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Date: 01 November 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **LICENSING HEARING** to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL** on **THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2023** at **2.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Licensing Hearing members as follows:-

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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required where a matter arises at a meeting;

- a. Which **directly relates to** Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ('DPI') as set out in Appendix B, Table 1 of the Code of Conduct, to disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote and not to remain in room. Where members have a DPI or if the matter concerns an executive function and is being considered by a Cabinet Member with a DPI they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with the matter.
- b. Which **directly relates to** the financial interest or well being of a Other Registrable Interest as set out in Appendix B, Table 2 of the Code of Conduct to disclose the interest and only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain the room.
- c. Which **directly relates to** their financial interest or well-being (and is not DPI) or the financial well being of a relative or close associate, to declare the interest and members may only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak. Otherwise, the member must not take part in discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.
- d. Which **affects** the financial well-being of the member, a relative or close associate or a body included under the Other Registrable Interests column in Table 2, to disclose the interest and apply the test set out at paragraph 9 of Appendix B before deciding whether they may remain in the meeting.
- e. Where Members have or a Cabinet Member has an Other Registerable Interest or Non Registerable Interest in a matter being considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Members are referred to the Code of Conduct which contains the matters above in full. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

3. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

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To determine an application for a premises licence from Gosschalks Solicitors on behalf of Alliance Holdings Limited in respect of Martins, 1 Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, NE61 1NS.

The applicant has applied for the licensable activity of the supply of alcohol off the premises from 06:00 – 23:00 Monday to Sunday.

Three objections have been received from interested parties on the grounds of: -

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

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name:		Date of meeting:	
Meeting:			
Item to which your interest relates:			
Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):			
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –
- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
 - b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
 - c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied
9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:
- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
 - b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

Licensing Act 2003

1. SYNOPSIS

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The applicant has applied for the licensable activity of the supply of alcohol off the premises from 06:00 – 23:00 Monday to Sunday.

Three objections have been received from interested parties on the grounds of: -

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

2. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

Having considered the report, all relevant representations and verbal submissions from those persons entitled to speak at the hearing; the Sub-committee is required to make its determination in respect of the application at the conclusion of the hearing.

In this case, the sub-Committee **may**:

- 1) Grant the licence subject to conditions consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, modified to such extent as the Sub-committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. All conditions should be precise and capable of being interpreted and applied by the applicant.

(Conditions may be modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added)

and

Any mandatory condition under section 19 of the Act be included in the licence
- 2) Exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates

- 3) To reject the application if it is not possible to promote one or more of the licensing objectives by any other means.

Members are reminded that they may only attach additional conditions:

- In respect of those matters that are subject to the application and in respect of which a relevant representation has been made; and
- that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

3. LICENSING OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

Legislation provides a clear focus on the promotion of the four statutory objectives which must be addressed when licensing functions are undertaken.

An application for a premises licence must be considered on whether the licence holder can demonstrate that the licence will not create any issues in relation to the licensing objectives.

The licensing objectives being: -

- **The prevention of crime and disorder** - relating to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour at the premises or related to the management of the premises.
- **Public safety** - relating to the safety of the public on the premises, i.e., fire safety, electrical circuitry, lighting, building safety or capacity, and first aid.
- **The prevention of public nuisance** - relating to issues such as hours of operation, noise emanating from the premises, vibrations, lighting and litter.
- **The protection of children from harm** - relating to protecting children from the activities carried out on the premises whilst they are there. The law already provides special protections for children under 18 to buy alcohol.

Members are reminded that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, therefore the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

4. Appeals

If the applicant, responsible authority or interested party who may have made a representation is aggrieved by the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee in respect of:

- the decision to grant the licence or any part of it as set out in the attached document, or
- failure to exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities requested, or
- the decision to impose the specified conditions, or
- failure to modify or attach different or additional conditions appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

They may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day on which they receive formal written notification of the determination.

5. CONSULTATION

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made there under, the applicant has undertaken the following consultation in respect of the application:

A copy of the application has been sent to all Responsible Authorities as defined in the Licensing Act 2003 Section 13 (4).

A notice setting out details of the application has been displayed at the premises for a minimum period of 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the application was received by the licensing authority.

By publishing a notice in a local newspaper on at least one occasion during the period of 10 working days starting the day after the application was received by the licensing authority.

6. REPORT

Background

On the 14th September 2023, an application was received from Gosschalks Solicitors on behalf of Alliance Holdings Limited in respect of Martins, 1 Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, NE61 1NS.

The applicant has applied for the licensable activity of the supply of alcohol off the premises from 06:00 – 23:00 Monday to Sunday. A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix A** with the plan of the premises and the licensing objectives conditions attached as **Appendix B**.

Three representations (**Appendix C**) have been received from interested parties on the grounds of: -

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

7. Details of Representations

Representations objecting to the application:

Responsible Authorities

Chief Officer of Police	None
The Fire Authority	None
Body Responsible for Health and Safety Enforcement	None
Local Planning Authority	None
Body Responsible for Minimising or Preventing the Risk of Pollution of the Environment or of Harm to Human Health	None
Northumberland Area Child Protection Committee	None
Trading Standards Authority	None
Interested Parties	Appendix C
Representations in support of the application	None

8. Licensing Policy

Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates

Introduction	3.1 – 3.1.6
Premises Licences - applications	Schedule 2
Decision making process	Schedule 5
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	Appendix A
Public Safety	Appendix B
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	Appendix C
The Protection of Children from Harm	Appendix D

9. Guidance – Licensing Act 2003 – Section 182

In considering the application, Elected Members are also directed to have regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003; specifically:

Section 2 - The Licensing objectives	2.1 – 2.31
Section 8 – Applications for premises licences	8.28 – 8.32
	8.66 – 8.69
Section 9 – Determining applications	9.3 – 9.10
	9.41 - 9.43

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A Application for a premises licence
Appendix B Plan of premises and conditions
Appendix C Objections from Interested Parties

The Licensing Act 2003 and secondary legislation there under
The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
The Guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

11. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

This report has been prepared by Heather Gebbie, Senior Licensing Officer
heather.gebbie@northumberland.gov.uk

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* required information

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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

Not Currently In Use

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

Your reference

[REDACTED]

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

ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

* Family name

ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

* E-mail

[REDACTED]

Main telephone number

[REDACTED]

Include country code.

Other telephone number

[REDACTED]

- 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.

Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

- Yes No

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

Registration number

00907499

Business name

ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

- [REDACTED]

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Private Limited Company

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Applicant's position in the business

Home country

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

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

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

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

Legal status

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Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Agent Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

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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

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Further Details

Telephone number

Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)

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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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NON INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

Provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), give the name and address of each party concerned.

Non Individual Applicant's Name

Name

Details

Registered number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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COMPANY.

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

* Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

* Nationality [Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)

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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

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.

CONVENIENCE STORE.

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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](#)

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?

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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

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

- 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

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

End

SATURDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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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.

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 / /
dd mm yyyy

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Enter the contact's address

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"/>
Personal Licence number (if known)	<input type="text"/>
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	<input type="text"/>

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

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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.

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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

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)

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

c) Public safety

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

e) The protection of children from harm

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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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 EHIC 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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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non-domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 £100.00

Band B - £4301 to £33000 £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then your are required to pay a higher fee

Band D - £87001 to £125000 £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature. The costs associated with these licences will be met by central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number in attendance at any one time

Capacity 5000-9999 £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 -14999 £2,000.00

Capacity 15000-19999 £4,000.00

Capacity 20000-29999 £8,000.00

Capacity 30000-39999 £16,000.00

Capacity 40000-49999 £24,000.00

Capacity 50000-59999 £32,000.00

Capacity 60000-69999 £40,000.00

Capacity 70000-79999 £48,000.00

Capacity 80000-89999 £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

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- * I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.
 - I understand that I am required to advertise my application in a local newspaper or, if there is none, in a local newsletter,
 - * circular or similar document, circulating in the vicinity of the premises, within 10 working days of my application being submitted to the Licensing Authority
 - * I understand that I am required to advertise my application by posting a blue notice on the premises for 28 consecutive days commencing on, and including the day after the day when my application is given to the licensing authority.
- Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

* Capacity

* Date / /
dd mm yyyy

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
 2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/northumberland/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.
- Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

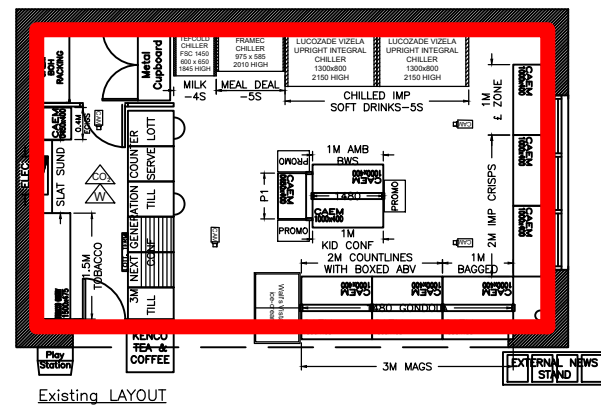
IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

OFFICE USE ONLY

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FIRE SIGNAGE:

- EMERGENCY LIGHTING
 - FIRE EXIT SIGNS
 - FIRE EXIT SIGN WITH DIRECTIONAL ARROW
 - FIRE EXIT SIGN WITH RUNNING MAN
 - FIRE EXTINGUISHER - WATER
 - FIRE EXTINGUISHER - CO2
 - FIRE EXTINGUISHER - FOAM
 - FIRE BELL/SOUNDER
 - SMOKE DETECTOR
 - BREAK GLASS POINT
 - FIRE ALARM PANEL
 - FIRE DOOR
 - FIRE ACTION SIGNAGE
 - SECURITY CAMERA
- (FIRE EXTINGUISHER SIGNAGE TO BE PROVIDED AT EACH LOCATION)

NOTES:

1. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT & ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIRE SERVICE WILL BE INCORPORATED & WILL BE PROVIDED TO COMPLY WITH THE EUROPEAN STANDARDS

No. BSEN3 & BS7863.

- 2. ALL WALL/PERIMETER FIXTURES TO A HEIGHT OF 2.1M
- 3. ALL FLOOR DISPLAYS TO A HEIGHT OF 1.5M
- 4. COUNTER HEIGHT 965MM

FIRE STANDARDS:

- 1. FIRE SAFETY RELATED SIGNS AND NOTICES ARE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY (SAFETY SIGNS & SIGNALS) REGULATIONS ACT 1996. THOSE THAT COMPLY TO BS 5499, PART 1, 1990 ALSO COMPLY.
- 2. ILLUMINATED "EXIT" SIGNS ARE TO CONFORM TO BS5260
- 3. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IS TO COMPLY WITH EUROPEAN STANDARDS BS EN3 AND BS 7863

MORPETH BUS STATION

Morpeth Bus Station, Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1NS

1152-SK3-BWSL-001

SALES FLOOR

RETAIL SALES AREA 327 Sq. Ft.

Scale: 1:100



Wm MORRISON SUPERMARKETS LTD
Property & Development Division
Hilmore House, Gain Lane, Bradford, BD3 7DL
Tel: 0845 611 6000

Conditions

CCTV shall be provided on the premises and shall be kept in good working order.

All staff engaged in the sale of alcohol will be trained in accordance with the premises licence holder's training procedures.

All staff engaged in the sale of alcohol will receive suitable training (including refresher training) in relation to the proof of age "Challenge 25" scheme to be applied on the premises. The following forms of identification are acceptable: photo driving licence, passport, proof of age standards scheme (PASS) card and Military ID and any other locally or nationally approved form of identification.

All checkout operators will operate a refusal log.

The premises licence holder undertakes ongoing risk assessments in order to comply with Health & Safety Legislation.

Till prompts are in use at the store.

Notice of Representation

Members of the public can submit representations in objection to or in support of the premises licence applications, within the 28 day consultation period.

Please be aware that for any objections to be considered relevant, they should be submitted before the end of the consultation period and they should address the four licensing objectives in relation to the licensing activity.

The licensing objectives are the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Please be aware that where representations are considered relevant copies of the representation will be provided to the applicant and the Licensing Sub Committee.

Please note: Objections will only be considered where a name and address are supplied.

Name: SUSAN HEDLEY Address: GRIANAN, ROTHBURY ROAD, LONGFRAMLINGTON,

MORPETH, NE65 8AH. Licensing Objective: ALL 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Premises: MARTINS, SANDERSON ARCADE, MORPETH, NE61 1NS.

Reason for Representation:

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

CONCERNS THAT NONE OF THE FOUR LICENSING OBJECTIVES CAN BE MET IN THIS LOCATION IN THE BUS STATION, AND THAT IN THIS PLACE OPEN FOR ESSENTIAL USE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DURING ALL OF THE PROPOSED LICENSING HOURS, THE PREVALENCE OF CRIME AND DISORDER AND PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND THE RISKS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM ARE ALL LIKELY TO BE INCREASED BY THIS PROPOSAL, AND SO, IN THE LONG-TERM, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJOR PUBLIC NUISANCE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND ITS SURROUNDING SETTLEMENTS BY DISCOURAGING PASSENGERS FROM USING THE BUS STATION, WHICH WOULD MAKE BUS SERVICES LESS FINANCIALLY VIABLE, AND ULTIMATELY DAMAGE MORPETH'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE CREATING AN ADVERSE IMPACT WHICH WOULD DISPROPORTIONATELY DISADVANTAGE GROUPS WITH PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND OTHER VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED 5 PAGES WHICH I HAVE TYPED FOR EASE OF READING.

Signed



Date 3rd October 2023.

Please send this notice to the address below:

Licensing Department
Business Compliance & Public Safety Unit
Public Protection Service
Northumberland County Council
West Hartford Business Park
Cramlington, NE23 3JP

Telephone: 01670 623856

Email: licensing01@northumberland.gov.uk

Representation from Susan Hedley re. Premises Application for Martin's, 1, Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, posted on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023.

Licensing objective:

Please note that, because these premises are in the bus station, I am sending this notice of representation with regard to all 4 licensing objectives:

prevention of public nuisance; public safety; protection of children from harm; prevention of crime and disorder.

[Firstly, I am concerned that in Northumberland County Council's public notices in the Morpeth Herald newspaper on Thursday 21st September 2023, and on the blue notice displayed at the premises for which the licence has been requested, the address for sending representations in writing to was given as Licensing Section, Northumberland County Council, Stakeford Depot, East View, Stakeford, Choppington, NE62 5TR, but on this Notice of Representation Form downloaded from the Register of Current Premises Applications on the Northumberland County Council website after these notices were posted, the address is the Licensing Department at West Hartford Business Park.

When I rang Northumberland County Council Enquiries late on Wednesday 28th September 2023, and was put through to someone in the correct department, she told me that the correct address to send representations to was the West Hartford address on this form, and seemed concerned to be told that the notices on the premises still displayed the Stakeford Depot address. This suggests to me that there is no formal arrangement for forwarding representations to the West Hartford address if they have been sent to the Stakeford Depot as the notice instructs.

Given that the users of the bus station are mostly those who cannot use cars, such as the elderly and vulnerable, or who cannot afford to run cars, and therefore might not be able to afford to go online either, and I know that most of the elderly and vulnerable on my bus do not use computers, these notices will be the only information which they have access to about this premises application, and these are the people who are most likely to feel intimidated by the availability of alcohol in the bus station, so it is important that any notices of representation which they send should be available for proper consideration, and not at risk of being mislaid at the wrong address.]

1) I have been using Morpeth Bus Station for over 50 years, and have seen that after Arriva closed their office there in the early 2000s so that it was unstaffed, there was no one there to control the teenagers who then felt able to congregate there at night, and so use of buses on Sundays and after office hours fell drastically because passengers felt too unsafe to use the bus station in case they were overwhelmingly outnumbered by the congregating teenagers with abusive and threatening ring-leaders.

When the new bus station opened in the Sanderson arcade, where there was CCTV and security staff, and it looked like one of the best in the region, people gradually started to make more use of the buses outside of office hours, but it took about 2 years for a full range and greater number of passengers to come back to using the bus station outside of office hours.

I am therefore of the opinion that anything which again discouraged passengers from thinking that they could use the bus station safely, and therefore reduced the number of people feeling able to use the buses when they need to, would constitute a public nuisance, both to individuals and to the sustainability of the community, because it would make bus services outside of peak hours less financially viable, and effectively inaccessible to the more vulnerable sections of the community, so resulting in both more journeys by less ecological forms of transport, and more expensive forms of

support being required for people who were rendered more housebound, and therefore possibly less healthy in mind and body.

2) It should also be borne in mind that the premises are right beside the automatic door to the bus station. The doors to the individual stops are only supposed to be used for entering or alighting from buses, because they otherwise lead straight onto the access and turning area for the buses with no separation between vehicles and pedestrians. The only other door available to bus users is at the opposite end of the bus station from the premises, but this is heavy and not automatic, so is difficult for anyone who is frail. Having worked in shops in Morpeth for almost 20 years and got to know a very large proportion of Morpeth's residents, I am aware of the various problems that its alcoholics and the families and other people who support them face. Alcoholics can probably no longer drive, and a great many are trying to recover, but this can mean that they are forced to use buses to get around, and are too frail to use anything but the automatic door right beside the premises for which the licence has been requested. If the licence is granted, this will be putting the temptation of alcohol right beside these people, with no other way around it for them.

I would therefore regard this is a public nuisance and an increased risk to public safety, both to the health of individuals who are trying to avoid the effects of alcoholism and the severe and immediate dangers of relapse, and as increasing the risk of crime and disorder should people who have managed to be abstemious succumb to the temptation of alcohol which is right beside them whilst they are waiting for their bus.

Public Safety and Prevention of Crime and Disorder

3) Even without the immediate availability of alcohol, I would say that Morpeth bus station fails in these objectives, because there are not enough forces available to maintain public safety.

It seems to most of the bus-users who I speak to that the hours and visibility of the security provided by the Sanderson Arcade has been reduced in the bus station over the last year or so. This means that at the beginning of the summer holidays, and again in the autumn at the beginning of the school year, a new cohort of younger teenagers is added to those who are already there from early evening, and, as I use the bus station for variable shifts on all days of the week, and at all hours until 8.35 pm, I know that they can be there until at least that late time of the evening. They are mostly not harming anyone, but they constantly vape inside the bus station, and if any of the elderly ladies who aren't used to it remonstrate, they are met with a shocking level of abuse. I have also witnessed the teenagers riding a bike up and down the bus station and doing wheelies, regardless of the safety of the frail or partially sighted, heavily laden, or with pushchairs and small children, who aren't mobile enough to step out of their way easily. The Sanderson Arcade security guards used to deal with this as far as they were able, but now that they have less of a presence, and seem to disappear entirely by 5 pm, the teenagers are free to do as they please, since they take no notice of anyone else who remonstrates with them.

I have also seen a local alcoholic in the early part of the evening threatening to stab people (although without having a knife visible), when there was a full range of passengers numerous in the bus station, including families with young children who were very frightened. He was regularly in the bus station and menacing the staff in the premises in question. The police often attend, but not always, and in the case of teenagers in the evening, if the police appear at all, it is usually in a vehicle which the teenagers see in time to escape through another door, or just have a chat with, and as soon as the police leave, the teenagers come straight back and go on with vaping or whatever else they were doing just as before. Some of the worst of the teenagers do seem to have forsaken the

bus station over this summer, but from years of observation I know that this is cyclical, and there will be more very bad behaviour within a year or two.

If this licence is granted, to maintain public safety, it will require a much more extensive and effective security presence at the very least.

4) To date, the presence of the staff in the newsagents which is located in the premises in question have been a hugely positive element in maintaining public safety, because they have good communications with the Sanderson Arcade staff and the police, but in recent years this has been reduced to a single member of staff per shift.

If they are engaged in the added responsibilities of selling alcohol, and the extra danger which it poses to them, they will have less time to devote to paying attention to the general behaviour in the bus station, and if they are selling later in the evening, there will be no-one consistently available, if available at all, to help them if they are threatened, and this may result in an unusually high turnover of shop staff familiar with their customers' vulnerabilities.

The plan submitted with the licensing application appears to me to show the premises as they are at present, with no indication that there will be any modifications. It does not show the premises in relation to the rest of the bus station, so please see my plan attached on page 5 to explain my concerns.

If the premises remain in the form which they are now in, with a single member of staff, they will be unable to have any view as to whether they are proxy selling, i.e. selling to adults who are buying on behalf of those who are under age, because the premises are around the corner from most of the bus concourse, and facing in the opposite direction.

A single member of staff will be unable to leave the premises, and could indeed be trapped behind the counter by aggressive members of the public, because the staff have only one exit, which is right beside the public access to the premises. Their counter barely separates them from their customers by an arms-length, and their only protection at present is a Perspex screen. The most regular service into the bus station is the Arriva 35, which serves Pegswood and Ashington, and I often see groups of people coming into Morpeth on that service for a night out. On their way back later at night, these groups may well have drunk too much already, and be a threat to the member of staff in the premises if they are refused the sale of more alcohol.

Even if groups or individuals are still in a fit condition to buy alcohol, the fact that there is seating at all of the stands will be a temptation for them to sit and drink there, and there will be no-one available to prevent them, so any licence granted to the premises will effectively operate as a licence for people to sit and drink in the whole bus station, and not just as a licence to the premises for selling alcohol to be drunk elsewhere.

Given that alcohol brings about a much more immediate and dangerous effect than the age-related products which are already sold by the premises, which are tobacco products, this will greatly increase the risk of crime and disorder and threats to public safety in the bus station, not to mention the public nuisance to bus drivers and bus passengers.

I have heard of other places where seating has been removed to reduce the likelihood of people sitting there and indulging in anti-social behaviour, but if this were an eventual outcome, this would be a huge public nuisance to those who cannot stand for long when they are waiting for a bus, especially when it is late or an infrequent connection, and would have a disproportionately adverse effect on those with protected characteristics, not to mention the nuisance to the community by making the use and so the running of public transport less viable.

The automatic door already seems to be locked at certain times when it might discourage the teenagers from congregating there, so the bus station has already been made less accessible to frail passengers at certain times.

Since the bus station toilets were closed during Covid, and then converted to a nail bar, there are no public toilets in the bus station, or anywhere near after shops close in the evening, except in other

licenced premises, so it would probably result in a deterioration of the health and safety of the bus station and its surroundings if people could buy alcohol there.

There is also the likely reduction of protection of children from harm, because so many of the school children wait for buses there in the afternoon, and also congregate there on their way to school, in numbers which are impossible to keep under close surveillance, so students over 18 or other adults could easily buy alcohol for younger children and quickly hand it over without being detected. At these busy times there might also be increased mixing of schoolchildren with adults who have drunk too much alcohol to maintain sound judgement.

I have always been of the opinion that the teenagers who congregate in the bus station, though they might give the impression of appearing to be intimidating in significant numbers, are actually better being in the bus station where everyone there can see them, than if they were congregating somewhere where no-one can see them. However, given their age and the time of night that they are gathering there, and the fact that I rarely see them using mobile phones, I suspect that they might be from challenging backgrounds, and that they might be more at risk than the rest of their age group. The selling of alcohol in a place where they congregate is likely to pose an extra risk to them directly, but it might also attract more dangerous people to the location who could lure them into more criminal activities when there is still a chance that they could be pointed in another direction if they have got no further than congregating in the bus station.

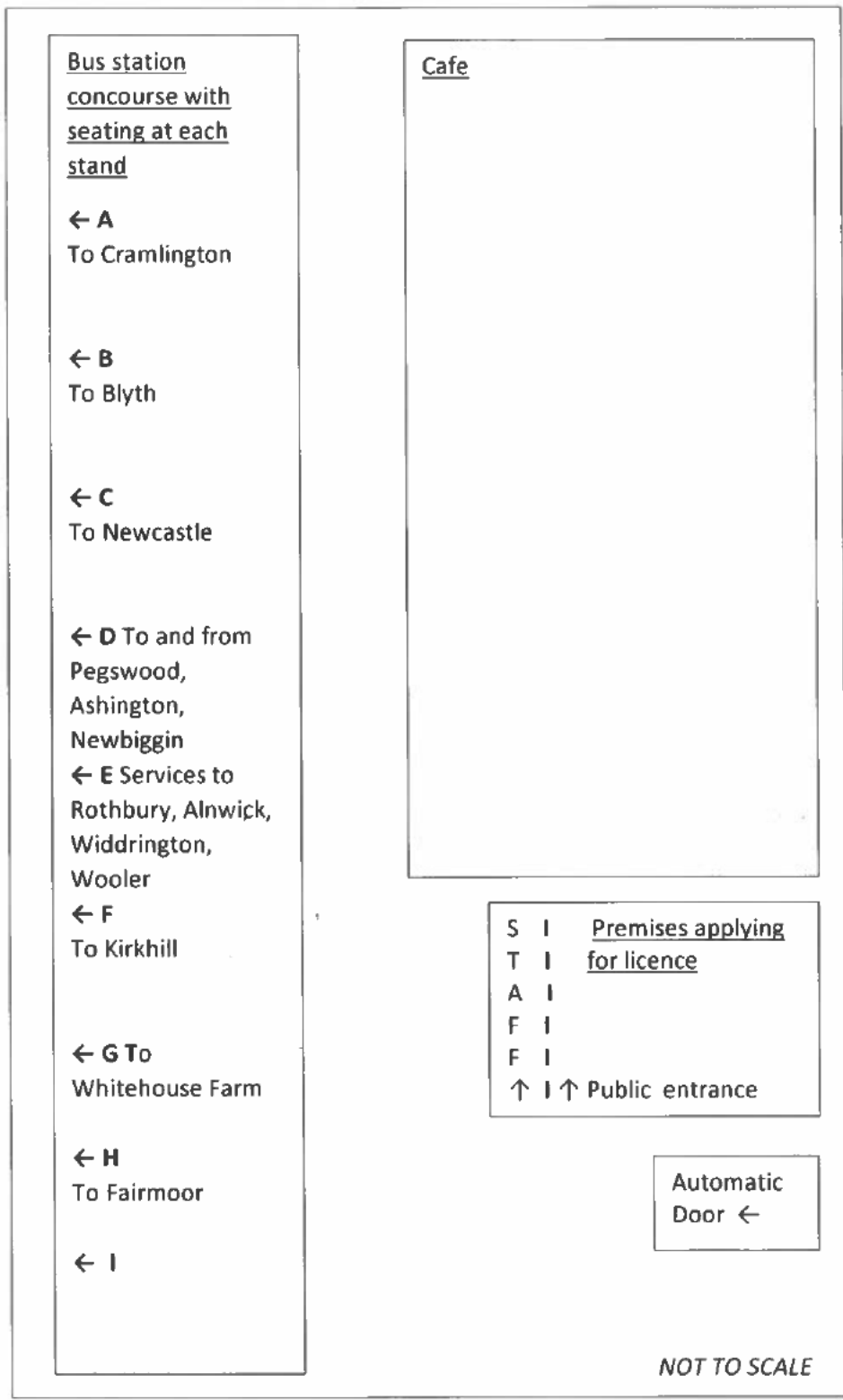
Finally, although the only place mentioning that these premises are to be run under the Morrisons brand that I can see in the application details on the Northumberland County Council website is on the plan, which is a different entry from the written application, and so unlikely to be clicked on by those who are not confident of reading plans, I understand that for a decade and more the bus station at Alnwick has been under the ownership of Morrisons and management of Arriva buses. I have also seen numerous reports of the state of Alnwick bus station and the behaviour of teenagers in it, and I have also been sitting on a bus waiting to depart and seen a youngish woman clearly coming from the neighbouring Morrisons supermarket and handing over a case of lager to a group of teenagers in the bus station, which I can say from personal observation is always squalid. Despite the fact that Alnwick is a major tourist destination, so that initial impressions could be of particular importance to the economy and reputation of the town, nothing effective ever seems to have been done to address the state of the bus station, and so despite what is written in its statements, I question whether Morrisons really does adequately concern itself with reducing the potential for public nuisance, threats to public safety, and crime and disorder, and with protecting children from harm, and whether there is really much care for the communities which it serves.

In the case of this premises application in Morpeth, except on Sundays when most of them have reduced opening hours, there is an off-licence in Newgate Street which is 2 minutes walk through the alleyway from the bus-station, Lidl's supermarket is only about 3 minutes walk away, and Morrison's Petrol station is only about 5 minutes walk away, all of which sell alcohol and are open until 10 pm. Morrisons supermarket, which is between its petrol station and Lidl's, is also open until 9 pm, so there is no shortage of places to supply alcohol which are within very easy reach of the bus station. The only "benefit" to the community which I can see is that this licence could be used to sell alcohol until 11 pm, an hour after the other nearby outlets have closed, and as people are making their way home from pubs just before closing time.

↗ To Sanderson Arcade shopping centre

← North

Manual Door to Bus Station



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Name: Lottie Thompson (Centre Manager, Sanderson Arcade) **Address:** Management Suite, Lumley House, Sanderson Arcade, NE61 1NS

Licensing Objective: Serious concerns this premise license will not comply with the four licensing objectives due to its location and already current issues within this location.

Premises: Martin McColls, 1 Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, NE61 1NS

Reason for Representation:

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

I am writing to formally object to the premise license application submitted by Martin McColls in Morpeth Bus Station. I have serious concerns that granting this license would not be in the best interest of the community, as it may jeopardize the four key licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm. Morpeth Bus Station is already a location of concern of the 4 objectives before you even add alcohol sales into the mix.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

I am concerned that the granting of a premise license to Martin McColls in Morpeth Bus Station will lead to an escalation of crime and disorder in the area, an area where we are already dealing with frequent crime and disorder. Given the transient nature of bus stations, Morpeth Bus Station already is a focal point for antisocial behaviour, including public drunkenness, loitering, and criminal activity, we are trying our best to minimise this by spending over £10k per annum on overnight security, upgrades in CCTV and locking certain areas of the bus station on an evening. If Martin McColls is granted this premise license we would have to seriously review what we had in place to prevent further crime and disorder.

Public Safety:

The sale of alcohol at the proposed location will result in individuals consuming alcohol on the premises or in the vicinity, potentially leading to accidents or confrontations that endanger the safety of both customers and passersby. We already deal with frequent issues on a Friday and Saturday evening of customers using the Bus Station to get home from an evening out, the opportunity of them to drink more in Morpeth Bus Station with

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

We already deal with constant public nuisance in Morpeth Bus Station without the added threat of alcohol sales. Our overnight security team deal with constant issues of noise disturbance (young people playing their own music / shouting), littering and unruly behaviour. We have had to deal with under 18s acting drunk in this Bus Station on a Friday / Saturday evening. We have had complaints from residents around Morpeth Bus Station in regards to youths and alcohol consumption and youths trying to get adults to purchase alcohol for them from the local shop (Best One, Newgate Street).

Protection of Children from Harm:

Morpeth Bus station is highly frequented by children and young people, many of whom are traveling unaccompanied. Allowing the sale of alcohol in such a location poses a serious risk to the protection of children from harm, as it may expose them to the negative consequences of alcohol-related incidents. Morpeth Bus Station is used as the main hub for public transport by local schools, KEVI use this bus station for all pick ups and drop offs.

We know that young people, under 18 are frequently in Morpeth Bus Station as we consistently have issues with anti-social behaviour. Morpeth Bus Station is regularly used as a 'hangout' for young people which we have had to manage with overnight security.

Morpeth Bus Station is already a cause for concern due to its constant issues of antisocial behaviour which we have seen increase over the last two years, and which has been discussed multiple times with Northumberland County Council, Kim McGuinness (Police & Crime Commissioner), Northumbria Police and Morpeth Town Council.

The centre has had to put in place overnight security, advanced CCTV and had to lock certain areas of the bus station on an evening due to issues of criminal damage and antisocial behaviour. It is felt that issuance of a premise license at this location would be an added threat to public safety in an already troublesome location.

I kindly request that the licensing authority takes my objection into careful consideration during the review process and takes all necessary steps to protect the interests of the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed .. 

Date 09.10.23

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Northumberland County Council
West Hartford Business Park
Cramlington, NE23 3JP

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Name: Morpeth Town Council

Address: Town Hall, Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1LZ

Licensing Objective: Prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm

Premises: Martins, 1 Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, NE61 1NS

Reason for Representation:

Morpeth Town Council objects to the sale of alcohol in Martin's store in Morpeth bus station for the following reasons:

We are aware of regular public concerns about young people congregating in the bus station, both before and after school and into the evening, and the anti-social behaviour which can result. Although the arcade has security staff, police or Community Enforcement Officers have often been asked to attend during school hours. However, after 5pm there is no staff or security presence at all to ensure public safety.

This can deter potential passengers such as the elderly, families and lone women from using the bus, at a time when bus use is being promoted and fares are cheaper. It also gives a bad impression of Morpeth to visitors and causes extra demands on police time. **We feel that the sale of alcohol on the bus station could only make this situation worse.**

The store plan supplied does not indicate where the alcohol will be displayed or stored in order to ensure full staff control and it is our understanding that there is often only one member of staff on duty in the shop in the evening. This lone staff member might have to challenge young customers on their age or deal with adult evening customers who have already been drinking, putting their own safety at risk. Young people could get an older person to buy alcohol for them.

There is nothing to prevent the alcohol then purchased from being consumed by customers sitting in the bus station, contributing to more anti-social behaviour and intimidation of other bus customers and staff.

We therefore feel that the granting of this license would not be in keeping with the 4 criteria for alcohol licensing, ie:

The prevention of public nuisance
Public safety
Protection of children from harm
Prevention of crime and disorder

We therefore wish to support the detailed concerns raised by regular bus user Susan Hedley and copied to Morpeth Town Councillors.

Signed  Date 12-10-23

on behalf of Morpeth Town Council

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