

End

Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both?

- Indoors       Outdoors       Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of late night refreshments at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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**SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

- Yes       No

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### Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.  
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days  
of the week when you intend the premises  
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

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End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

- On the premises     Off the premises     Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on  
the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol  
is for consumption away from the premises  
select off. If the sale of alcohol is for  
consumption on the premises and away  
from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

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Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

**Name**

First name

Family name

Date of birth  /  /

**Enter the contact's address**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Personal Licence number (if known)

Issuing licensing authority (if known)

**PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT**

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

None

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**HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Standard Days And Timings**

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.  
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days  
of the week when you intend the premises  
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

State any seasonal variations



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For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

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### LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

On first appointment, all staff employed at the premises will receive training on the Licensing Act 2003 including input on preventing underage sales, preventing sales of alcohol to people who are drunk and any other relevant matters. Training shall be regularly refreshed at no less than annual intervals. The training must be recorded and be accessible on the premises and made available for inspection upon request of a Police Officer or an authorised officer of a Responsible Authority or (in the case of online training) within 48 hours.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A CCTV system will be in operation at the premises and recorded images shall be retained for a period of 31 days. CCTV images will be provided to the police and other responsible authorities as soon as practicable and in any case within 48 hours of a request for such images, subject of the provisions of the DPA.

c) Public safety

An incident register will be maintained at the premises and made available to the authorities on request.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

A register of refusals of alcohol will be maintained at the premises. The register will be made available for inspection by the Police and an authorised officer of a Responsible Authority.  
Notices will be displayed at the entrance/exit to the premises asking customers to leave the store quietly and respect local residents.

e) The protection of children from harm

The premises will adopt a 'Challenge 25' policy. This means that if a customer purchasing alcohol appears to be under the age of 25, they will be asked for proof of their age, to prove that they are 18 years or older.

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Posters will be on display advising customers of the 'Challenge 25' policy.

The only forms of identification that will be accepted will bear their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark and/or ultraviolet feature. Examples of appropriate identification include a passport, photocard driving licence, military ID, and Home Office approved proof of age ID card bearing the PASS hologram.

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### NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

#### **Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:**

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

#### **Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK**

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
  - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
  - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
    - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
    - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
    - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

**Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities.** If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

### **Home Office online right to work checking service**

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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### **NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT**

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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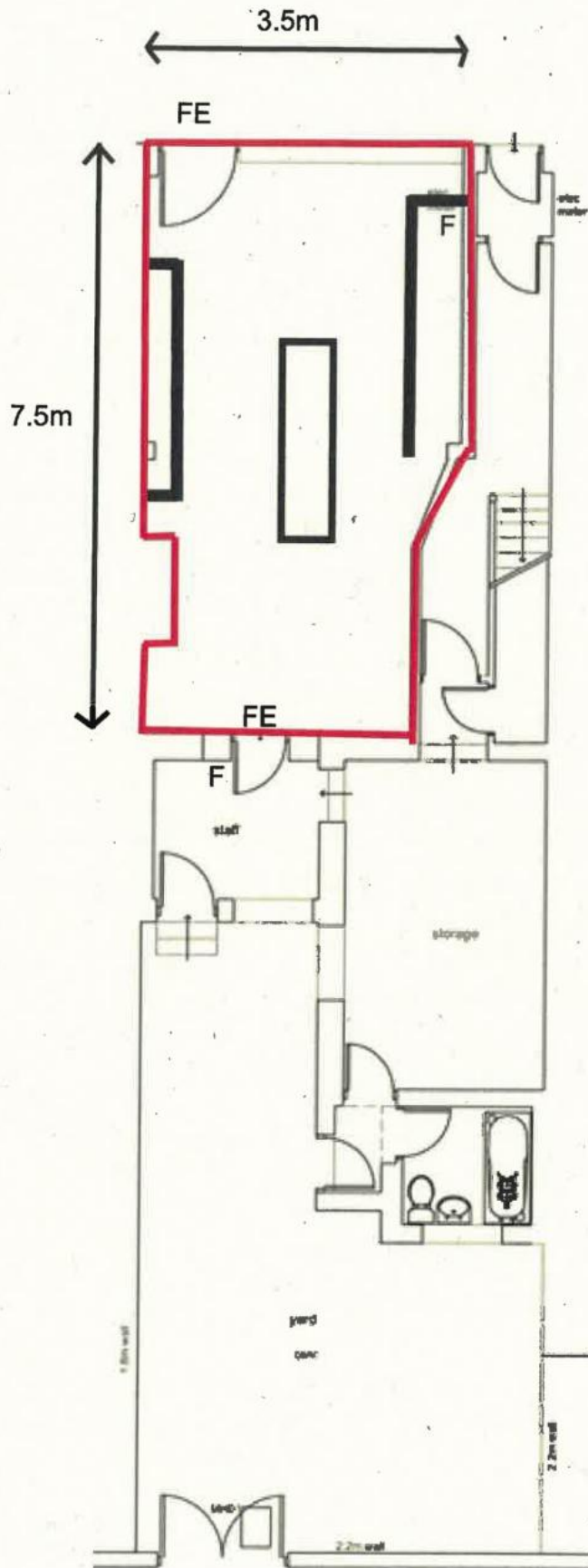
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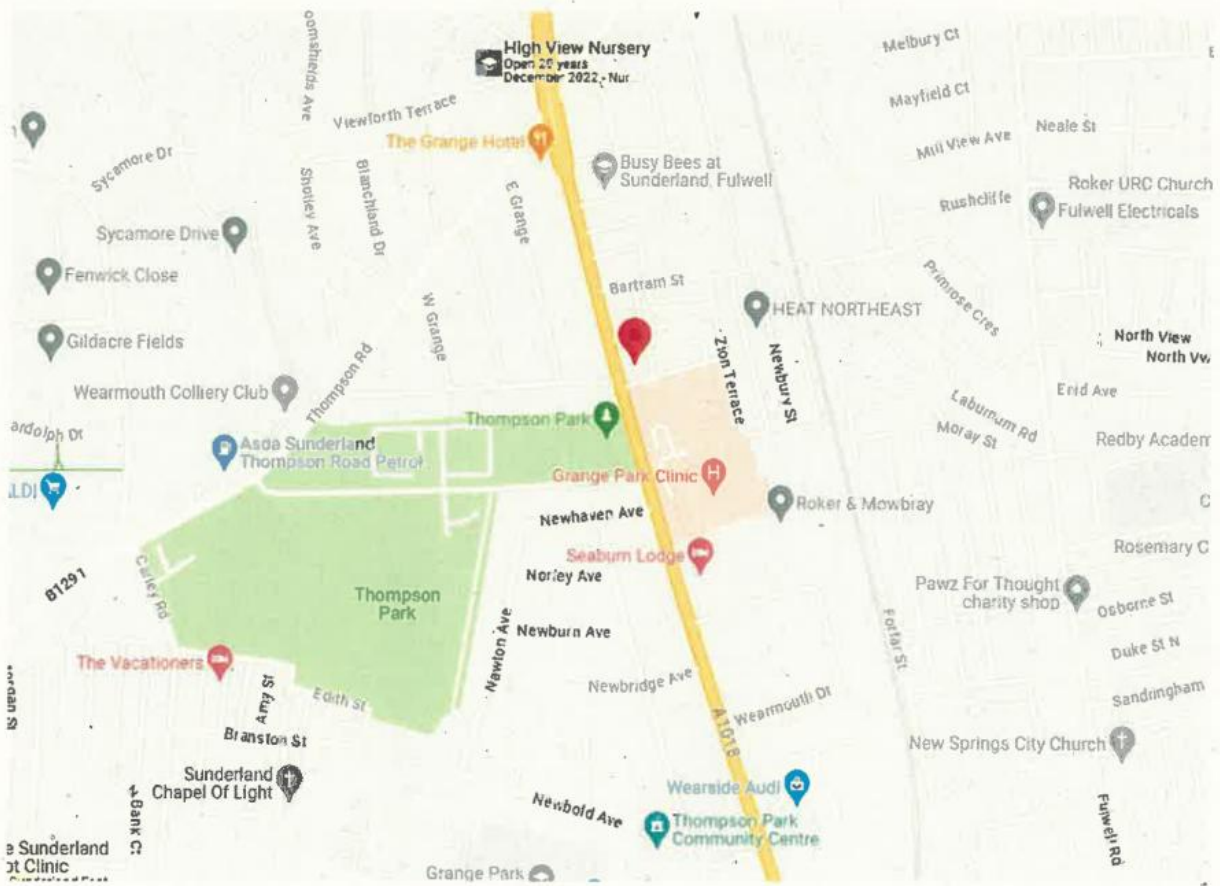


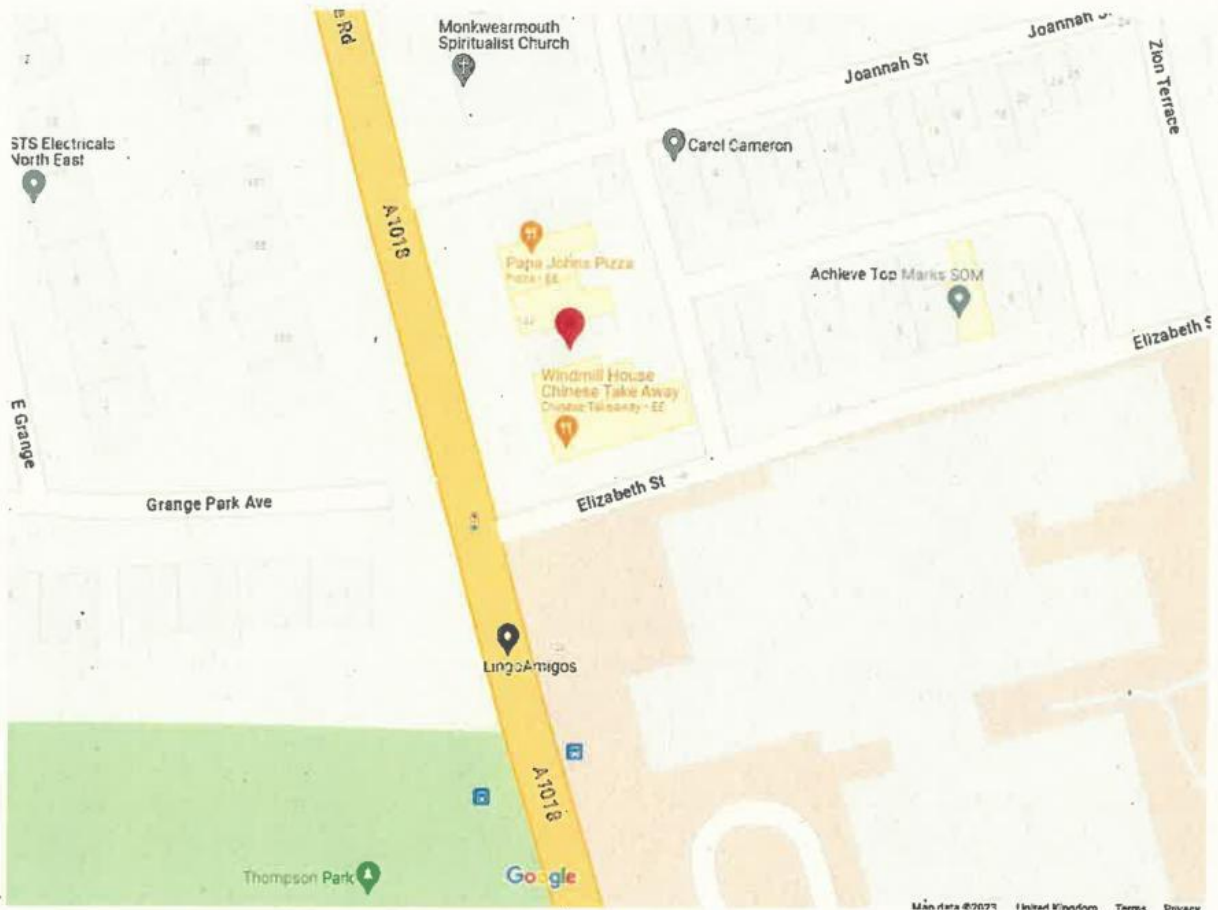
# Appendix 2

Street view of 138 Newcastle Road



Ariel Plan





# Appendix 3



**From:** Alan Roulstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 October 2023 11:01  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Cllr Michael Hartnack  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Rd Premises Licensing Application including Retail Sale of Alcohol 0700-0300

**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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Dear Sunderland Licensing,

I object in the strongest terms to the above application. I am a resident who lives close to the site.

I object to any alcohol license for these premises for the following reasons:

#### Background

The last 15 years has seen the parade of shops gain two additional A5 licenses. There are now 3 takeaways in a parade of 5 premises. This has transformed the area into a nighttime economic context. This is a residential area.

#### Issues

The growth in A5 takeaways alongside a drinks outlet has served as a magnet for crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. Personally I and others have ceased using these outlets as the incidents of ASB became so pervasive as follows:

1. Youth asking shoppers at the predecessor store Simply Food/Drink to buy alcohol for them.
2. Youth getting angry when customers refused to cooperate.
3. Large gatherings at the front/rear of the alcohol/tobacco outlet when drink was obtained.
4. Specific ASB at the rear of the premise after drink 'had been taken'-commonly urination and even fornication on one occasion.
6. Thefts from and threats to the off license staff. Northumbria police were called to this premise on numerous occasions. September 2017 (Sept 2, 2017) witnessed serious threats to staff involving a gun and bladed objects. Attacks, including fatal incidents have increased in Sunderland North.
7. The granting of 2 additional A5 licenses in the last 10 years had seen the dramatic increase in vehicle churn, double parking on Newcastle Rd and parking across the junction with Joanna street, making resident access to/from Joanna St difficult and at times dangerous.

The 2 additional A5 licenses have meant all the first storey flats are now used, placing additional pressure on parking around the Parade of shops.

A further busy outlet would add to an already chaotic and at times aggravated atmosphere. There is pre-existing community tension between A5 licensees and the immediate residents around parking, bins, noise.

8. The Council's obesity strategy and Drug/Alcohol Partnership Board precepts sit very awkwardly with greater alcohol license granting. There is strong evidence that recurrent volume alcohol intake is highly correlated (CC 0.96) to increased obesity and therefore NHS disease burden. Sunderland Council has an opportunity to be seen to publically

align its specific licensing decisions with its Policy principles for a safer, healthier Sunderland. (SCC, Strategic Plan, 2020-2025).

There is also a strong correlation between alcohol and poverty (Nayakutsikwa, 2021) in the UK. Alcohol also features in many instances of domestic violence. The latter being a major challenge for Sunderland. There are known, crastrophic links between alcohol, domestic violence and sexual assault (Institute for Alcohol Studies, 2019; Phillipson, 2022).

For those with more controlled drinking, there are drinks outlets within 380 metres of the above site.

The addition of another alcohol/tobacco heavy outlet would go completely against Sunderland City Council's progressive developments towards reduced crime, ASB, domestic violence and obesity.

I do not object to a shop without a drinks license opening. I am pro-business. However, we all have to confront the impact of our decisions if we wish for more cohesive communities.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Alan Roulstone  
Professor Emeritus in (Hate) Crime Reduction

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Sent from my iPhone

## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** O'Sughrue, Glenn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 October 2023 13:31  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Application - 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland

**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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Re: Licensing Application - 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

To whom this may concern,

As a local homeowner, I am writing to you to oppose this licence for late-night opening alcohol sales from 7AM - 3AM at above address.

I am not sure why Sunderland Council would not have a bylaw to oppose this request in the first instance considering it's envisaged disturbances on locals within a highly residential area, but to assist my fellow neighbours and express my own opinion, you now have my objection in writing.

Should you require any further information please contact me by reply.

Sincerely,

Glenn O'Sughrue  
Service Delivery Lead  
Technology, Data & Insight

[REDACTED]



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## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** keith newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 October 2023 16:48  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application

**Categories:** Sara, Scott

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I and many others who live in this area will strongly object for a licensing application for 138 Newcastle Road Sunderland operating from Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 03:00 as this is a residential area where the public go to bed at a reasonable time so they can get a good nights sleep to get up for work the next day and not have people driving up in their vehicles to collect alcohol, there is the Grange Hotel which closes before midnight so why should the residents have to put up with this plus this is not the town centre or Benidorm  
regards



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 October 2023 10:50  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application for 138 Newcastle Road SR5 1NA

**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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Hello,

I wish to object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol at Newcastle Road Mini Mart, 138 Newcastle Road SR5 1NA until the time of 3.00 am. This is a residential area and selling alcohol until that time would cause a public nuisance. I feel that a closing time of 9.00 pm, or at the latest 10.00 pm would be much more appropriate. An application for the neighbouring Papa John's pizza premises to open beyond 11.00 pm was refused a couple of years ago and I feel that the same should apply in this case.

David Colley  
[REDACTED]



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Robert Woodey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2025 10:17  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Road

**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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Hello and good day.

I am writing to raise my objection to the application for a alcohol and serving licence for 138 Newcastle Road.

Newcastle Road is a quiet residential are with only 3 take away businesses in the immediate area which are normally closed by 11pm or earlier with the exception of midnight for Star Pizza.

The only parking available is on Newcastle Road outside of the shops which is very limited.

The ideas of selling alcohol late at night and drinking is absurd and will cause a lot of problems with noise and antisocial behaviour for the local residents. I live over the road at 5 Grange Park Avenue and the property is in clear sight from my home.

Several years ago the Papa Johns pizza business application for a late licence and selling of alcohol application was rejected due to local concerns.

I would like the above comments by myself and the comments that objected to the Papa Johns earlier application to be taken into consideration.

My main concerns are lack of parking, late taxi's, excess noise & late drinking and above all antisocial behaviour and noise levels late at night and early in the morning.

Regards.

Robert Woodey



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2023 10:37  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Proposed alcohol licensing opening times shop on newcastle Road sunderland  
**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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I strongly object to the opening times of the new shop on newcastle Road near Monkwearmouth hospital. 3 am is ridiculous. This is a residential area. I live in joannah street around the corner. My street is already like the m1 motorway for traffic including heavy vehicles related to hospital build. Cars going up and down all night for booze runs not acceptable. Noise and type of people hanging around off licences will be terrible. The prior shop owner had 3 armed robberies when it opened till 10pm. Please note its the opening times I object to not the shop itself. Thank you.

Sent via BT Email App





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Amanda Tyler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2023 13:28  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Application 138 Newcastle Road  
**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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I am giving my objection to the application above on the grounds below

It will increase crime and disorder in our neighbourhood

Our neighbourhood will no longer be a safe to live

It will increase public nuisance in our neighbourhood

It will increase danger for our children

Many thanks  
Amanda Tyler

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Robert Woodey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 October 2023 08:01  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Road

**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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Hello and good day.

I am writing on behalf of my neighbour, Bill Williams of [REDACTED]. He is partial sighted and has no access to a computer or smart phone and no email address.

He wishes to raise the same concerns as I raised on my earlier email sent over the weekend.

I am writing to raise my objection to the application for a alcohol and serving licence for 138 Newcastle Road.

Newcastle Road is a quiet residential area with only 3 take away businesses in the immediate area which are normally closed by 11pm or earlier with the exception of midnight for Star Pizza.

The only parking available is on Newcastle Road outside of the shops which is very limited.

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My main concerns are lack of parking, late taxi's, excess noise & late drinking and above all antisocial behaviour and noise levels late at night and early in the morning.

Regards.

Robert Woodey on behalf of Bill Williams.



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Joanne Roulstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 13:16  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Cllr Michael Hartnack; Cllr Malcolm Bond; Cllr Peter Walton  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Rd Premises Licensing Application including Retail Sale of Alcohol 0700-0300

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I write in the strongest possible terms to express my objection to the current application to sell alcohol in retail premises on Newcastle road. As a local resident I have very vivid memories of anti social and criminal behaviour that was directly associated with the previous shop that sold alcohol at these premises.

The proposed opening times of 7.00 am - 3.00 a.m. is outrageous and will be objected to on a number of fronts: it goes against every moral and ethical stance on tackling excessive alcohol consumption; the proposed premises sits at the heart of a residential area and therefore would once again be a magnet for antisocial and criminal behaviour, disturbing the peace and the every day lives of local residents; there are already several shops in the surrounding area that sell alcohol, therefore no more are required.

According to Sunderland Council's own Alcohol strategy Page 30 - there is a clear focus on the four licensing objectives, which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Approving this application would be a direct contradiction of these objectives.

In addition to this our hospitals are pushing awareness of the impact of alcohol related injuries and illness which seems to have heightened on the back of the pandemic -

'We promote and sign post patients in our clinics and are seeing a high number of patients alcohol dependent '

Therefore if the council approves this application they will be adding to the NHS challenges and going against their advice.

This view is upheld by The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends 'Restrict access to retailed alcohol' in order to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

Every sensible source of information and advice on alcohol consumption suggests that we should not be providing more opportunities to access and consume alcohol, I would therefore expect Sunderland Council to fully uphold their key objectives and the advice of significant professionals when considering this proposal and support local residents by **rejecting** this application.

Kind regards,  
Joanne



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 17:14  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fw: license application 13204  
**Categories:** Scott

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Notice of objection to this license application.

1. I have lived opposite these shops for approx. 20 years therefore know the problems a shop selling alcohol can bring. Over the years there has been a number of robberies at this shop. Both in 2012 and Sept 2017 the robberies involved firearms. 138 Newcastle Road sits in the middle of a residential area, in very close proximity to a large number of properties. Opening a shop selling alcohol is an opportunity for crime with firearms to return. A violent crime also took place further along Newcastle Road in Nov 20. This involved hammer welding robbers. Residential areas are not suitable for premises that are potentially targeted by this behaviour.
2. This small row of shops has parking for approximately 11 cars. There is currently 3 takeaway business already in the row of 6 shops. On an evening the number of delivery vehicles already exceeds the number of spaces available. As a result several vehicles often park on the pavement or at an angle blocking some of the main carriageway. This is a danger to pedestrians and oncoming traffic. There is no more available parking for a further takeaway business.
3. Noise pollution. As explained previously, the delivery vehicles are constant well into the evening. As traffic eases on an evening the slamming of car doors and the beeping of horns are an abrupt noise which already interrupts sleep. The possibility of this happening until the early hours of the morning as the planning application is requesting will only increase this occurrence and disrupt residents sleep.
4. Thompson Park is opposite this establishment. My property backs onto the park. Drugs are already taken/ smoked in the park both during the day and evening time as the smell of cannabis is obvious to everyone around. The opportunity to purchase alcohol until the early hours of the morning with open access into the park will increase anti social behaviour.

Regards

A & G Robson  
[REDACTED]





## Michelle Williamson

**From:** Tracey Younger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 21:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fwd: Application ref: 13204 Minimart Newcastle Road  
**Attachments:** Public\_notice.pdf

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**Subject:** Application ref: 13204 Minimart Newcastle Road

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to object to the application attached on the following grounds.

As a local resident I believe that it will be detrimental to the area which includes a mental health hospital.

There is an alternative 24hr alcohol access facilities 400m from the application site re: Asda garage on Thompson Road



I would also like to point out that the posters on the lamp posts advise 11:00am to 02:00am whereas the Sunderland Council Portal advises 11:00am to 03:00am and this contravenes the paragraph on your attached notice.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

I would suggest that you refer to Sunderland Council's own licensing objectives re: Alcohol Strategy and as such I would expect that you would uphold this and the views and challenges of the NHS especially considering this mini-mart is adjacent to an NHS Mental Health Hospital

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

Being a resident of Zion Terrace and the fact that this mini-mart is in the heart of the local area, the thought of this premises selling alcohol from 11am to 3am is objectionable, ludicrous and unnecessary and will no doubt become a magnet and drive anti-social and criminal behaviour and will disturb residents not only during the small hours but during the day too.

The new hospital car park and premises will likely be affected too, providing a congregating area and dumping ground for waste bottles and food wrappers, further blighting our local community.

To also highlight that there is a resident of Newbury Street who lives in a Sunderland Council owned property who has and continues to blight the local community by leaving waste beer bottles in the back lane (& worse), causes disturbances through the night in particular and so I have direct experience of anti-social alcohol-related behaviour that I can evidence.

There are plenty of other local retail outlets nearby that sell alcohol; we all enjoy a bottle of wine but you have to ask yourselves who will be out buying alcohol at 2am - highly unlikely it will be local residents and that is worrying and another reason why we are afraid to go out at night; how would you feel if this was on your doorstep – I can imagine, unhappy!

So I ask you to please put the concerns of local residents before a retailer wanting to make profit at any cost and on that basis, I ask you to please refuse / reject the application not just until 2/3am but in totality.

Kind regards

Tracey Younger



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**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** tom canning [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 October 2023 16:46  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application 138 Newcastle Road

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Dear Sir/Madam

**We are objecting to the Licensing application for the retail sale of alcohol every day from 7am until 3am on 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland.**

We live in 134 Newcastle Road, next to 138 Newcastle Road property since 2003. Our experience living next to the former Booze Buster licence which used to be in 138 Newcastle Road, and they were selling alcohol was the amount of stealing and robberies every 3 to 6 months also, I was told by shop keepers, once the robbers were carrying a gun and demanding money from shop keepers. Me and my husband called police on the number of times during night when we spotted the crime.

The empty alcohol bottles were thrown to our yard and to the yard of 138 Newcastle Road while Booze Buster was operating.

I object this application on bases of prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

**We are objecting to the application for the provision of Late-Night Refreshment every day from 11.00am until 3.00am**

We are already disturbed by late night-early morning passers-by who are noisy and disrespectful of the neighbourhood. Sometimes cars are parking outside our door on the pavement obstructing pedestrians. The cars are also parking 45 degrees in the parking bays obstructing pedestrians consequently, the rear of their vehicles are protruding a metre or so in effect blocking one of the two lanes of a public highway.

I object this application on the grounds of Public Safety.

Regards

Suzanne and Tom Canning  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Suzanne Ward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 October 2023 21:08  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing Application 138 Newcastle Road

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Dear Sir / Madam,

With regards to the Licensing Application for 138 Newcastle Road.

I consider this to be totally inappropriate for a premises to retail alcohol 7am to 3am everyday in my residential area.

I strongly object to the application based on the following:

I believe that it would increase the crime and disorder in the area. As it would attract drunks causing disturbances, disorder, noise and antisocial behaviour. It is a residential area, where we pay high houses prices to live in this area. We do not want a shop selling alcohol at all hours. It would create further crime which the area is already suffering from.

The shop area on Newcastle road tends to attract fights and noise at night now. I think this shop would fuel this further.

I believe that i would not feel safe in my home when people are hanging around this premises throughout the night. I have children which would be disturbed by the noise of people going to the premises at night.

The previous off licence shop that was in that premises attracted armed robberies. This is worrying for the area.

I believe having a shop selling alcohol throughout the night would attract nuisance, noise and disorder.

There is a big problem in Thompson park which is based opposite this premises with children and adults alike abusing alcohol and sitting in the park all night causing noise, damage, fires and general disorder. Which the local police are aware of and attend regularly and are constantly battling. I think having this shop selling alcohol at these hours would fuel crime and disorder in the park, which is also a problem out of control as it is. It would make it more accessible for people to get alcohol late at night and go straight into the park.

Kind regards

Suzanne Ward

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Andrew Wilkes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2023 17:09  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Concerns regarding application for alcohol licence for new business in Newcastle Road.

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Dear Mr Lawrence, as a local resident to the proposed new business applying for a licence to sell alcohol, I wish to express concerns regarding the times permitted to sell the alcohol. In my opinion and that of multiple other local residents these licensing hours are totally unreasonable. Firstly they will cause disruption at unsociable times, ie 3 am, litter pollution, drunken behaviour, noise pollution. I am not against new start up businesses but consideration must be given to your council tax paying residents wellbeing. Thank you for your consideration





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Jacqueline Barnes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2023 18:01  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Off License on Newcastle Road.

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Hello Scott Lawrence,

I believe you are the council worker who is dealing with the Licensing for the new off license on Newcastle Road next to Infinity's Hair dressers.

Could I please express my deepest concerns with regards to this off license being open in the early hours off the morning.

We live in [REDACTED] directly opposite to this shop and I believe this shop will create noise and disturbance.

My Husband is a shift worker and sleeps in the bedroom facing this shop and he struggles to sleep at the best of times. If this shop is open till 3am it may be detrimental to his health due to the noise.

When considering this license please take into consideration that there are family just opposite this shop who need to sleep. We already get a lot of noise due to it being a main road and the pizza shop does not help either due to early morning delivery, so please don't make it worse for us.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Jacqueline Barnes



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2023 18:07  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE on Newcastle Road.

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Hello

I have seen the poster regarding the application for a late night premises on Newcastle Road by Sankar Navaranjan.

As I resident of Grange Park Avenue, my house overlooks the end of the street that looks out on that shop.

I am against that type of business setting up in that area. The noise late at night from customers and uber eats car is bad enough as it is. I have young children and I do not want more noise, more traffic and people hanging about late at night. My car was broken into the other week late at night and a licence like this will only serve to bring more unwanted people to a area.

Why it needs to be till 3am is beyond me.

**Please do not grant this licence.**

kind regards.  
Dave Wood



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** T Dorans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 October 2023 12:40  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Proposal of license for Convenience Store Newcastle Road

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Mr Lawrence,

We wish to express our concerns for the proposal of a licensed establishment on Newcastle Road Shops. Although we don't have a problem regarding a license for the premises we do have concerns regarding the opening hours for which the alcohol will be purchased.

We have lived here for 26 years and have had an off license in the past with closing times of 10pm and this was acceptable.

We feel that opening till the early hours in the morning will attract the wrong type of clientele

Unlike a lot of shopping areas this area is residential. We already have to put up with excess noise from the other establishments i.e. Papa Johns. Cars parking on kerbs blocking properties, loud music blasting from car stereos, deliveries at 4am in the morning. Excess rubbish etc.

Therefore we would like to object to the late licence.

Mr & Mrs Dorans  
[REDACTED]



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** atknsem5 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2023 09:18  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Application for grant of a premises licence Newcastle Road Mini Mart SR5 1NA

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object against the above application. I live round the corner from this property and have a 3 year old and currently pregnant with our 2nd baby and believe if this application was granted it would be a lot of crime and disorder to the settled peaceful area as well as putting my children at risk. It would go against your own licencing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and also the protection of children from harm.

I grew up in this area and when the property was previously Booze Buster and remember there was often crime and disorder when this was open.

I hope you seriously consider all objections and come to the right decision.

Regards

Emma Daniels - A very concerned resident

Sent from my Galaxy





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** julie lisle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 October 2023 12:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application mini mart Newcastle Road sr5 1na

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly oppose the above application to sell alcohol from these premises until 3am every day.

I am a nearby resident and have two teenage children who regularly visit Thompson Park. There are a number of males that hang around the park and groups of youths drinking that at this time cause anti social behaviour and damage property. If this was to be allowed this would create a number of problems with youth's purchasing alcohol etc in a highly populated area at all times of the night.

I know my concerns are felt throughout the community as I'm aware other residents including Mr Hartnack have appealed this.

Regards

Julie lisle  
Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Sue March [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 October 2023 10:54  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application 138 Newcastle Rd

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I wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

I believe if the application is granted it will lead to an increase in crime and disorder in the area.

The proximity of Thompson Park is problematic as it provides a sheltered spot for those who choose to engage in anti social behaviour, vandalism and public disorder.

There will be an increased risk to public safety as a consequence of inebriated people on the streets late at night and into the early morning.

Local residents will have increased traffic and noise levels, creating a public nuisance. Staff are potentially at risk and their personal safety may be compromised.

This is right in the middle of a residential area and as such will compromise the quality of life of those in the immediate area with increased noise and litter.

Regards

Susan March

Sent from my iPhone



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Anthony Gill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2023 09:46  
**To:** ELLIOTT, Julie; Licensing; Cllr Michael John Butler; Cllr Kelly Chequer; Cllr Alex Samuels  
**Subject:** Licencing Application 138 Newcastle Road  
**Categories:** Scott, Sara

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FAO Mr Scott Laurance

Dear Mr Lawrence

I am asking you to reject the application for 138 newcastle road to hold a licence to sell alcohol and refreshments from 7am to 3am.

This protracted availability of alcohol is not required and unnecessary.

The shop will serve alcohol for 20 hours per day, from very early morning to early hours in the morning and will act as a magnet, drawing people from well beyond the community. Many people visiting these premises at such hours will most likely be already under the influence of alcohol, leading to anti social behaviour and will increase the likelihood for public disorder, damage to property both public and private and place all individuals doing so and in the neighbourhood I live in, at risk.

The local police resources are stretched far too thinly as it is. The premises will become a hot spot for police call outs, taking away vital resources from the rest of the city. Resources much needed for crime prevention and detection.

Alcohol is already available in commercial premises, including an all night garage and 2-3 nearby supermarkets, all of which are open until 10pm, 12am or all night.

I fail to see who is being served by such a proposal, certainly not the local community, and by agreeing this proposal places members of the local community at risk.

The proposal is also for 'late night refreshment' also. There are currently 55 other premises, within a one mile radius of this premises, classed as take aways, currently selling food. This does not include retail premises such as delicatessens, bakeries, or cafes and restaurants. 55 premises is a huge number! The vast majority are selling 'fast food' such as pizza and take away meals.

In 2022, the latest reported figures available for Sunderland, 1 in 4 four-year olds were overweight or obese. However, HALF of our 11-year-olds were overweight or obese!

We are making our Sunderland children fatter! This makes Sunderland far more likely to have overweight and obese children than the national average.

As you know, living with obesity, particularly from an early age, creates huge life issues, and reduces the opportunity for the person to lead a full, productive life. Do we want this for our children here in town? Do we want our children growing into overweight and obese adults not only placing them at massive disadvantage but also placing a massive strain on our health services here in the city.

As you know, a child living in deprivation is also far more likely to be overweight or obese. This is not a 'lifestyle' choice for our children. There are signifys of deprivation within 1 mile of this proposed premises.

I therefore call on you to protect our children from this huge risk, a risk or harm far greater and much more likely to lead to life changing disadvantages, massive ill health and inequality than any other single factor effecting the children of Sunderland.

55 premises have already been given licence to sell fast food within one mile of this proposal. We do not need 56.

In the light of this, can I please ask you to refuse the application on the grounds of the massive increased likelihood of public nuisance and disorder and as a protection for our neighbourhood and those that live in it. Be brave. Do not just think that an empty premises needs filling.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Gill

[Redacted]  
Sunderland  
[Redacted]

CC

[Redacted]

## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Gary Carson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2023 22:04  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application 138 Newcastle Rd Sunderland SR5

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Licensing application 13204 138 Newcastle Rd. sunderland SR5

I live at [REDACTED] immediately behind the parade of shops including the currently empty premise of this application.

I oppose the application in its entirety from 7 am to 3am to sell alcohol at any time.

I know residents have made objections that the area is residential and it would attract anti-social behaviour, criminal behaviour, disruption to peace and quiet.

I wholeheartedly endorse those objections and want to offer my personal experience of living at 1 Elizabeth St SR5 1ND since 1992 and the impacts and consequences of the licensed alcohol premises with the former occupier Boozebuster which closed quite a few years ago. Living here has been significantly improved with the absence of alcohol licensed premises within feet of my home.

### Anti Social behaviour

Whilst the proprietor will offer you assurances that alcohol would not be sold to the underage, the reality is it does happen. I was approached countless times when Boozebuster was open by teenagers asking me to get them cigarettes (pre vapes) and alcohol which I constantly declined. However, teenagers would ask other adults who willingly do this...perhaps reminisce of their own childhoods and think it's harmless and part of growing up and probably passing through Newcastle Rd and not seeing the tangible consequences of their reckless actions. This was a recurring problem when Boozebuster was open and will repeat again. The list below set out my experience of living near Boozebuster as was;

- Teenagers, either just a handful of gangs of up to several gathering in the back lane between the parade of shops and the back lane between Elizabeth St & Joanna St.
- General anti-social behaviour including foul language and disruptive noise
- Urinating against the side of the gable end of my house or the rear back wall of my home and similarly so the first house on Johanna St.
- I have also had to deal with human excrement up the rear wall of my bathroom adjacent to the back lane.
- Discarding empty cans and bottles wherever they are left in the back lane or more frequently smashing bottles into fragments on the ground.
- This is more prominent in the summer months and light evenings. I resorted to getting the hose pipe out and spraying the side of my house and the rear back yard wall to deter them from sitting on the ground against either wall. They just moved further down the back lane between Elizabeth St and Johanna St.
- This location to gather in the back lane was once articulated by a disagreeable teenager -best here as less chance of being seen whereas the local Thompson park is open / exposed so more chance of being seen by family / friends of the family.
- I stopped challenging teenagers. The outcome would either be extremely rude and offensive, or polite and say ok and sometimes when going back into my home followed by bottles being thrown against my home as they hurriedly departed laughing, screaming and swearing at their own antics.



- When 101 is rang ....there is never an immediate response from Northumbria police. The call is logged and by the time it's responded to by a phone call the problem that day has gone away and then just repeats again.
- I have on occasions rang 999 because of concern of young girls so paralytic drunk they are staggering around the back lane intoxicated and vulnerable. On one occasion, a young teenage girl was so drunk she couldn't position herself to urinate at the rear of the Windmill Chinese takeaway and wet herself standing up.
- On the note of vulnerability - there was a TV programme a few years ago about Northumbria Police based at Southwick police station. One of the crimes they were investigating was the rape of a young woman with learning needs. The Police secured footage from a bus operator showing the man picking her up at the bus stop on Newcastle Rd opposite the Stadium of Light metro station. The man took the vulnerable woman back to his flat on Roker Av where he raped her. The Police were able to secure a prosecution. That location is a few mins walk from 138 Newcastle Rd. There are predators who will exploit the opportunity to molest or hurt vulnerable girls / women intoxicated during prolonged hours of access to alcohol.

I understand Sunderland Council has an Anti-social behaviour strategy. All of the behaviours experienced above with the exclusion of the last BP have caused harassment, alarm and distress to myself and other immediate neighbours. Approving this license will result in the same problems for residents with some of the current set of teenagers wanting to obtain alcohol.

I understand Cllr Michael Hartnack has contacted Northumbria Police about reported incidents of anti-social behaviour linked to the former Boozebuster occupier. I'm confident there will be some robust information available to you to consider for this application. .

On a more personal note - the accessibility of alcohol at Boozebuster was a significant factor in my own relationship with my partner who was alcohol dependent. The accessibility back then at Boozebuster was 7 am to 11 pm. My partner was in there at 7 am,, latterly resorting to stealing alcohol having no means to pay for it. My partner passed away in Feb 2006 five days short of being 47. I truly believe the immediate availability during those hours was a significant part fuelling the alcoholism. If you can appreciate - a sensitive issue and i'm willing to provide you with more details outside of this email if you want to contact me separately.

Whilst I can appreciate that this could happen anywhere near any premises that have an alcohol license, the constant easy access to alcohol is a problem across the UK and allowing this from 7am to 03 am will just fuel the problem..

#### Criminal behaviour

138 Newcastle Rd when it operated as Boozsbuster was subject to multiple robberies over the counter as well as break in's and attempted break-ins. The latter I have reported myself to 999 having been disturbed in the rear bedroom of my home with easy views of the rears premises of 138 Newcastle Rd. I understand Cllr Micheal Harnick has asked Northumbria Police for accurate information. Whilst a robbery is aimed at the premises and proprietor, local people using the store could very quickly be embroiled

I would urge the council to reject the application in its entirety and not grant any alcohol license whatsoever. The volume of oppositions from the local neighbourhood speak volumes in terms of saying this is not needed and there is no justification for this. There are existing outlets that provide 24 hr access to alcohol at Asda Petrol Station on Thompson rd - a 5 min walk up Grange Park Ave from Newcastle Rd.

Regards

Gary Carson.

**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Peter Bagnall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:06  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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I would like to record my objection to the Newcastle Mini Mart's application for a license to sell alcohol from their premises on Newcastle Road from 7 a.m. until 3 a.m.

I feel this will impact the area that I live in by encouraging anti social behaviour.

I have no objection to the license being granted for normal licensing hours.

I live at [REDACTED]

Peter Bagnall

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** diane jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:12  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini mart- objection

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Hello

I am writing to object to the proposed mini mart on Newcastle road. There are a number of shops already providing food and alcohol in the near vicinity to Newcastle road however the proposed opening hours will cause major issues. I have outlined what I feel are the pertinent points 1. This will result in increasing antisocial behaviour fuelled by alcohol and impact on policing 2. If you visit Thompson park on a Sunday morning you will find vast amounts of empty alcohol bottles and drug paraphernalia- this area has little or no lighting and is not policed so inevitably a perfect destination for those purchasing alcohol in the early hours of the morning and vandalism is evident ( new play area vandalised even before it was officially opened!- no doubt fuelled by alcohol) 3. Alcohol and drugs increase young people s vulnerable and harm and to agree to this licence is not protecting our young people 4. There are hot spots of harm in Sunderland why would you want this area to become another 5. Some people who travel to this destination will no doubt be driving- drink and driving do not mix  
6 . Currently there are multiple outlets for alcohol purchase- this is not a responsible local government choice to increase opportunities to buy alcohol and impact on Sunderland health and contradicts the healthy messages that Sunderland promotes

I hope you will take these points into consideration and weigh up the impact this will have on our community

Yours sincerity  
Diane Jones

Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Alex [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Opening of new shop on Newcastle Road

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you today to object to the opening of a new shop on Newcastle Road located next to 'Infinity Hairdressers'. The owner has applied for a license that would allow them to sell alcohol from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m., this would undoubtedly bring unwanted anti-social behaviour to our otherwise safe and peaceful area. I urge you to decline this license so that we can preserve our local community and limit the impact that anti-social behaviour brings to our streets.

Kind regards,

Paul O'Brien (resident of Grange View)



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Kathryn Bagnall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:29  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle road license application

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the application made for a license to sell alcohol from 7.00 am until 03.00 am. at Newcastle Road Mini Mart. I feel this will have a detrimental impact on the area, including anti social behaviour until the early hours. As this would be the only place in the area to sell alcohol at that hour of the day it will attract unwanted behaviour.

I have no objection to it selling alcohol during the normal licensing hours, however selling until 03.00 is not necessary.

I live in [REDACTED] so the extra noise of cars and people/youths congregating will have an impact on us

The council and police are cracking down on anti social behaviour in the City at the moment so this will certainly not help in their endeavours. I am involved in this with my job within the council and know from experience the trouble that late night selling of alcohol can make.

With Regards

Mrs Kathryn Bagnall

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Andy Bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:29  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing application 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland

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Hello,

I would like to raise objection to the licensing application made on these premises. There are no other such businesses in the area that are selling alcohol until the early hours of the morning. This application has the potential to attract undesirable attention and anti-social behaviour within the confines of a residential estate. I am strongly requesting that the applicant's request to sell alcohol, outside of what would be considered normal trading hours, should be refused outright.

Regards

Mr. Bell.



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Alex O'Brien [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:29  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Opening of a new shop on Newcastle Road

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you today to object to the opening of a new shop on Newcastle Road located next to 'Infinity Hairdressers'. The owner has applied for a license that would allow them to sell alcohol from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m., this would undoubtedly bring unwanted anti-social behaviour to our otherwise safe and peaceful area. I urge you to decline this license so that we can preserve our local community and limit the impact that anti-social behaviour brings to our streets.

Kind regards,

Alex O'Brien (resident of Grange View)



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Sandra Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:39  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to 3.am licensing

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I am writing objecting the application for a licence to sell alcohol till 3.am on Newcastle Road, this will obviously have a negative impact on our area and cause anti social behaviour.

[REDACTED]  
Regards Sandra Robinson  
Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Will Hayward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:48  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** jayne\_7@hotmail.co.uk  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road license objection

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As a resident of the area, I **object to the proposed licence for a vendor of a new shop on Newcastle road to sell alcohol into the early hours of the morning.**

There is no need for this shop in my opinion, and it will only increase the risk of anti social behaviour, also putting pressure on local Policing and council services.

We (local residents) have lived without a convenience shop at this location for years and local residents have no demand for early hours alcohol.

Signed by Residents  
Will Hayward  
Jayne Hayward

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Previously of  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you

Will Hayward

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)





**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Sam Newham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 11:59  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fw: Object late license Newcastle road

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

I am writing to object the the late license for the mini Mart on Newcastle Road selling alcohol until 3am every day clearly this will have an impact on the area and anti social behavior in the area all times of the day and night. I live in the area with my elderly parents.

Kelly Chequer is appealing this license therefore I also objecting it because of the above reasons.

S.Newham

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Ralph Ritchie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2023 11:43  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Newcastle road mini mart

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Sent from my iPhone I sent you a Email I have not had a reply may I remind you the residents in my area are disgusted with this I will be seeing the police about this

> On 22 Oct 2023, at 12:21, Ralph Ritchie <ralphr1956@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Sent from my iPhone I have received information about the mini mart in Newcastle road which is opening shortly the owner as applied for a license to sell alcohol from 7am until 3 am in the morning this will have a big impact on the area for anti social behaviour and undesirables this is just not acceptable in a nice area so I strongly object to this and will get advice from the police thank you



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Rachel Graham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 12:33  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection licence newCastle road

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To whom it may concern ,

As a local resident I object to the licence for selling alcohol untill 3am for the off licence on Newcastle road as this will have negative impact on the local residents and increased anti social behaviour within the area .

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** judith rodenby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 13:29  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to formally make an objection to the application of a license to sell alcohol within the proposed mini mart soon to be opened on Newcastle Road.

I totally agree with the objection of local residents in the selling of alcohol until 3am on a daily basis. This would potentially impact on anti social behaviour in the area, especially within Thompson Park whereby on a weekly basis over a weekend there appear to be a number of groups of youths who collect and drink and cause general rowdiness, access to alcohol until late into the evening I feel would only cause further anti social behaviour, the potential for vandalism. I often walk through the park to find bottles,cans etc lying around.

I support the local residents with their objections

Your sincerely  
J Holland.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Maria Ramsey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 14:55  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection - Mini Mart, Newcastle Road, Sunderland

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to register my OBJECTION to the above premises being given a licence to sell alcohol from 11pm until 3am.

This is a residential area, full of families; there is no local demand for alcohol to be sold during these hours, and will result in anti-social behaviour.

Regards

Maria Ramsey  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** graeme daines [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 16:15  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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As a resident living close to the above premises, I would like to lodge an objection to the sale by of alcohol in the late evening 2300 to 0300.

I find this unacceptable and unnecessary and will bring more antisocial behaviour to our neighbourhood and Thompson Park.

Graeme Daines  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Kelly Lodge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 16:18  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Mini mart

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As a resident living close to the above premises, I would like to lodge an objection to the sale by of alcohol in the late evening 2300 to 0300.

I find this unacceptable and unnecessary and will bring more antisocial behaviour to our neighbourhood and Thompson Park.

Kelly Lodge  
[REDACTED]



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Lauren Hart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 18:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart alcohol license concerns

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Good evening,

I am writing to you in order to express my deep concerns regarding the recent alcohol license application made by Newcastle Road Mini Mart.

Selling alcohol from 7am to 3am will dramatically increase the threat of crime and disorder, therefore putting the safety of the public at risk.

In the same location, Booze Buster, was targeted multiple times by robbers, with one cashier being held at gunpoint before it was eventually closed.

It's close proximity to Thompson Park, regularly used by families and patients of Monkswearmouth Hospital and not to mention Busy Bees Nursery is another reason why I strongly object to the licence application. Endangering the lives of children and vulnerable members of the public is a very real consequence of an unnecessary alcohol licence at the premises.

Furthermore, as the mini mart is a two minute walk from an already popular pub, The Grange, I am extremely concerned that the area will prove to be a hot spot of alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour and will attract undesirable members of the public to the area.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our local residents of Fulwell.

Kind regards,  
Lauren Nicholson





**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** stephanie hart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 18:44  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to Newcastle Road mini mart alcohol license

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Good evening,

Please accept this email as formal objection to the planned alcohol licence at Newcastle Road mini mart.

I believe the window for the selling of alcohol is far too large and will massively impact the local area.

Perhaps this should be reduced significantly in order to prevent any anti social behaviour, particularly at night time/early hours?

Many thanks,  
Stephanie Wood of the Fulwell area

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## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Gemma hampson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 19:49  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road mini mart

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I am writing to you in regards to the proposed opening hours of the Newcastle road mini mart. My main concern and which I oppose to are the opening hours and license to sell alcohol between the hours of 7am and 3am.

I am a resident on an adjoining street to Newcastle road and know that this residential area is very peaceful on evenings with little anti social behaviour. By allowing a mini mart to open up until the early hours of the morning will mean groups/gangs of people will congregate outside the store and the surrounding area and cause trouble to residents within the area.

I have looked at the opening hours of the small stores on sea road all of which close at 10pm or earlier and I feel the store on Newcastle road should also close at a reasonable time.

We are all aware that there are not enough police resources to deal with current levels of anti social behaviour and I feel it would be irresponsible of Sunderland council to allow a small store to open until 3am within a quiet residential area.

I hope you consider my concerns

Regards  
Mrs Hampson



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** AMIE CROFT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 23:02  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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Good evening,

I am writing to you in order to express my deep concerns regarding the recent alcohol license application made by Newcastle Road Mini Mart.

Selling alcohol from 7am to 3am (virtually all hours) will dramatically increase the already threat of crime and disorder in the area, therefore putting the safety of the public at risk, not to mention that this is a residential area and we DO NOT have the need for this in an area which already has an increased crime rate due to this we have install CCTV on our property and in the last three months alone have reported incidents of anti social behaviour.

In the same location, Booze Buster, was targeted multiple times by robbers, with one cashier being held at gunpoint before it was eventually closed, I can't see why we would they put others in the same or a worse position.

It's close proximity to Thompson Park, regularly used by families and patients of Monkwearmouth Hospital and not to mention Busy Bees Nursery is another reason why I strongly object to the licence application. Endangering the lives of children and vulnerable members of the public is a very real consequence of an unnecessary alcohol licence at the premises.

Furthermore, as the mini mart is a two minute walk from an already popular pub, The Grange, I am extremely concerned that the area will prove to be a hot spot of alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour and will attract undesirable members of the public to the area.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our local residents of Fulwell.

Kind regards,  
MISS A CROFT



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** slbrierley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 October 2023 14:46  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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I wish to have my objection noted regarding an application for a licence to sell alcohol at the above premises.

It would be refreshing to see something of benefit to the area instead of yet another convenience store.

Sunderland has no noteworthy shops to speak of as it is and seems to be becoming a fast food joint - so another shop such as this with a very late licence for alcohol doesn't make for a healthy vibrant city and seems at odds with what is trying to be achieved for Sunderland.

There is adequate provision of this type of shop locally, I don't believe another will be in keeping with the immediate area. Local residents don't want or need a mini mart within the vicinity whether it brings with it antisocial behaviour or not. It is certain to attract some unwanted behaviour and I for one feel uncomfortable at the prospect.

Thank you





## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** thomas nicholson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 10:08  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle road late night alcohol license.

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Good morning,

I am writing to you in order to express my concerns surrounding the recent alcohol license application made by Newcastle Road Mini Mart.

Selling alcohol from 7am to 3am will dramatically increase the threat of crime and disorder in the area, therefore putting the safety of the public at risk.

Thompson park, opposite the proposed mini mart, already suffers from anti social behaviour with people drinking and using drugs. There are smashed wine bottles and drug paraphernalia littering the park. Having alcohol available to buy around the clock will only fuel this problem.

The previous business at this location was a Booze Buster and was a target for armed robberies multiple times, with one cashier being held at gunpoint before it was eventually closed.

Furthermore, as the mini mart is a two minute walk from an already popular pub, The Grange, I am extremely concerned that the area will prove to be a hot spot of alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour and will attract undesirable members of the public to the area.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our local residents of Fulwell.

Kind regards,  
Tom Nicholson

Sent from my Galaxy



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Allan Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 10:51  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** ELLIOTT, Julie  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Minimart

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I would like to register my objection to the application by the soon to open Minimart in Newcastle Road - beside Infinity Hairdressers - for a license to sell alcohol from its premises from 7.00 AM until 3.00 AM every day. I believe this will be detrimental to the safety and security of the surrounding community, including the expensively-redeveloped Thomson Park, as well as encouraging disreputable gatherings during the hours of darkness with resultant social threats, criminal activities and litter and destruction in surrounding streets and the children's play areas. These problems already exist in the area, but could be exacerbated by the ready availability of alcohol virtually all night!

I would welcome the opportunity to join in any public meetings discussing this application.

Yours,  
Allan Gray

Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Rachel Hennessey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 12:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart alcohol license concerns

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Hello,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the recent alcohol license application made by Newcastle Road Mini Mart.

Selling alcohol from 7am to 3am will dramatically increase the threat of crime and disorder, therefore putting the safety of the public and residents at risk.

In the same location, Booze Buster, was targeted multiple times by robbers, with one cashier being held at gunpoint before it was eventually closed.

It's close proximity to Thompson Park, regularly used by families and patients of Monkwearmouth Hospital and not to mention Busy Bees Nursery is another reason why I strongly object to the licence application. Endangering the lives of children and vulnerable members of the public is a very real consequence of an unnecessary alcohol licence at the premises.

Furthermore, as the mini mart is a two minute walk from an already popular pub, The Grange, I am extremely concerned that the area will prove to be a hot spot of alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour and will attract undesirable members of the public to the area.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our local residents of Fulwell.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Stephen [redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 13:04  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road - (Mini Mart) Sunderland - Licence to sell alcohol from 7am to 3am

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Hi,  
  
Can you please forward this to the correct department for process.

I would like to raise serious concerns on the news I have just received, on the proposed license application from a new business to be opened on Newcastle Road Sunderland (Mini Mart) to sell alcohol from 7am to 3am - at the following premises in my local residential area – if this is not the case please ignore the following.

Having spoken to neighbours and local businesses – they have all voiced their serious concern on what this would do to the local quiet community, family orientated residential area, which is also near a Local hospital...?

I would like to voice my objection to the license being granted for the sale of alcohol past the normal hours of 11pm – I have great concerns that if the license was granted to sell until 3am, I believe it would bring unnecessary trouble disorder to public safety, become a public nuisance to a quiet family orientated residential area.

Stephen Hutchinson  
[redacted]

Regards – Stephen Hutchinson  
[redacted]



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**From:** Pam Durey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 13:39  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle road mini mart

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To whom it may concern

I am emailing in regards to the application for a licence to sell alcohol from the mini mart on Newcastle Road in Sunderland and the possible selling of alcohol from 7am until 3am.

I understand the need for a mini mart in the area which I do not object to, however the license to sell alcohol until 3am in the morning will definitely have an impact on the area and the anti-social behaviour which we sometimes see now as they sell alcohol in the ASDA garage on Thompson Road. I have had damage to my car and property in my garden on numerous occasions through the night by people who are under the influence of alcohol and are not aware of their actions or they do not seem to be.

I really hope this does not happen as if it does I know myself and many of the residents around will move to a more desirable place to live - Newcastle Road is currently.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

Pam

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Assistant Head/Senco/DSO  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Andrew Ward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 16:00  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Road - Licence Comments

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Good day,

I would like to oppose the planned licence for alcohol to be served from 07:00 till 03:00hrs every day and provision of late night refreshment every day from 23:00 till 03:00hrs.

I live opposite the said location and regard the opening hours as totally unacceptable for a business to be open so late in a densely populated area.

I believe the area would endure the following:

- Increase in noise from people visiting the business.
- Increase in noise from vehicle doors, music from cars that wait for other people.
- Increase in anti social behaviour due to availability of alcohol to late night/early hours of the morning.
- The previous business was frequently a target for armed robberies. (I prevented one from occurring late at night one evening). I strongly feel there will be an increase in crime due to this.
- Attract young teenagers/youths to the area to purchase alcohol illegally, with a follow on effect that the youths/teenagers then relocate to the nearby Thompson Park whereby further anti social behaviour/ criminal damage will take place.
- Increase in littering and damage/antisocial behaviour in the nearby/surrounding streets late at night/early hours.

Whilst not opposed to the Mini mart being located there, the opening hours and plans laid out for provision to sell alcohol within the application need to be reviewed and rejected.

Thanks,

Andrew Ward  
[REDACTED]



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** steven sayers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2023 10:27  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence Objection

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To who it may concern

I object to the licence of selling alcohol at the new mini mart on Newcastle road as this will cause issues with anti social behaviour to the local area Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

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## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2023 15:47  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence application Newcastle Road Mini Mart, 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland SR5 1NA

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Newcastle Road I would like to register the strongest possible objection to the insane licencing application for the above premises.

I cannot believe that any right-minded person would believe it was reasonable to want to sell alcohol and "late night refreshments" until 3am every day in a residential area and next to a hospital. What possible reasons or justification could there be for this?

I believe that the previous off-licence at this address suffered from theft, staff being threatened and anti-social behaviour. It has been well publicised on TV that shoplifting and threats to retail staff are on the increase and have become a serious issue, surely the problems previously encountered would be magnified with the proposed opening hours.

For years there have been problems with anti-social behaviour and youths drinking in Thompson Park. I believe that this would be made considerably worse with the availability of alcohol until 3am from a shop opposite the park entrance. I know that the park gates are locked at night but the fence is not particularly high and would not deter the drunken louts that these premises would undoubtedly attract.

There is no doubt that this proposal would lead to an increase in intimidating and anti-social behaviour. Would the already over-stretched police be able to cope or respond to this? Or would the residents just have to put up with it?

There are currently two Pizza takeaways and one Chinese takeaway in this block of only six shops which are open until no later than 11pm.

- Why would there be a need for yet another food outlet (assuming that is what the "late night refreshments" refer to)?
- What "refreshments" would they be selling that decent people would need between 11pm-3am? Or would these refreshments be aimed at the drunken louts who might be a bit peckish after drinking all night?
- What about the increase in litter and waste generated by the proposal? I very much doubt that the louts would bring waste bags with them and dispose of their rubbish appropriately.

I cannot see any possible benefit to the local community by granting this licence. All I can foresee is that this this shop would become a magnet for all sorts of undesirables who will generate problems for the community that currently do not exist.

I implore the licencing committee to reject this licence completely. Would anyone on the committee be happy with such an outlet opening up near their homes? I very much doubt it, so I would ask that you show the residents of Newcastle Road, Monkwearmouth hospital and the surrounding areas the same consideration.

Please do not grant this licence.

Regards,



Karen Hanby

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**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Andy Dunning [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2023 17:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road mini mart

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With reference to the above shop which is opening soon on the group of shops next to the hospital at Thompson Park.

There has been an application for a licence to sell alcohol between the hours of 7am - 3am.

I strongly object to this for the following reasons:

- Cause antisocial behaviour
- Attract undesirables to the area
- Cause vandalism (especially in Thompson Park)
- Cause intimidation to locals
- Increase in crime and violence
- Cause a major litter problem

Sunderland crime statistics show Fulwell is one of the safest places in Sunderland and should be kept that way.

kind regards  
Andrew Dunning



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Paul Bailes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 October 2023 13:43  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** License application newcastle rd mini mart.

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I understand an application has been made for an alcohol license to be granted to Newcastle Road MiniMart. I would like to raise an objection to this request.

My wife and I have lived on Thompson Road for the last 22years and still remember the anti-social behaviour that having a retail unit on Newcastle Road had on the area. There are already 3 stores selling alcohol within 1/2 mile of this site: Tesco, Asda & Heron. I would therefore question the need for another store selling alcohol so near to them.

Also the council has spent a substantial amount of money recently on the refurbishment of Thompson Park, which is now used regularly by families. Having another unit selling alcohol nearby could pose the risk of the park becoming a hub for anti-social behaviour, which is not what it is intended for.

On this basis I would like to raise an objection the the proposed license.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Bailes.



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Karen Hanby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 October 2023 16:27  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence application Newcastle Road Mini Mart, 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland SR5 1NA

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I wish to register my objection to the above licencing application and pray that the licencing committee rejects it.

The idea of allowing the sale of alcohol until 3am, together with "late night refreshments" in a residential street with a hospital nearby, is absolutely outrageous.

What sort of creatures does the applicant believe he will attract to these premises by selling alcohol and refreshments until 3am??? Will he be providing toilets for these creatures or will they just use doorways, back lanes etc???

There are already three food outlets in this small block of six shops, what sort of "refreshments" is he planning on providing to these creatures? These outlets are open until 11pm at the latest, and I really do not see why "refreshments" should be served any later than this. What about the litter and waste that this would generate? Is the applicant going to clear it all up?

The previous off licence at this location was plagued by shoplifters, threats to staff and youths hanging around outside of the shop, who intimidated genuine customers by pestering them to buy alcohol for them as they were clearly under age. We really do not need a repeat of this scenario.

Thompson Park has long been a favourite spot for drinking and anti-social behaviour. This proposal would only make this situation immeasurably worse. Would the police have the resources to respond to this?

I cannot see any benefit whatsoever to the local area in granting this licence. I can only see many drawbacks by creating problems which currently do not exist or worsening existing issues:-

- Groups of drunken louts loitering until the early hours which, in turn, would no doubt lead to-anti social behaviour
- An increase in louts drinking in Thompson Park and more anti-social behaviour
- More work for the over-stretched police force
- An increase in rubbish and waste
- A total nightmare for the local residents and Monkwearmouth Hospital

Try to imagine how you would feel if this establishment opened up in your street and please reject this licence.

Personally, I will never set foot in this shop if/when it opens under whatever guise and I hope that everyone in the local area feels the same.

Regards,  
David Hanby

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**From:** Ian Nevison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2023 08:02  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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I have become aware of the proposal to open the above establishment for the sale of alcohol between the hours of 07.00 and 03.00.

As a resident of a nearby street I wish to lodge my objection to this proposal which is certain to greatly increase the number of people seeking to procure and consume alcohol in very unsocial hours when the occupants of the domestic housing surrounding the premises are at their rest.

There is a high possibility that alcohol fuelled customers will increase the level of antisocial activity including rowdiness, criminal damage and theft.

Ian Nevison  
Grange Park Avenue





**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** john thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2023 10:07  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** License for 138 Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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As a Local resident I wish to object to the proposed Alcohol license application for this premises at 138 Newcastle Road.

I feel it would only seek to encourage anti-social behaviour and degrade what should be a peaceful area so close to a child day care centre, a hospital and Thompson park which would only become a haven for those who wish to abuse it's use leaving litter, broken glass bottles etc.. which will result in preventing people and children from using the park in peace and safety as intended.

I don't feel the need as the Grange is only yards away and open all day every day for both food and alcohol.

yours

John Thompson  
[REDACTED]



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Gina Bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2023 21:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Road

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I strongly object to the application for alcohol sales from 138 Newcastle Road until 03:00. This is totally unacceptable since the shop is directly adjacent to family homes and surrounded by residential streets.

The previous shop/off licence attracted anti social behaviour and it closed around 22:00 so can you imagine the trouble that selling alcohol till 03:00 will bring.

This shop wants to sell alcohol for 19/20 hours every day which is unbelievable and irresponsible. Please do not approve this application.

A concerned resident.



**Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 09:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

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I feel I must object in the strongest possible terms to the application being made in regard to a premises license at the above address.

As one of the closest neighbours to this address I think that it is totally inappropriate to have alcohol available from the hours proposed in this application. This is primarily a residential area and there are other nearby outlets should people want to purchase and drink alcohol without creating another outlet during the hours of 7am and 3am.

There is a very clear understanding nowadays about the need to be aware of the affects of alcohol and the importance of limiting consumption of alcohol units due to the health impact alcohol has. Surely granting a license to allow people to access it more freely is a direct contradiction to everything that the Department Of Health is trying to promote.

Furthermore, my understanding of Sunderland Council's own Alcohol policy is that there are four main objectives namely:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm.

I believe that every one of these objectives would be compromised should this license be granted.

I have lived in this area for over 50 years and have seen for myself the negative changes that have occurred when we had an off license in these same premises. More cars parking, children / young adults hanging around drinking in the back lanes leaving bottles, cans and assorted body fluids. The noise levels have increased making it more difficult to relax in our own homes, not to mention damage being done to our property and cars.

I see no reason why the same scenario would happen again and it is for all these reasons that My husband and myself would like to lodge our objections to this proposal.

Carol and Frank Cameron

[REDACTED]



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Joanna Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 12:47  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO LICENCE APPLICATION - Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the licence application by the owner of Newcastle Road Mini Mart to sell alcohol from the premises from 7am until 3am every day.

As a resident of Grange Park Avenue, SR5 1NS, I believe that this will have a negative impact on our area mainly due to the increased risk of anti social behaviour and undesirables hanging around at all times of day and night. There will almost certainly be an increase in unwanted noise and traffic in the area too, particularly on our Avenue as people will use it as a shortcut to get to the shop. This will also make the Avenue less safe for residents and especially for children.

I really hope the licence is not granted.

Kind Regards

Joanna Brown  
[REDACTED]

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## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Lisa Wilde [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 12:49  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to late Alcohol license 138 Newcastle Rd Sunderland

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Dear sir/madam

I am strongly opposing to the above late licensing hours till 3am applied for 138 Newcastle road.

My objection to selling alcohol - as below

As a local resident of 30 yrs I have very clear memories of anti social and criminal behaviour that was directly associated with the previous shop that sold alcohol at these premises.

The proposed opening times till 3am it goes against every moral and ethical stance on tackling excessive alcohol consumption; the proposed premises sits at the heart of a residential area and therefore would once again be a magnet for antisocial and criminal behaviour, disturbing the peace and the every day lives of local residents; there are already several shops in the surrounding area that sell alcohol, therefore no more are required.

According to Sunderland Council's own Alcohol strategy Page 30 - there is a clear focus on the four licensing objectives, which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Approving this application would be a direct contradiction of these objectives.

In addition to this our hospitals are pushing awareness of the impact of alcohol related injuries and illness which seems to have heightened on the back of the pandemic -

'We promote and sign post patients in our clinics and are seeing a high number of patients alcohol dependent As I healthcare professional I see the fallout of excessive alcohol and alcoholism on a daily basis.'

Therefore if the council approves this application they will be adding to the NHS challenges and going against their advice.

This view is upheld by The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends 'Restrict access to retailed alcohol' in order to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

Every sensible source of information and advice on alcohol consumption suggests that we should not be providing more opportunities to access and consume alcohol, I would therefore expect Sunderland Council to fully uphold their key objectives and the advice of significant professionals when considering this proposal and support local residents by rejecting this application.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of

Lisa Wilde  
Michael Wilde  
Hannah Wilde  
Grace Wilde

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## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** carole summers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 14:55  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Late license request - Newcastle Road Mini Mart

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I am writing with regard to the licence request for the above named premises.

I am a local resident and while I welcome the opening of the new Mini Mart, as I feel the area and residents will benefit from a 'local general dealer store', I think the request for a licence to sell alcohol from 7am to 3am should NOT be granted. I do not oppose an alcohol licence altogether, but feel the sale of alcohol until 3am will have a detrimental effect on our local area and an increase in anti-social (alcohol driven) behaviour.

We have The Grange Public House a short distance away which is open until 11pm and I feel that a shop selling alcohol will encourage people who have already consumed alcohol to purchase more and continue drinking. I therefore think the licence should be granted to 10 or 11pm, but no later.

Our local councillor and local community are working tirelessly to improve local areas, such as Thompson Park and I strongly believe that the sale of alcohol until 3am will lead to an increase in antisocial drinking in the park, bus shelter and local streets and an increase in vandalism, etc in the area.

When the premises were a general dealer store in the past and closed at 10pm, it was raided on several occasions and staff were threatened. By opening until 3am and with alcohol on the premises, I am concerned for the safety of staff, customers and local residents alike, especially from the hours of 11pm to 3am when there will be few people around and the shop more likely to be targeted.

It is for the reasons given above that I object to the granting of an alcohol licence past 11pm.

Carole Summers  
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Yvonne Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 23:02  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Applications 138 Newcastle Road, Fulwell, Sunderland

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Please record the following as an objection to the licensing application IN ITS ENTIRITY for the premises known as 138 Newcastle Road, Fulwell, Sunderland.

As a local resident, I make representation in the strongest possible terms, objecting to the granting of ANY off-licence sale of alcohol at the premises known as 138 Newcastle Road, Fulwell, Sunderland.

Sunderland Council's four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

The location of a business with such a focus on the sale of alcohol is absolutely inappropriate, not only in respect of sales up to 2am or 3am but all sales at whatever time of the day. Coupled with historic serious and consistent crime, frequent instances of disorder in the streets around the premises - this is a vulnerable and almost isolated area within an established and otherwise tranquil residential area, in which an off licence premises of this type is neither needed or wanted, when alcohol is available for purchase and consumption both on and off premises within such a close proximity to 138 Newcastle Road - eg, The Grange Public House, Tesco Supermarket, Asda Petrol Station, Aldi Supermarket and others.

The proposed opening times of 7.00am - 3.00am is absolutely outrageous and I object to on a number of fronts: it goes against every moral and ethical stance on tackling excessive alcohol consumption; the proposed premises sits at the heart of a residential area and therefore would once again be a magnet for antisocial and criminal behaviour, disturbing the peace and the every day lives of local residents; there are already several shops in the surrounding area that sell alcohol, therefore no more are required.

Approving this application would be a direct contradiction of these objectives.

In addition to this, our hospitals are pushing awareness of the impact of alcohol related injuries and illness which appear to have increased on the back of the pandemic -

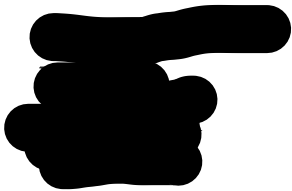
‘We promote and sign post patients in our clinics and are seeing a high number of patients alcohol dependent ‘

Therefore if the council approves this application they will be adding to the NHS challenges and going against their advice.

This view is upheld by The World Health Organisation (WHO) who recommends, ‘The restricting of access to retail alcohol’ in order to reduce the harmful impact.

Every sensible source of information and advice on alcohol consumption suggests that we should not be providing more opportunities to access and consume alcohol, I would therefore expect Sunderland Council to fully uphold their key objectives and the advice of significant professionals when considering this proposal and support local residents by rejecting this application in its entirety.

Yours sincerely,  
Yvonne Gray



Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

Objection to the granting of a late licence at the premises of 138 Newcastle Road on the grounds of unsocial behaviour, excessive noise and litter.

Name

Address

Post Code

Telephone Number

Anthony Gill

Joanne Gill

Alice Gill

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CHARLOTTE LAMBERT

STEVE SAYERS

RACHEL SAYERS

SANGRA POTTS

MR ARTHUR POTTS

Scott Brown

Je Brown

Suzanne Ward

Andrew Ward

Alison Robson

Gary Robson

Dorothy Brown

Dave Wood

ANDREW WILLIAMS

JANE WILLIAMS

JACKIE BURNS

Rand Barnes

GRAEME DAINES

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Objection to the granting of a late licence at the premises of 138 Newcastle Road on the grounds of unsocial behaviour, excessive noise and litter.

Name

Ian Sanderson  
Constance Mithel  
John Fook  
Carole Summers  
Martin Summers  
DALE BERRY  
LAURA BERRY  
E. SONS  
B. SONS  
J. Hutton  
E. Dawson  
G. Dawson  
J. SMITH  
J. Dunsdale  
T. PADGETT  
T. Conroy  
J. Conroy  
V. Thompson  
S. QUINAN  
L. QUINAN  
S. BEDLINGTON  
S. BEDLINGTON  
P. B. ALWAL  
M. BAGALL

Address

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Telephone Number



Objection to the granting of a late licence at the premises of 138 Newcastle Road on the grounds of unsocial behaviour, excessive noise and litter.

Name

Lisa Henderson  
Rob Henderson  
Chris Leng  
ALISON THOMPSON  
STEE NOBBS  
TOM DORANS  
SUSAN DORANS  
ELLIE DORANS  
GEORGE JACKSON  
Mr. JACKSON  
C. Jackson  
C. Gollys  
M. Stoes  
N. Wyness  
D. HANBY  
W. RILEY  
S. RILEY  
P. RILW  
K. Beckwith  
R. Woodley  
W. WASTINGS  
13 Featherstone  
R. Katt  
JASMAIT

Address

[REDACTED]

Post Code

Telephone Number



# Appendix 4

## Scott Lawrence

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**From:** Sarah Norman  
**Sent:** 23 October 2023 12:18  
**To:** Dawn Howley; Sara Hughes  
**Cc:** Julie Parker-Walton  
**Subject:** FW: Application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

### **Objection from Sunderland City Council's Public Health in relation to the licensing application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA**

As you may be aware Sunderland has significantly worse outcomes in relation to alcohol harms than the England averages. Data from the Public Health Profiles and Local Alcohol Profile for England demonstrates that in Sunderland there has been a rise in admissions for alcohol specific conditions in 2014/15 Sunderland had a rate of 752 per 100,000 and 2021/22 shows a rate of 1,218 per 100,000, with Sunderland being the second highest in the North-East (991) and significantly higher than the England average of (626).

Our data also demonstrates:

- Admission episodes for alcoholic liver disease (Broad) in Sunderland in 2021/22 was 310.1 per 100,000. This is above the North East rate (238.5) and significantly higher than the England rate (154.4). Notably, Sunderland had the highest admission episodes for alcoholic liver disease in females in England at 239.3 per 100,000, with the England value at 99.6.
- **Alcohol Admissions for under 18's are also a concern with Sunderland having a rate of 76 per 100,000 compared to the England average of 29.3 per 100,000, this is the third highest rate in the North East**
- Alcohol-related mortality in Sunderland for 2021 was 64.4 per 100,000. Sunderland had the highest alcohol-related mortality rates in the North-East (50.4) and was significantly above the England average (38.5). Sunderland had the second highest alcohol-related mortality rates for females in England at 36.6 per 100,000, with the England value at 21.3.
- Mortality from chronic liver disease was 22.4 per 100,000 in 2017-2019 (3 year range). The rate for 2021 (1 year range) was 33.7 per 100,000 with Sunderland having the highest mortality rate from chronic liver disease in the North-East (21.6). This is comparatively higher than the second highest in the North East (Durham at 25.4) and significantly higher than England (14.5).

The data above reflects the level of chronic heavy drinking in the population and is most likely to be found in higher risk drinkers and dependent drinkers. Our data also shows that 26.3% of adults binge drink and at ward level Fulwell is has one of the highest rates of binge drinking.

Years of life lost indicate the contribution of alcohol misuse to premature death. Early death from chronic conditions is disproportionately prevalent in lower socio-economic groups and is likely to place demand on health and social care services prior to death. The death of people of working age will additionally impact on productivity.

Potential years of life lost due to alcohol-related conditions for Sunderland in 2020 is shown below

Potential years of life lost due to alcohol-related conditions	DSR per 100,000
Female	677
Male	1,911

This again is higher than the England average of 500 per 100,000 for females and 1,116 for males.

Our Young People's commissioned drug and alcohol service's data also shows that alcohol is the second highest drug for young people accessing specialist substance misuse and alcohol support.

Based on the evidence above it is my position that granting this license to sell alcohol from 7 am until 3 am would undermine the licensing objective of the protection of children from harm.

Thanks,

Sarah

**Sarah Norman**

Senior Public Health Practitioner – Substance Misuse and Alcohol  
Health, Housing and Communities

Sunderland City Council

City Hall

Plater Way

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# Appendix 5

**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 (Insert name) **Scott Lawrence**

Wish to make representation about the application for variation/grant/review 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	
Newcastle Mini Mart 138 Newcastle Road	
Post Town Sunderland	Post Code SR5 1NA

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Sankar Navaranjan
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Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known)
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**PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION**

I am

- |  | Please<br>Tick ✓                    |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) a member of the club to which this representation relates (please complete (A) 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	Sunderland City Council Licensing Section City Development Directorate City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA
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Telephone Number (If any)	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

	Please Tick ✓
1. the prevention of crime and disorder	x
2. public safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. the prevention of public nuisance	x
4. the protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

My name is Scott Lawrence, Senior Licensing Officer for Sunderland City Council. I am representing the Licensing Authority acting in its role as a Responsible Authority.

As the Responsible Authority for the Licensing Section, I work closely with partner agencies to ensure the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

I chair the Council's Responsible Authority Group (RAG), to discuss Licensing applications that are under consideration and issues with licensed premises in the area. The application for 138 Newcastle Road has been a matter that has been brought to the attention of the group and has caused concern.

The premises was formally Booze Busters, which first held a licence on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2005. The licence holder was Wine Cellar Trading Ltd. Licence records show that the company was dissolved. An Interim Authority Notice was submitted in the name of Duff & Phelps Limited, however on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 the Premises Licence lapsed due to no transfer application being submitted to the Licensing Section.

The Premises Licence for Booze Busters was granted for the sale of alcohol, and the licensable hours were Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00, Sunday 10:00 to 22:30.

I note that the premises sits at the boundary of the Fulwell and Southwick wards and I have reviewed the application against similar licences issued in the area. The licences have been granted for the following licensable hours:

Sainsbury's (not currently open) Unit 1, 110 Station Road - Sale of alcohol everyday 07:00 to 23:00,

Heron, Unit 2, 110 Station Road – Sale of alcohol, Monday to Saturday 07:00 to 22:00, Sunday 10:00 to 16:00.

Maps showing the location of the Fulwell and Southwick ward boundaries, together with location of the above stores and Thompson Park are attached at **Appendix SL1**.

Sunderland has one of the highest rates of alcohol dependencies in the country and having reviewed the application against the Council's Alcohol Strategy, the Fulwell ward has one of the highest rates of binge drinking in Sunderland.

The Southwick ward has the highest rate for alcohol specific hospital admissions between 2017-2021. The Southwick ward also is the third most deprived ward in Sunderland. This demonstrates a link between deprivation and alcohol related harms.

I am also aware that the area that the premises is located have high levels of anti-social behaviour such as vehicle disorder, begging and shoplifting at the nearby Tesco store. There is also youth disorder in Roker Park, around McDonalds and Thompson Park where youths/teens are gathering.

I therefore believe that the application with the proposed hours of 07:00 – 03:00 and conditions are not acceptable in the promotion of the four licensing objectives, in particular the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, I sent an email to the applicant's agent, Licensing Matters, expressing concerns with the proposed application. I proposed that the hours for the sale of alcohol should be reduced to 08:00 to 23:00 and proposed a set of amended conditions. A copy of the email exchange is attached at **Appendix SL2**.

Unfortunately, at the time of preparing this representation, the Licensing Section have not received a reply from the applicant and/or their representative.

Therefore, the Licensing Authority in its role as a Responsible Authority fully support the representations made against the application for the grant of a Premises Licence at 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland and consideration should be given for the refusal of the application.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation. (Please read guidance note 2)

**SL1 - Maps showing the Fullwell and Southwick ward boundaries.**

**SL2 – Email exchange with applicant's agent**

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.

N/A

**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	26.10.223
Capacity	Senior Licensing Officer		

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)	

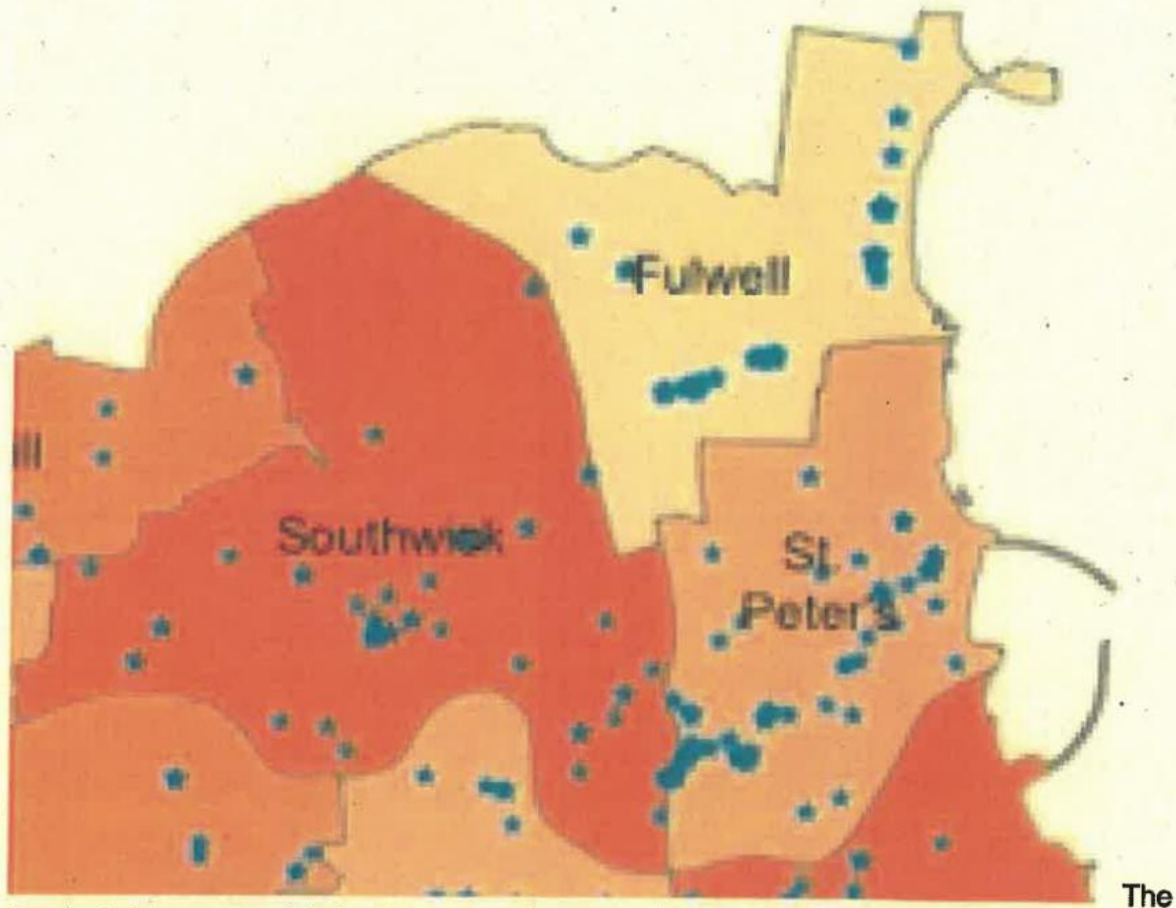
**Notes for Guidance**

1. The ground(s) for representation must be based on one 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. Information on the Licensing Act 2003 is available at [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) and you are advised to read any relevant guidance leaflets before completing this form.



**SL1**

**Figure 1 - Fulwell and Southwick Ward Boundaries**



Sunderland average deprivation ranking is 30.6, and the England average 21.7.

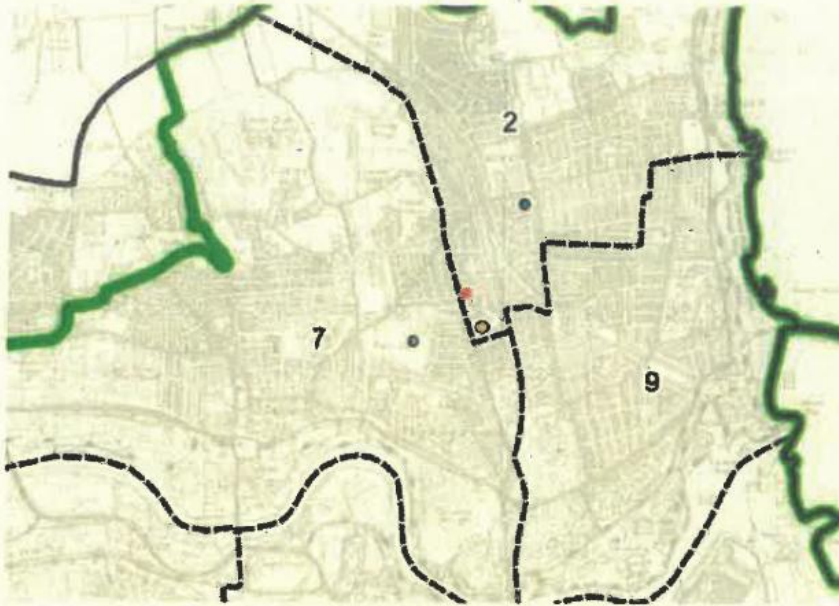
Five of the six wards with the highest admissions shown in the map are Hendon, Southwick, Redhill, Pallion and Sandhill are all in the 5 most deprived areas in Sunderland, this demonstrates the link between deprivation and alcohol related harms.

**Figure 2 - Red dot indicates the premises at 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland**

Blue dot indicates the nearby premises, Sainsbury's and Heron, situated on Station Road, Sunderland

Green dot indicates Thompson Park

Yellow dot indicates Grange Park Clinic (Monkwearmouth Hospital)



- 1 Barnes
- 2 Fulwell
- 3 Hendon
- 4 Millfield
- 5 Pallion
- 6 Ryhope
- 7 Southwick
- 8 St. Michael's
- 9 St. Peter's

SL2

**Scott Lawrence**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 October 2023 17:38  
**To:** Scott Lawrence  
**Subject:** RE: Application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

Thanks for this Scott, it's helpful. I'll be back in touch once I have liaised with our client.

Gill

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**From:** Scott Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:32 PM  
**To:** Gill Sherratt [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

Thank you for your email.

As the responsible Authority for the Licensing Section, I work closely with partner agencies to ensure that the applicants promote the four licensing objectives.

I have reviewed the application that you have submitted on behalf of your client and reviewed it against similar licensed issued in the area, which show the following:

Sainsbury's, 110 Station Road - sale of alcohol everyday 7am – 11pm  
Heron, Unit 2, 110 Station Road – Sale of alcohol, Monday to Saturday 7am – 10pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Sunderland has one of the highest rates of alcohol dependencies in the country and having reviewed the application against the Councils Alcohol Strategy, I note that the Fulwell area has one of the highest rates of binge drinking in Sunderland, I am also aware that that Fulwell area has a high level of anti-social behaviour.

I therefore believe that the proposed application with the proposed hours of 7am – 3am and conditions are not acceptable in the promotion of the four licensing objectives, in particular the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Nuisance.

I have attached a modified version of the conditions that you have proposed and the licensable hours that I feel would better suit the area.

Regards

Scott Lawrence  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Sunderland City Council  
City Development Directorate  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
[www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk)

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From: Gill Sherratt [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 1:04 PM  
To: Scott Lawrence [REDACTED]  
Subject: Application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA

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Hi Scott,

Further to my email to you earlier, I have now contacted the relevant people in relation to this application.

As you are the consultee for the licensing authority, please could you outline your independent views on this application. If you would like us to consider additional conditions or have other concerns, please outline them and I will liaise with our client and get back to you.

To assist I have attached a summary of the application, the hours applied for, and the conditions included in the application. As you are aware the application consultation ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, hopefully we can resolve your concerns without the need for you to make a rep.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Gill



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**Application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA**

Hours for opening and the sale of alcohol 07:00 to 03:00. LNR to 03:00.

Proposed Hours 08:00 – 23:00

**Conditions:**

1. On first appointment, all staff employed at the premises will receive training on the Licensing Act 2003 including input on preventing underage sales, preventing sales of alcohol to people who are drunk, proxy sales and any other relevant matters. Training shall be regularly refreshed at no less than annual intervals. The training must be recorded and be accessible on the premises and made available for inspection upon request of a Police Officer or an authorised officer of a Responsible Authority or (in the case of online training) within 48 hours.

Refreshed every six months

2. A CCTV system will be in operation at the premises and recorded images shall be retained for a period of 31 days. CCTV images will be provided to the police and other responsible authorities as soon as practicable and in any case within 48 hours of a request for such images, subject of the provisions of the DPA. CCTV shall cover all external areas
3. An incident register will be maintained at the premises and made available to the authorities on request.

The incident log will record the following:

- (a) all crimes reported to the venue
  - (b) any complaints received
  - (c) any incidents of disorder and any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
  - (d) any other relevant incidents to be recorded.
4. A register of refusals of alcohol will be maintained at the premises. The register will be made available for inspection by the Police and an authorised officer of a Responsible Authority.

The record shall;

Give the date and time of the occasion; a brief description of the customer and the name of the member of staff who refused to sell the alcohol.

5. Notices will be displayed at the entrance/exit to the premises asking customers to leave the store quietly and respect local residents.
6. The premises will adopt a 'Challenge 25' policy. This means that if a customer purchasing alcohol appears to be under the age of 25, they will be asked for proof of their age, to prove that they are 18 years or older.
7. Posters will be on display advising customers of the 'Challenge 25' policy.
8. The only forms of identification that will be accepted will bear their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark and/or ultraviolet feature. Examples of appropriate identification include a passport, photocard driving licence, military ID, and Home Office approved proof of age ID card bearing the PASS hologram.
9. The premises will not stock, display or sell any lager, beer, cider or perry products with an ABV content above 5.5%. The restriction shall not apply to premium products such as craft or speciality beer, lager or cider.
10. The premises will not sell any single cans of lager, beer, cider or perry products, all such products shall only be sold as a multi-pack. The restriction shall not apply to premium products such as craft or speciality beer, lager or cider
11. The premises will display posters informing customers of any Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in place
12. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor shall cooperate with any crime prevention initiatives which are promoted by the Licensing Authority or Northumbria Police
13. The premises shall be illuminated externally during opening hours following sundown to discourage congregation and anti-social behaviour.



# Appendix 6



## **Michelle Williamson**

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**From:** Cllr Kelly Chequer  
**Sent:** 26 October 2023 13:17  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Cllr Alex Samuels; Cllr Michael John Butler  
**Subject:** OBJECTION - Newcastle Road Mini Mart - 138 Newcastle Road

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### **Objection from Cllr Kelly Chequer – cabinet member for Healthy City and ward member for Southwick in relation to the licensing application for 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA**

It must be noted for the purpose of this objection that the location of 138 Newcastle Road, while officially in Fulwell ward, is on the boundary of Southwick ward and the houses directly opposite this location on the other side of the road are actually Southwick ward.

I have been contacted by in excess of 30 residents from Newcastle Road and the streets surrounding including Grange Park Avenue, East Grange, West Grange, Grange View, Netherburn Road, Nawton Avenue, Warmouth Drive and Thompson Road. All of these residents are living within a few hundred meters of this location but are residents of Southwick Ward. It is important to me that Southwick Residents have their views heard on this proposal and I have encouraged people to submit their views independently.

You will also be aware that a petition has been submitted by Robert Woodley on behalf of and with signatories from 71 residents of these streets, objecting to this proposal on the grounds of unsocial behaviour, excessive noise and litter. I will also be organising for this petition to be submitted to the next full meeting of Sunderland City Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Most residents are not objecting to the property opening, and none of them wish to have a shop sitting empty. All of the people that have contacted me are concerned simply at the proposed operating hours which include selling alcohol from 7am to 3am and the impact this will have on the local area and the quality of life for local residents.

My request as ward councillor on behalf of residents and as the cabinet member for healthy city which includes protecting residents of Sunderland from alcohol harms, is that this application is considered in line with the appropriateness of these extreme opening hours and the sale of alcohol, in a quiet residential area.

My view is that this application does not consider the residential nature of the area at all, and I support the residents in their concerns regarding the sale of alcohol until 3am and the concerns regarding crime and antisocial behaviour which may accompany this. This has been the case when this premises has previously sold alcohol and residents are concerned at the potential for this to return to what is usually an area of low crime and disorder.

As you may be aware Sunderland has significantly worse outcomes in relation to alcohol harms than the England averages, and Southwick ward has worse outcomes specifically.

Please find information below from public health to support my objection as the cabinet member for healthy city:

Data from the Public Health Profiles and Local Alcohol Profile for England demonstrates that in Sunderland there has been a rise in admissions for alcohol specific conditions in 2014/15 Sunderland had a rate of 752 per 100,000 and 2021/22 shows a rate of 1,218 per 100,000, with Sunderland being the second highest in the North-East (991) and significantly higher than the England average of (626).

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- **Alcohol Admissions for under 18's are also a concern with Sunderland having a rate of 76 per 100,000 compared to the England average of 29.3 per 100,000, this is the third highest rate in the North East**
- Alcohol-related mortality in Sunderland for 2021 was 64.4 per 100,000. Sunderland had the highest alcohol-related mortality rates in the North-East (50.4) and was significantly above the England average (38.5). Sunderland had the second highest alcohol-related mortality rates for females in England at 36.6 per 100,000, with the England value at 21.3.
- Mortality from chronic liver disease was 22.4 per 100,000 in 2017-2019 (3 year range). The rate for 2021 (1 year range) was 33.7 per 100,000 with Sunderland having the highest mortality rate from chronic liver disease in the North-East (21.6). This is comparatively higher than the second highest in the North East (Durham at 25.4) and significantly higher than England (14.5).

The data above reflects the level of chronic heavy drinking in the population and is most likely to be found in higher risk drinkers and dependent drinkers. Our data also shows that 26.3% of adults binge drink and at ward level Fulwell is has one of the highest rates of binge drinking.

Years of life lost indicate the contribution of alcohol misuse to premature death. Early death from chronic conditions is disproportionately prevalent in lower socio-economic groups and is likely to place demand on health and social care services prior to death. The death of people of working age will additionally impact on productivity.

Potential years of life lost due to alcohol-related conditions for Sunderland in 2020 is shown below

Potential years of life lost due to alcohol-related conditions	DSR per 100,000
Female	677
Male	1,911

This again is higher than the England average of 500 per 100,000 for females and 1,116 for males.

Our Young People's commissioned drug and alcohol service's data also shows that alcohol is the second highest drug for young people accessing specialist substance misuse and alcohol support.

Based on the evidence above it is my position that granting this license to sell alcohol from 7 am until 3 am would undermine the licensing objective of the protection of children from harm.

Best Wishes

*Kelly Chequer*

Councillor for Southwick Ward

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Healthy City

Chair - Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Board

Chair – NENC Integrated Care Partnership (Central Area)

Mob: 



# Appendix 7



**NORTHUMBRIA  
POLICE**  
*Proud to Protect*

Southern Area Command  
Millbank Police Station  
Station Road  
South Shields  
Tyne and Wear  
NE33 1RR

Tel: 101

**Senior Licensing Officer  
Licensing Department  
City Hall  
SUNDERLAND**

27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Sir

138 Newcastle Road  
Sunderland  
SR5 1NA

Application for a Premises Licence

HOLDING POSITION

Northumbria Police request a holding position to lodge a representation to the above application.

Northumbria Police object to the application as presented in its current form.



The representation will relate to the licensing objectives, along with our concerns regarding the operational times requested and operational procedures, relevant details be supplied in due course.

Northumbria Police reserve the right to submit further information in due course and in accordance with the representation process requirements.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hewitt', with a large circular flourish at the beginning.

Angela Hewitt  
Detective Chief Inspector  
Southern Area Command

# Appendix 8



## Michelle Williamson

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**From:** Michael Hartnack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2023 22:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Applications 138 Newcastle Road - Fulwell Ward.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please record the following as an objection to the licensing application IN ITS ENTIRITY for the premises known as 138 Newcastle Road, Fulwell, Sunderland.

As an elected councillor, former senior police officer and resident of Fulwell, I make representation in the strongest possible terms, objecting to the granting of ANY off licence sale of alcohol at the premises known as 138 Newcastle Road, Fulwell, Sunderland.

Sunderland Council's four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

When the premises subject of this application previously operated as an off licence, I recall being the Deputy Police Commander for Sunderland and responsible for licensing issues across the City. These premises were frequently the subject of serious crime, with many incidents of theft of alcohol, at least one armed robbery and on one occasion I recall, a shop assistant being taken hostage at knifepoint while being forced to hand over the content of the till. The location of a business with such a focus on the sale of alcohol is wholly inappropriate, not only in respect of sales up to 2am or 3am but all sales at whatever time of the day. Coupled with the serious and consistent crime outlined above, were frequent instances of disorder in the streets around the premises - this is a vulnerable and almost isolated area within an established and otherwise tranquil residential area, in which an off licence premises of this type is neither needed or wanted, when alcohol is available for purchase and consumption both on and off premises within such a close proximity to 138 Newcastle Road - eg, The Grange Public House, Tesco Supermarket, Asda Petrol Station, Aldi Supermarket and others.

The proposed opening times of 7.00am - 3.00am is outrageous and will be objected to on a number of fronts: it goes against every moral and ethical stance on tackling excessive alcohol consumption; the proposed premises sits at the heart of

a residential area and therefore would once again be a magnet for antisocial and criminal behaviour, disturbing the peace and the every day lives of local residents; there are already several shops in the surrounding area that sell alcohol, therefore no more are required.

Approving this application would be a direct contradiction of these objectives.

In addition to this, our hospitals are pushing awareness of the impact of alcohol related injuries and illness which appear to have increased on the back of the pandemic -

‘We promote and sign post patients in our clinics and are seeing a high number of patients alcohol dependent ‘

Therefore if the council approves this application they will be adding to the NHS challenges and going against their advice.

This view is upheld by The World Health Organisation (WHO) who recommends, ‘The restricting of access to retail alcohol’ in order to reduce the harmful impact.

Every sensible source of information and advice on alcohol consumption suggests that we should not be providing more opportunities to access and consume alcohol, I would therefore expect Sunderland Council to fully uphold their key objectives and the advice of significant professionals when considering this proposal and support local residents by **rejecting** this application in its entirety.

Kind regards,

Cllr Michael Hartnack

(Conservative Councillor for Fulwell, Seaburn, South Bents)

# Appendix 9

**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 (Insert name)

Amelia Barker

Wish to make representation about the application for variation/grant/review 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 Newcastle Road Mini Mart, 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland, SR5 1NA	
Post Town Sunderland	Post Code SR5 1NA

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Sankar Navaranjan
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Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known)
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**PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION**

I am

Please  
Tick ✓

- |    |   |                                     |
|----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) | an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|    | a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|    | b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|    | c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|    | d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2) | a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) | a member of the club to which this representation relates (please complete (A) 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

Telephone Number (If any)

E-Mail address (optional)

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

Name and Address

Amelia Barker  
Environmental Health Officer  
City Development Directorate  
Regulatory Services & Public Protection  
Environmental Health  
Sunderland City Council  
City Hall  
Plater Way  
Sunderland  
SR1 3AA



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Telephone Number (If any)	[REDACTED]
E-Mail address (optional)	[REDACTED]

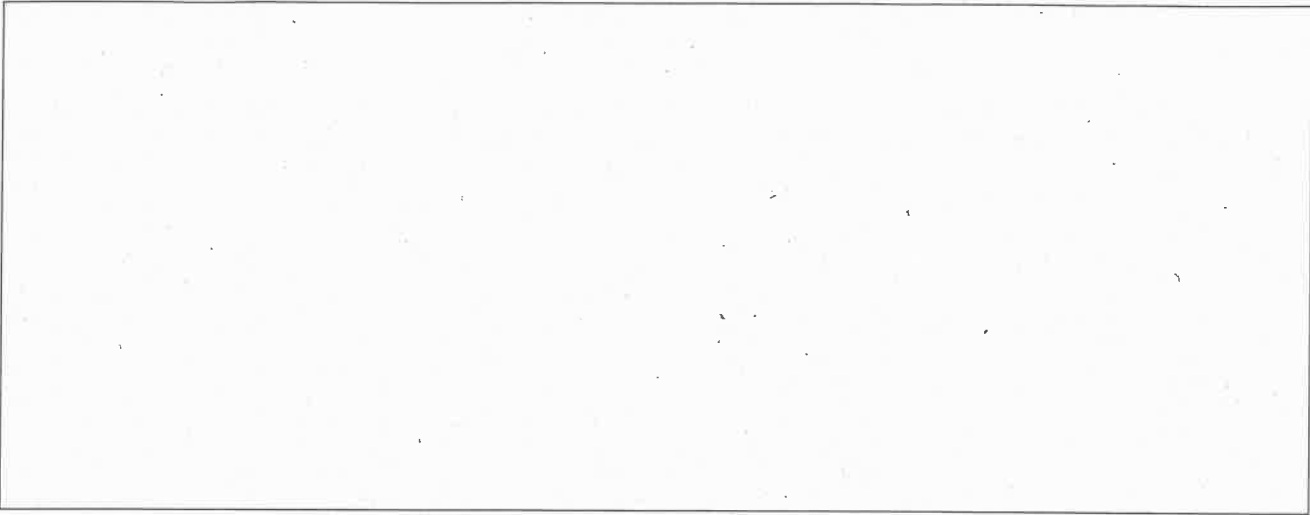
This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- |   | Please<br>Tick ✓                    |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. the prevention of crime and disorder | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. public safety                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3. the prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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

I have concerns relating to the impact of public nuisance from the proposed hours of operation until 03:00am. The premises is located in a residential area away from the city centre, with existing residents on surrounding streets as well as in the flats above the premises itself and the commercial premises' surrounding it. Whilst the premises is located on a busy road, A1018, it is predominantly quiet at that time. I believe that the operation till 03:00am would lead to a rise in noise complaints. This could be due to an increase in noise generated from additional users coming to the premises and parking outside, producing noise from car doors slamming as well as any noise from shouting or talking at a raised level. I am also concerned that these operational hours would lead to people walking to the premises after drinking in the near by pub The Grange, which closes at latest 11:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. This could lead to excess noise in the street from people under the influence of alcohol as well as any anti-social behaviour associated with this.

The other commercial premises located adjacent to this premises close at an average time of 11:00pm and do not sell alcohol. We have had no recent noise complaints from these premises, which would suggest that this is an adequate time to operate until before the noise from the road decreases enough for any noise nuisance to be produced. I believe this is more suitable as you have to also consider the accumulative impact of the commercial premises located here.



Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation. (Please read guidance note 2)

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.

**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	30/10/2023
Capacity	Environmental Health Officer		

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 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.
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# APPENDIX 10



## 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 (insert name)

Northumbria Police

Wish to make representation about the application for variation/grant/review 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  Newcastle Road Mini Mart 138 Newcastle Road Sunderland SR5 1NA	
Post Town Sunderland	Post Code SR5 1NA

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Not applicable as premises licence not granted Proposed holder:- Sankar Navaranjan
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Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known) Not applicable as premises licence not granted
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### PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

I am

- |   | Please Tick ✓            |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

**(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

Telephone Number (If any)	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>

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

Name and Address  
NORTHUMBRIA POLICE  
Detective Chief Inspector 7006 Angela Hewitt  
Southern Area Command  
Millbank Police Station  
Station Road  
South Shields  
NE33 2RR

Telephone Number (If any)	101
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>



This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please  
Tick ✓

- |    |                                      |   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | the prevention of crime and disorder | Y |
| 2. | public safety                        | Y |
| 3. | the prevention of public nuisance    | Y |
| 4. | the protection of children from harm | Y |

**This representation relates to the application by Sankar Navaranjan a Premises Licence relating to 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland. SR5 1NA.**

**Northumbria Police understand that the application is for a convenience store with a premises licence to permit the supply of alcohol and late night refreshment until 03:00hrs daily.**

**Off Sales of Alcohol  
Daily 07:00 - 03:00hrs**

**Late Night Refreshment  
Daily 07:00 - 03:00hrs**

**General Opening Hours  
Daily 07:00 - 03:00hrs**

**The premises are located on one of the main access roads in and out of Sunderland City Centre within a mainly residential area.**

**The residential properties are to the front, side and rear of the premises, families with children of school age live in some of these premises.**

**Within the residential area there are several children of school age and late night noise and disorder could affect their sleep pattern and the ability to concentrate at school.**

**Residents of the area have concern in relation to the disorder, nuisance, their safety, and harm to children if the premises licence is granted.**

**Within several meters of the premises there is an NHS Hospital.**

**The proposed premises are within a block of other commercial properties, all closing before or close to 23:00hrs.**

**Northumbria Police believe that if this application for a new Premises Licence is granted in its current form it will lead to increased damage, assaults, litter, noise and disorder or the potential of such issues, in the surrounding area.**

**With regards to current crime and disorder please see attached**

**Please see statements for the local Neighbourhood Inspector and Sergeant. [to follow]**

**Northumbria Police would re consider its representation to the granting of the Premises Licence 'For the Sale of Alcohol' and 'Late Night Refreshment' if:-**

**Due to the premises location the permitted hours of the sale of alcohol, late night refreshment and hours that the premises are open to the public are greatly reduced.**

**That the following be placed on the Premises Licence as conditions, along with any other conditions that the Licensing Committee consider appropriate, or the applicant proposes to maintain the Licensing Objectives.**

The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that at all times when premises are open for any licensable activity, there are sufficient, competent staff on duty at the premises for the purpose of fulfilling the terms and conditions of the Licence and for preventing crime and disorder.

A CCTV system shall be designed, installed, and maintained in proper working order, to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority and in consultation with Northumbria Police.

Such a system shall :-

- Be operated by properly trained staff
- Be in operation at all times the premises are being used for licensable activity
- Ensure the coverage of all entrances and exits to the licensed premises internally and externally
- Ensure coverage of such other areas as may be required by the Licensing Authority and Northumbria Police
- Provide continuous recording facilities for each camera to a good standard of clarity. Such recordings must be retained for a minimum of 28 days and must be supplied to a representative of Northumbria Police or a local authority licensing officer
- During times licensable activities are provided, a member of management or staff will be contactable and trained in the retrieval of CCTV footage with the ability to download relevant footage from any request from Northumbria Police to do so.

Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.

An incident book must be kept at the Premises and maintained up to date (no later than 24 hours after the incident) at all times and will record the time, date and details of all incidents/complaints of crime and disorder or anti-social behaviour, including those reported to the venue. The incident book will also include any faults with the CCTV system and details of any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service and made available to representatives of Northumbria Police or Local Authority Officer upon request.

All members of staff at the premises shall seek credible photographic proof of age evidence from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 and who is seeking to purchase alcohol. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will either be a current passport, photographic full driving licence, or proof of age card carrying the hologram 'PASS' logo or HM Forces ID card.

Notices will be displayed at the entrance, all points of sales and in appropriate areas throughout the premises informing customers and reminding staff that the premises are operating a Challenge 25 scheme.

A refusal register shall be maintained and shall be made available upon request to a representative of Northumbria Police or a local authority officer,

All staff engaged, or to be engaged, in the sale of alcohol on the premises shall receive the following training in age restricted sales:-

- induction training which must be completed and documented prior to the sale of alcohol by the staff member (such training to include the prevention of underage sales, proxy purchasing, sales to drunks, conflict resolution, the Challenge 25 Policy and correct form of ID);
- refresher/re-enforcement training at intervals of no more than 6 months.

Training manuals and all staff documented training records will be kept at the premises available for inspection by an appropriate local authority officer or a representative of Northumbria Police on request.

The licence holder shall consider any request from Northumbria Police to withdraw any brand of alcohol drinks or size of bottle of alcohol. Such request must only be made by the police acting reasonably and based on proper evidence that the sale of such products is detrimental to licensing objectives. The request may only be made by an officer having the rank of Chief Inspector or higher.

No persons carrying open vessels of alcohol shall be served at any time and such persons will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

**In placing this representation, Northumbria Police request that consideration should be given to all the above to ensure that the Licensing Objectives are maintained.**

**Southern Area Command continues to maximise the use of resources to minimise and address alcohol related crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour within Southern Area Command.**

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Please  
Tick ✓

Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

No

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	Angela Hewitt	Date	14/11/2023
Capacity	Detective chief Inspector, Southern Area Command		

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)	

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Newcastle Road statistics Foot beats A502, A503.

The below 2023 crime statistics for October show an increase year on year of 61%

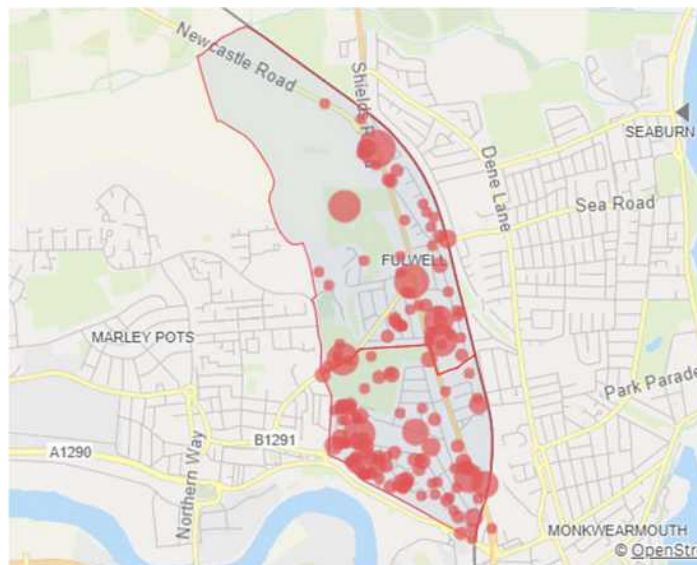
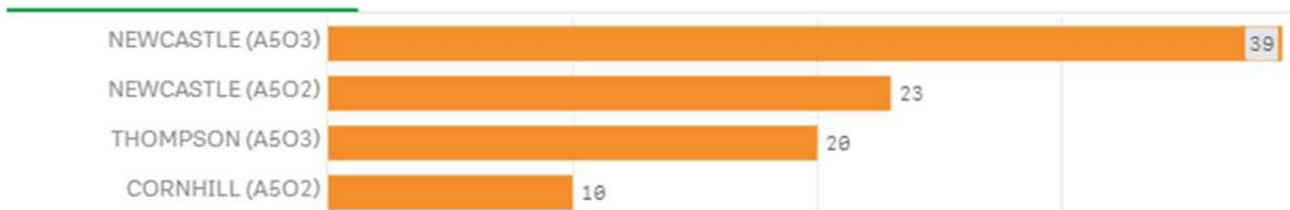
Newcastle Road has seen 62 crimes in the last 8 weeks. This is considerably more than the next street at 20 offences.

The below map highlights the crime hotspots in the last 8 weeks. Newcastle Road is clearly a prominent crime hotspot.

Closing Code 1 Group	Q	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
<b>Totals</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+61%</b>
All Crime exc. sex offences		50	32	+18	+56%
Crime related incident		2	0	+2	-

**Top Streets**

**Top Premises**



# Appendix 11

## WITNESS STATEMENT

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)*

Statement of: Scott Lawrence

Age (if over 18 enter 'over 18'): Over 18

Occupation: Senior Licensing Officer

Address: City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s), 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: 10.01.2024

I am currently employed by Sunderland City Council, City Development Directorate, as a Senior Licensing Officer.

As the Responsible Authority for the Licensing Section, I work closely with partner agencies to ensure the promotion of the four licensing objectives. The application for 138 Newcastle Road has been a matter that has been brought to the attention of the group and has caused concern and I share their concerns on the matter.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 I submitted a representation on behalf of the Licensing Section in objection to the application.

Following the end of the consultation deadline, a number of email exchanges took place between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 between myself and the applicant's agent, Ms Gill Sherratt from Licensing Matters. A copy of the email exchange is detailed in Appendix SLA.

In her emails, Ms Sherratt wished to negotiate the conditions and the hours for the sale of alcohol to the following:

- Hours for sale of alcohol (in store) - 07:00 to 23:00,
- Delivery of all goods including alcohol - 07:00 to 01:00,
- Delivery of all other goods 07:00 to 03:00,
- The applicant also wished to withdraw the late night refreshment activity from the application



Signed

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Continuation of statement of:

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It was a concern that the applicant wished to operate an alcohol delivery service and this had not referenced on the application form.

Operating an alcohol delivery service poses additional risks for the sale of alcohol and I was surprised to find that the applicant had not initially proposed any conditions in the operating schedule to properly identify, assess and control the potential risks when the application was submitted and therefore the Responsible Authorities had not been able to consider this on the application. There are also concerns with potential noise caused from closing/opening of car doors, sounding horns and possible parking issues from delivery drivers visiting the premises in the early hours.

Therefore, acting in my role as Responsible Authority for the Licensing Section, I am unable to support the Premises Licence application at this time.

Signed



# Appendix SLA1

## Scott Lawrence

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**From:** Gill Sherratt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 November 2023 18:50  
**To:** Scott Lawrence  
**Subject:** RE: Newcastle Road Application

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Hi Scott,

Thank very much for responding. I have just come off the phone to the applicant and he has decided to amend his application as follows:

- Hours for sale of alcohol (in store) - 07:00 to 23:00
- Delivery of all goods including alcohol - 07:00 to 01:00
- Delivery of all other goods 07:00 to 03:00

We are also content to WITHDRAW late night refreshment as that was not a central part of the business model.

In relation to deliveries, to be clear, all goods that are available for sale at the store will be available for delivery, it is not an alcohol focused service. On this point a store is entitled to open 24 hours to sell any non-licensable goods without reference to the licensing system, & a committee will not be able to limit opening hours if licensable activities are not being conducted. That being the case, we must ask the question, if deliveries are already taking place where is the evidence that a bottle of wine or other types of alcohol being amongst the goods will be the cause of disturbing residents?

In addition to the above, applicants and holders of licences have had the automatic right to deliver alcohol to customers since the old 1964 legislation, we do not have to apply for it. It is now a common place activity as people's shopping habits and society generally has changed considerably. As you will know COVID has further changed the way people undertake their shopping forever and delivery of goods is at the centre of that. I accept we should have offered the conditions relating to delivery at the outset and that was an oversight, so apologies for that.

I understand that you have the residents' objections & concerns in the back of your mind, but they are a separate consultee in this process and are making their own feeling known. As a responsible authority I would ask you to consider the rights of a **responsible business owner** to ensure that they are able to operate a viable business, particularly given that the licensing system is a permissive regime. Small independent retailers such as this one does not have the resources of Tesco or Asda, the costs to open and then operate a business of this nature are off the scale as I am sure you are very aware and store owners must provide as many services as possible to cover their overheads. Delivery is now a firm part of those efforts all across England & Wales and at Licensing Matters we deal with thousands of small business owners that have partnerships with companies such as UberEATS and Just Eat **and deliver goods (including alcohol) from their store without issues.**

Given the concessions that our client has now made, the committee will only be dealing with the delivery of alcohol between the hours of 23:00 and 03:00. If you feel unable to support the application in its amended form, and in order to assist the committee in their decision, can I ask that you provide some

evidence to back up your assertions, in line with the requirements outlined in the Thwaites case? I am sure that you have other delivery services for alcohol in the area. Please can you provide details of any complaints or disturbances that have been caused by those services or confirm that there have been no such complaints. I think the committee would be grateful for that information as it will make their consideration of this issue much more meaningful.

If you haven't any information in that regard, I would just refer you to the requirement to approach licensing system as a permissive regime and treat applications with a "light touch". If there is an issue with the grant of this licence for delivery (or any other reason), you have the power to review it.

These are significant concessions and I hope that we can agree on that basis.

I do not want to handle the conversation about conditions until the hours are agreed. If we cannot agree to those we will discuss your representation as a whole at the hearing.

If you would like to discuss this further over the phone over the next couple of days I am available on

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

Gill

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**From:** Scott Lawrence <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2023 1:59 PM  
**To:** Gill Sherratt <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Newcastle Road Application

Good afternoon Gill,

Thank you for your emails and your client's compromise on the end time for the sale of alcohol to close the store to customers at 12 midnight. I believe that the proposed amended terminal hour of 12 midnight is not really reflective - as the supply (deliveries) is still 3am.

I note in your email that your client wishes to operate an alcohol delivery service, however after reviewing the application, I cannot see any reference to this or what the provision of late-night refreshment entails.

Operating an alcohol delivery service poses additional risks for the sale of alcohol and I was surprised to find that your client had not proposed any conditions in the operating schedule to properly identify, assess and control the potential risks, however I note from this morning's email that you have now proposed conditions, which generally seem satisfactory. However, your client's proposed condition 1 suggests that alcohol supply between midnight and 7am is by delivery, there is no mention of the terminal hour being 3am.

Please note that there are also concerns with potential noise caused from closing/opening of car doors, sounding horns and possible parking issues from delivery drivers visiting the premises in the early hours.

In terms of the email sent to you on 17<sup>th</sup> October, would you be able to confirm if your client is in agreement with the conditions I proposed?

Given the concerns raised by the residents and responsible authorities during the consultation in relation to the licensable hours and the lack of conditions proposed to mitigate the concerns during the application process, Licensing would not be able to support the application.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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**From:** Gill Sherratt [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Newcastle Road Application

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Hi Scott,

Apologies for bombarding you with emails!

As deliveries will be taking place from the premises, I have detailed some conditions (attached). I have also attached our supporting documents to demonstrate the professional systems that will be in place but clearly, we will expand on this in the hearing if needed.

I am hoping that this application can be agreed prior to the hearing on Thursday.

If you have any questions, please get in touch & I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Gill

*Gill Sherratt*

## **Delivery Conditions**

1. Between 00:00 & 07:00 the store will close to customers and sales of alcohol between those times will only be by way of a pre-order delivery service.
2. All persons responsible for the delivery of alcohol will be trained in all elements of Challenge 25, acceptable identification and identifying people who are drunk. They will also be trained in the process for refusing a delivery in the event of a person being unable to prove their age. Training will be recorded and provided to the authorities for inspection upon request.
3. At the time of the order the customer will be informed that the person accepting the delivery will need to provide an acceptable form of photographic ID proving that they are 18 years of age or over in line with the Challenge 25 requirements. They will also be informed that the delivery of alcohol will be declined to a person who cannot prove their age upon request.
4. Delivery will only be made to a home or business address given at the time of the order & not to any public place such as parks, roadsides, or landmarks.
5. The person making the delivery will make the appropriate ID checks at the door of the address according to the Challenge 25 Scheme requirements.
6. The only forms of identification that will be accepted will bear their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark and/or ultraviolet feature. Examples of appropriate identification include a passport, photocard driving licence, military ID, and Home Office approved proof of age ID card bearing the PASS hologram.
7. If a third-party delivery service is utilised they will have in place a written contract showing that an ID check is required by the delivery driver at the point of delivery.



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**PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION**  
Newcastle Road Mini Mart, 138 Newcastle Road, Sunderland,  
SR5 1NA

**Hearing 23rd November 2023**

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE**

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## E-learning Licensing Training

The Licensing Matters E-Learning Portal is an automated compliance training system that takes away all the time and effort it takes to train staff & ensure due diligence. Automatic reminders, permanent and secure records of training mean that consistency and peace of mind for the business are guaranteed.

### Training Modules

A brief overview of the course benefits are as follows:

- The course consists of 3 unique and fully interactive modules covering the sale of all age restricted products with in-built tasks, quizzes and videos included.
- The course is accessible on any device, 24/7, with no time limits, with the staff members contacted directly and having their own personalised page.
- Each module is followed by a test of random questions with a pass mark of 80% required.
- The system includes refresher training with automated reminders.
- As each member of staff is dealt with on an individual basis and contacted directly about the training, it takes pressure off the manager & consistency of training is assured.





# UNDERAGE SALE SCENARIO

Watch the video and help Tom decide the best course of action with these customers.



## HOW DO I CHECK IDENTIFICATION?

As you have already learned, the only forms of identification you can accept as proof of age are Passport, Driving Licence (including provisional), Military ID and cards with the PASS Hologram.

It is important that you know how to check identification and that you do so carefully.

Select the different parts of the card to find out more.



Select the Pass Icon to see an example of a card with the pass hologram.



DO NOT simply allow a customer to present a form of ID to you in a wallet. The identification can easily be obscured and may lead to mistakes. If a customer does this politely ask them to remove the identification from the wallet and check it thoroughly.

## WHY DO UNDERAGE SALES TAKE PLACE?

Most people do understand that they should not sell alcohol to a person under 18, but when in underage persons will do take place and place the whole business at risk.

Select the most accurate and common reasons for why



Please complete this to continue

## MODULE 3: REFUSING SALES & CONFLICT



This module will help you to understand the following, once completed:

- The types of customers you should refuse to sell certain products to.
- How to identify people who are drunk and what the law is.
- How to refuse a sale.
- What to do after you have refused a sale.
- How to deal with conflict.



## THE ASSESSMENT

**WELL DONE  
THAT'S THE END OF THE MODULE**

**You have completed the learning pages of this module and must now complete an assessment to test your knowledge.**

- You need to correctly answer 80% to pass the course and will be told your result at the end of the test**
- If you fail to pass the assessment, you will be able to return to the relevant sections to review your incorrect answers. When ready, retry the assessment.**

Start

## The Learning Management System

The training modules are backed up with an LMS which proactively monitors the training and issues automated reminders to the store manager and individual staff members when refresher training or other relevant communications are due.

The LMS enables management to instantly see exactly where each individual stand with regards to licensing training. All training records are held securely and cannot be accessed which, providing training is maintained, guarantees due diligence in the event of a problem such as a sale to a person who is underage.

### Training items

Distribute training to Ben FLETCHER

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#### TRAINING

TRAINING	TYPE	STATUS	GIVEN ON	DUE ON	EXPIRES ON	LAST UPDATED
Refusing Sales of Alcohol & Other Age-restricted Products - Refusing Sales of Alcohol & Other Products	Pass	Passed 100%	11 Nov 2019, 15:24 on 13 Nov 2019, 18:13	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	13 Nov 2019, 18:13
Age Restricted Sales	Pass	Passed 100%	11 Nov 2019, 15:24 on 13 Nov 2019, 18:02	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	13 Nov 2019, 18:02
The Alcohol Licensing System	Available Module	Passed 80%	11 Nov 2019, 15:24 on 13 Nov 2019, 17:36	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	18 Nov 2019, 15:24	13 Nov 2019, 17:36

Allocations 1-3 of 3

## Status report for: CAMBERLEY

Team Module Changes per line



**'CHALLENGE 25' AGE VERIFICATION POLICY**

These premises operate a strict 'Challenge 25' policy at all times.

1. The 'Challenge 25' policy means that if a customer buying alcohol appears to be under the age of 25 then you must ask for proof of age.
2. If they cannot provide an accepted form of identification then you must refuse the sale.
3. If the customer you suspect to be under 25 has no form of acceptable ID, but protests they are 23 or 24 you **MUST NOT** give them the benefit of the doubt and serve them.
4. If the person can provide an acceptable form of identification that proves they are aged 18 or over you may then serve them.
5. The only forms of identification that are acceptable proof of age are a current passport, driving licence and the government approved cards bearing the PASS logo.

I certify that I have read and understood the 'Challenge 25' policy & have been trained fully in what it means. I agree that I am to implement it **AT ALL TIMES**.

Signed.....

Print name.....

Date.....

**AUTHORITY TO SELL ALCOHOL**

I am the nominated DPS for:

(premises address) .....

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And hereby certify that

(staff member) .....

has been trained in their responsibilities in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 and their knowledge tested. I therefore give them authorisation to sell alcohol on my behalf.

Signed.....

Date .....

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I, (staff member) .....

am aware of my responsibilities with regard to licensing law and that I am authorised to sell alcohol by the above-named person.

Signed.....

Print name.....

Date .....

## Scott Lawrence

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**From:** Gill Sherratt [REDACTED]  
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Good afternoon Scott,

As you know the above application is at hearing before the subcommittee next Thursday and I am writing to make an offer to resolve your representation.

Our client has a business model that includes an end time to 3am but in light of the objections he has received, and the concerns people have, he is happy to amend the times for alcohol sales. He does so in the spirit of co-operation and to show partnership working with all parties.

I am sure that you appreciate the licensing system is permissive and the correct approach is to permit applications unless there is real & clear evidence why the application or hours should not be granted. Having viewed the representations from all authorities there is a clear lack of evidence being presented, and concerns centre around speculation and broad assumptions about what might happen should the licence be granted. That approach is not in line with the statutory duty (the Thwaites case), to handle an application with a "hands off" approach.

All that said in circumstances such as these, where there is a strength of feeling against an application, we draw on the partnership approach that is another central feature of the licensing system and advise clients to limit what they are asking for, with a view to allowing all to see the impact the licence has in reality.

Our client is happy to take this approach and has asked if we could compromise on an end time to the sale of alcohol and store closure to customers of 12 midnight. He does however want to deliver alcohol as many convenience stores now do, via Uber Eats and Deliveroo until 3am. In providing that service the store will be closed (something that will be reflected in the licence), and so there will be no impact.

I know you have proposed conditions but as I don't have access to those at present (I am currently in the car), I will come back to you on those once I hear from you about the hours. I have looked at them and on the whole, they seem fine, but I do need to sit down and consider them properly.

I hope you are able to agree to the above hours and give our client the opportunity to prove himself to you. Of course, if there were to be any issues, he understands that a review of the licence is something you may well consider.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Gill