



# Northumberland County Council

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**Date:** 26 February 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **LICENSING HEARING** to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL** on **WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024** at **10.00 AM**.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

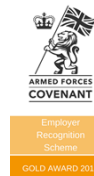
**To Licensing Hearing members as follows:-**

**C Hardy, JI Hutchinson, K Parry and M Swinbank**

**Cc: C Ball, Ward Member**



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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;

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.

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.

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.

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.

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](mailto: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. APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE - VICE CITY CLUB &

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The applicant has applied to vary the licence to extend the timings of some of the current licensable activities and to add some additional licensable activities that are not currently on the premises licence.

The applicant is also applying to remove some conditions currently imposed on the licence which he believes could be removed because of the proposed variation, and to amend some conditions that are currently imposed.

One objection has been received from an interested party on the grounds of: -

- prevention of public nuisance
- prevention of crime and disorder

**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.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of meeting:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>			
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>			
<b>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):</b>			
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>		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.



## Northumberland County Council

Licensing Subcommittee

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Licensing Act 2003, Application for variation of a premises licence - Vice City Club & Bar, 5 North Seaton Road, Ashington, NE63 0AF**

**Report of Councillor(s)** Gordon Stewart, Cabinet Member for Looking After our Communities

**Responsible Officer(s):** Darin Wilson, Head of Public Protection

#### **1. Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan**

Not applicable

#### **2. Purpose of the Report**

To determine an application for the variation of a premises licence from Vice Leisure Ltd on behalf of Vice City Club & Bar, 5 North Seaton Road, Ashington, NE63 0AF.

The applicant has applied to vary the licence to extend the timings of some of the current licensable activities and to add some additional licensable activities that are not currently on the premises licence.

The applicant is also applying to remove some conditions currently imposed on the licence which he believes could be removed because of the proposed variation, and to amend some conditions that are currently imposed.

One objection has been received from an interested party on the grounds of: -

- prevention of public nuisance
- prevention of crime and disorder

#### **3. Recommendation**

Members are asked to consider the application, and all supporting written and verbal submissions and make their determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

#### 4. 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 or;
3. 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.

#### 5. 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 always a paramount consideration.

## 6. The Application

On the 10th of January 2024, an application was received from Vice Leisure Ltd in respect of Vice City Club & Bar, 5 North Seaton Road, Ashington, NE63 0AF. A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix A**.

The premises currently holds a premises licence (NPR/1653) for the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment (**Appendix B**).

The applicant has applied to vary the licence to extend the timings of some of the current licensable activities and to add some additional licensable activities that are not currently on the premises licence.

The applicant is applying to vary the licence to extend the current timings of: -

Hours premises open to public	Monday – Sunday	11:00 – 03:00
Supply of alcohol	Monday – Sunday	11:00 – 02:30
Live Music	Monday – Sunday	18:00 – 01:00
Recorded Music	Monday – Sunday	11:00 – 02:30

And the additional licensable activity of: -

Late night refreshment	Monday – Sunday	23:00 – 02:30
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The applicant is also applying to remove some conditions currently imposed on the licence which he believes could be removed because of the proposed variation, and to amend some conditions that are currently imposed.

- The conditions applied to be removed from the current licence are: -

17. A minimum of two SIA door supervisors to be employed from 18:30 on a Sunday night thirty minutes after the terminal hour.

26. Dress code to be adopted as an example (No track suits).

- The conditions applied for to be amended on the premises licence: -

(Current condition 16)

There will be a minimum number of two SIA registered door supervisors employed on a Friday and Saturday night from 6:30pm until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.

(Proposed amended condition)

A minimum of 1 SIA door supervisor employed on a Friday night with a radio link to other bars should we need help. Saturday we will have a minimum of 2 SIA door supervisors from 21:00.

(Current condition 18)

A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on all bank holiday weekends / Thursday preceding a bank holiday / New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve from 18:30 until 30 minutes after the terminal hour.

(Proposed amended condition)

A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on all bank holiday weekends / Thursday preceding a bank holiday / New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve from 21:00 until 30 minutes after the terminal hour.

(Current condition 19)

A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on Boxing Day, New Years Day from 12:00 until the terminal hour.

(Proposed amended condition)

A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on Boxing Day, New Years Day from 21:00 until the terminal hour.

(Current condition 24)

Last entry policy 23:30

(Proposed amended condition)

Last entry policy 01:00

## 7. 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.

## 8. Details of Representations

One objection has been received from an interested party on the grounds of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder (**Appendix C**).

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
Representations in support of the application	None
Interested Parties	<b>Appendix C</b>

## 9. Licensing Policy

In considering the application, Elected Members are also directed to have regard to the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy; specifically:

Introduction	3.1 – 3.1.6
Premises Licences - applications	Schedule 2
Decision making process	Schedule 5
Prevention of crime & disorder	Appendix A
Prevention of Public Nuisance	Appendix C

## 10. 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	8.20 – 8.34 8.66 – 8.70
Section 9 – Determining applications	9.3 – 9.10 9.42 - 9.44
Section 10 – Conditions attached to premises licences	10.1 – 10.68

## 11. Appeal Information

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.

## 12. Implications

<b>Policy</b>	The Sub Committee should have regard to the Statement of Licensing Policy however each application should be considered on its merit.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	None
<b>Legal</b>	Identified above
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?</b>	No - no equalities issues identified
<b>Risk assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime and disorder</b>	None

<b>Customer considerations</b>	None
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Health and wellbeing</b>	none
<b>Wards</b>	

### 13. Background papers

Appendix A            Application to vary premises licence  
Appendix B            Current premises licence  
Appendix C            Objection from Interested Party

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

### 14. Author and Contact Details

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# Northumberland

## County Council

Licensing Department, Business Compliance & Public Safety Unit, Public Protection Service, West Hartford Business Park, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 3JP  
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### Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We [REDACTED] (Vice Leisure Ltd)

*(Insert name(s) of applicant)*

**being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

**Premises licence number NPR / 1653**

#### Part 1 – Premises Details

**Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description**

Vice City Club & Bar  
5 North Seaton Road

<b>Post town</b>	Ashington	<b>Post code</b>	NE63 0AF
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Telephone number at premises (if any)	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
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Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 13,150
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#### Part 2 – Applicant details

<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
<b>Current postal address if different from premises address</b>	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>

Post Town				Postcode			
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**Part 3 - Variation**

Please tick yes

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

Y

If not do you want the variation to take effect from

Day Month Year

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)**

Extension of operating hours  
Monday to Sunday 11:00 - 03:00  
Live Music 18:00 – 01:00  
DJ 12:00 – 02:30 (these early hours are purely for brunch and afternoon events)  
Supply of Alcohol 11:00 – 02:30  
Recorded Music 11:00 – 02:30

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend



#### **Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

<b><u>Provision of regulated entertainment</u></b>	<b>Please tick yes</b>
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	Y
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	Y
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	Y
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	Y
e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	Y
f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	Y
g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	Y
h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	Y
<b><u>Provision of entertainment facilities:</u></b>	
i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	Y
j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	Y
k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)	Y
<b><u>Provision of late night refreshment</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box L)	Y
<b><u>Sale by retail of alcohol</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box M)	Y

**In all cases complete boxes N, O and P**

**A**

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)  Performers of local and national play and theatrical groups may use amplified system		
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)  N/A		
Thur	11:00	23:00			
Fri	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)  N/A		
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

**B**

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	11:00	23:00	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)  We may get asked to show films and local productions		
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	11:00	23:00	NA		
Fri	11:00	23:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

**C**

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give further details</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11:00	23:00	It is unlikely we will get asked to host indoor sporting events but we would like to be covered for snooker, table tennis and other events
Tue	11:00	23:00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	11:00	23:00	NA
Thur	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri	11:00	23:00	
Sat	11:00	23:00	
Sun	11:00	23:00	

**D**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	11:00	23:00	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)  Unlikely to get these type of events due to the small size of the venue but we would like to be covered	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA		
Thur	11:00	23:00			
Fri	11:00	23:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)  NA		
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

**E**

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	18:00	01:00	Bands, groups, dup's with amplified and unamplified music		
Tue	18:00	01:00			
Wed	18:00	01:00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	18:00	01:00	NA		
Fri	18:00	01:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	18:00	01:00	NA		
Sun	18:00	01:00			

**F**

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	11:00	02:30	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)  Music will be played including Disco/DJ, amplified music using a PA system	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	11:00	02:30			
Wed	11:00	02:30	<b>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA		
Thur	11:00	02:30			
Fri	11:00	02:30	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)  NA		
Sat	11:00	02:30			
Sun	11:00	02:30			

**G**

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)  Childrens and adults dance schools, competitions, line dancing etc	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	NA	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur	11:00	23:00			
Fri	11:00	23:00	NA	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			



H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing</u></b>  Live singers, bands and disco/DJ		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Mon	11:00	23:00		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)  NA		
Wed	11:00	23:00			
Thur	11:00	23:00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri	11:00	23:00	NA		
Sat	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun	11:00	23:00	NA		

<b>Provision of facilities for making music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing</u></b>  This will vary from event to event but anything that falls within the category of 'making music facilities' will be considered	
			<b><u>Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)  NA  <b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA  <b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)  NA	
Mon	11:00	23:00		
Tue	11:00	23:00		
Wed	11:00	23:00		
Thur	11:00	23:00		
Fri	11:00	23:00		
Sat	11:00	23:00		
Sun	11:00	23:00		

**J**

<b>Provision of facilities for dancing</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (see guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing</b>  This will vary from event but anything that falls within the category of 'facilities for dancing' will be considered		
Mon	11:00	23:00	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)  NA		
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	<b>State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities</b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA		
Thur	11:00	23:00			
Fri	11:00	23:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)  NA		
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

**K**

<b>Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing</u></b>  This will vary from event but anything that falls within the category of 'facilities for entertainment' will be considered		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Mon	11:00	23:00		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
			NA		
Wed	11:00	23:00			
Thur	11:00	23:00	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
			NA		
Fri	11:00	23:00			
Sat	11:00	23:00	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun	11:00	23:00	NA		

**L**

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Y
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	23:00	02:30	<p><b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)</p> <p>Pay bar will be open when venue operates – we only aim to use the the 02:30 hours on a Friday and Saturday and bank holiday Sundays</p> <p>We want to be covered for all nights of the week just incase we try and put on a student night, themed night etc</p> <p><b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)</p> <p>NA</p> <p><b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)</p> <p>NA</p>	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	23:00	02:30			
Wed	23:00	02:30			
Thur	23:00	02:30			
Fri	23:00	02:30			
Sat	23:00	02:30			
Sun	23:00	02:30			

**M**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box)</b> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA   <b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Mon	11:00	02:30			
Tue	11:00	02:30			
Wed	11:00	02:30			
Thur	11:00	02:30			
Fri	11:00	02:30			
Sat	11:00	02:30			
Sun	11:00	02:30			

**N**

**Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children** (please read guidance note 8)

NA

O

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4)  NA
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	11:00	03:00	
Tue	11:00	03:00	
Wed	11:00	03:00	
Thur	11:00	03:00	
Fri	11:00	03:00	
Sat	11:00	03:00	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)  NA
Sun	11:00	03:00	

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking

16: Be a minimum of 1 SIA door supervisor employed on a Friday night with a radio link to other bars should we need help. Saturday we will have a minimum of 2 SIA door supervisors from 21:00

17: Take this out completely

18: Change to 21:00

19: Change to 21:00

24: Last entry 01:00

26: Take out or change to No Dress Code

Please tick yes

- I have enclosed the premises licence Y
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence Y

If you have not ticked one of these boxes please fill in reasons for not including the licence, or part of it, below

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence



**P** Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)**

We have been operating the venue since April 2023 and are responsible operators. All staff have been trained on their licensing responsibilities, including the prevention of underage sales, challenge 25 policy and CCTV installed, SIA registered door staff used every weekend.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

Please see above

**c) Public safety**

Please see above

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

Please see above

**e) The protection of children from harm**


Please see above

- Please tick yes**
- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee Y
  - I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable Y
  - I understand that I must now advertise my application Y
  - I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation Y
  - I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected Y

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

**Part 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	04-01-2024
Capacity	Director

**Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)</b>			
<b>Post town</b>		<b>Post code</b>	
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>			
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)</b>			

When complete, return this form to the nearest Northumberland County Council licensing office – please refer to the guidance notes on the website for details.

## Notes for Guidance

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

1. Describe 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.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. For example 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.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please 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.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please 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, the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee; or
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

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Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 12)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	04-01-24
Capacity	DIRECTOR.

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 14). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

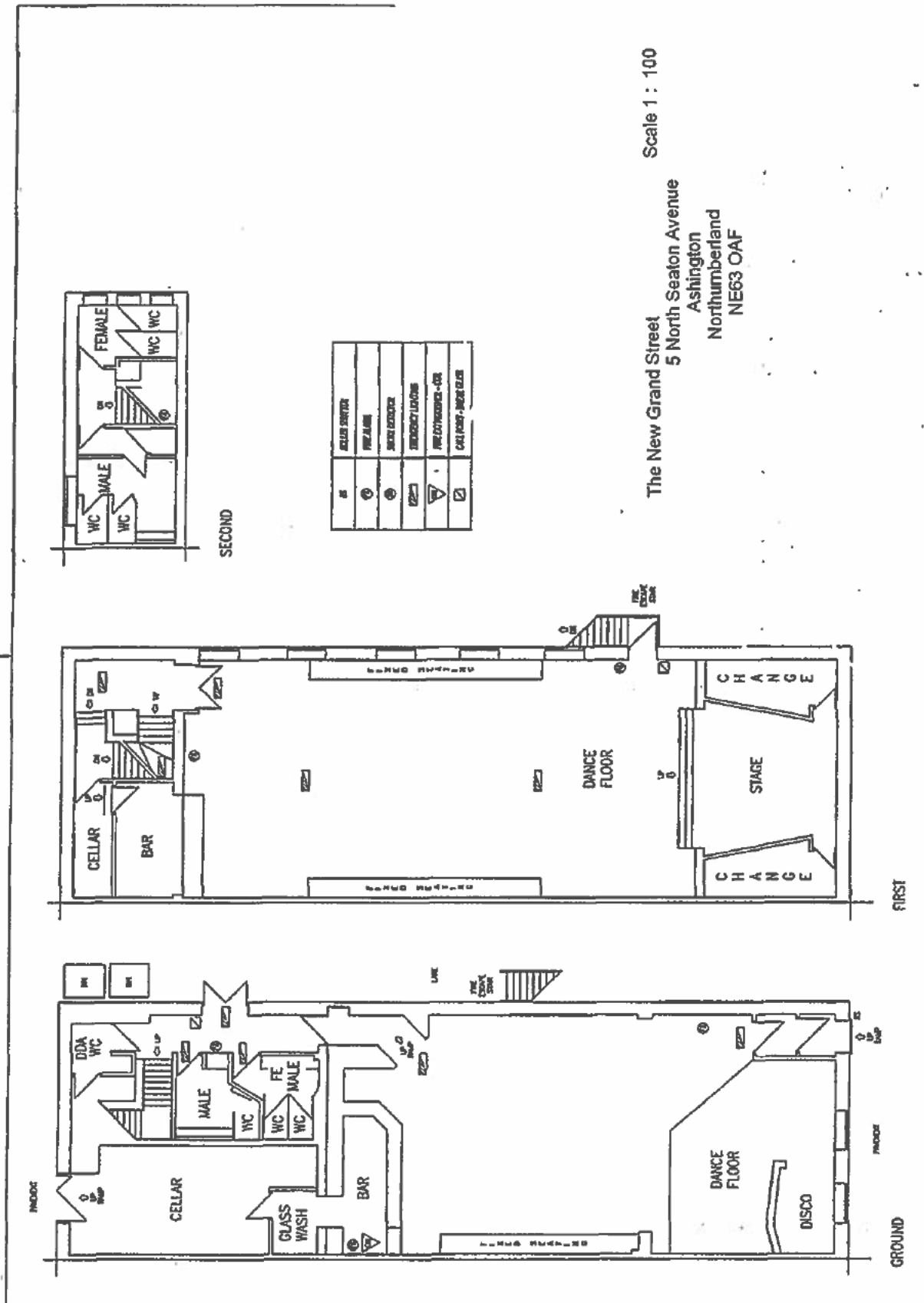
Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 15)

Post town	Post code

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# Northumberland County Council

## PREMISES LICENCE

Premises Licence Number

NPR/1653

**Issue Date: 20 April 2023**

### Part 1 - Premises details

<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Vice City Bar And Club 5 North Seaton Road Ashington	
<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post code</b>
Northumberland	NE63 0AF
<b>Telephone number</b>	

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b>
N/A

<b>Licensable activities authorised by the licence</b>
Live Music Recorded Music Supply of Alcohol

<b>The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities</b>
<b>Live Music</b> Friday and Saturday 20:00 - 23:00
<b>Recorded Music</b> Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00
JukeBox Monday to Sunday
DJ Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 19:00
<b>Supply of Alcohol</b> Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00

<b>The opening hours of the premises</b>
Monday to Wednesday 10:30 to 22:00 Thursday to Sunday 10:30 to 00:00

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

On the Premises

**Part 2**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

[REDACTED]

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

14434057

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

[REDACTED]

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol**

[REDACTED]

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

### **Supply Of Alcohol (ON & OFF SALES)**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -
  - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.  
(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises-
  - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to-
    - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
    - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
  - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
  - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
4. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
5. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.  
(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.  
(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either-(a) a holographic mark, or (b) an ultraviolet feature.

6. The responsible person must ensure that-

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures-

- (i) beer or cider: 1/2 pint;
- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available."

7. 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

8. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 7.1-

(a) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula-where-

(i) P is the permitted price,  $P = D + (D \times V)$

(ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence-

- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question

9. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

10.-(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

### **Door Supervision**

(1) Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

(2) But nothing in subsection (1) requires such a condition to be imposed:-

(a) In respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c.12) (premises with premises licence authorising plays or films), or

(b) In respect of premises in relation to -

(i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or

(ii) Any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).

(3) For the purpose of this section:-

(a) "Security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1) (a) of that Schedule applies, and

(b) Paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule**

1. A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained in proper working order to the satisfaction of Northumbria Police and the Licensing Authority.
2. Such system shall: Ensure the coverage of all entrances and exits to the licensed premises internally and externally and all areas where the sale and supply of alcohol occurs.
3. CCTV shall also be fitted at the side of the building giving coverage of the alleyway which gives access to back Station Road.
4. Provide continuous recording facilities for each camera to a good standard of clarity. Such recordings shall be retained (on disc or otherwise) for a period of 28 days.
5. The CCTV shall be in operation at all times whilst the premises are in use. The system with recording facility and any recordings will be stored in a suitable and secure manner. The CCTV system will display on any recording the correct time and date of the recording.
6. Signs are to be placed both internally and externally at the premises indicating to customers that CCTV is in operation on the premises. The signs are to be a minimum of A5 size.
7. A minimum of two staff will be trained in the operation of the CCTV system and be able to download images onto disc or removable storage device. CCTV footage shall be supplied to the Licensing Authority or Northumbria Police or representative immediately on request.
8. The premises licence holder will operate a Challenge 25 policy whilst the premises are open to the public. This is to be in operation by the door supervisors and the bar staff. All members of door staff and bar staff shall seek credible photographic proof of age from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years and is either seeking to enter the premises or purchase alcohol. Such credible photographic proof will be a passport, driving licence, or proof of age card carrying the pass logo. In addition military identification cards carrying a photograph and date of birth will also be acceptable for this purpose. If a member of door staff or bar staff knows without doubt that a person is over 18 then such a challenge for proof of age will not be necessary.
9. Signage regarding the age challenge policy to be displayed.
10. All members of staff should have adequate training in the Licensing Act 2003 and any subsequent variation. This training to be delivered every three months for the current staff and on the introduction of new members of staff. This training is to be delivered by a personal licence holder. This training shall be documented and kept on file for inspection by Trading Standards, Licensing Authority and a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police on request.
11. The Designated Premises supervisor is to provide written authorisation to all staff involved in the sale of alcohol. Such authorisation is to be retained as part of the staff training records as per condition 6.

12. The Designated premises supervisor or a designated senior member of staff who is a personal licence holder shall be in charge of and be present in the licensed premises at all times when they are open for the purpose of this licence.
13. A refusals register (electronic or paper based) is to be kept and maintained on the premises. This shall be supplied promptly to Trading Standards, Licensing Authority and a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police on request.
14. The Designated premises supervisor is to sign the refusals register once a month to verify refusals are taking place.
15. No open bottles or glass containers are to leave the premises.
16. There will be a minimum number of two SIA registered door supervisors employed on a Friday and Saturday night from 6:30pm until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.
17. A minimum of two SIA door supervisors to be employed from 18:30 on a Sunday night until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.
18. A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on all Bank holiday weekends /Thursday preceding a Bank Holiday/ New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve from 18:30 until thirty minutes after the terminal hour.
19. A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed on Boxing Day, New Year's Day from 12:00 until the terminal hour.
20. Door staff to remind people to leave quietly. SIA staff will also have responsibility for the pavement area for the full curtilage of the building including the alleyway at the side of the building.
21. Door staff to carry out spot checks with customers seeking to gain entry in relation to drugs and retail alcohol being brought into the premises.
22. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor will maintain a dynamic risk assessment for the general operation of the premises, for individual bespoke events/key calendar dates and for circumstances which potentially may increase the risk of crime and disorder, increase the likelihood of harm to children, undermine public safety and increase the likelihood of public nuisance. Such risk assessments will identify not only the potential risks but also an action plan to reduce such risks. They shall also take into account the level of staffing particularly regarding numbers of SIA registered door staff to be employed at the premises and whether it is felt necessary that the DPS should be in attendance at the premises. If the minimum number of SIA registered door supervisors is deemed insufficient by the DPS then the identified additional SIA registered door supervisors must be in attendance otherwise licensable activity, including the supply of alcohol must not take place. Such risk assessments must give due cognisance to any information the management or staff become aware of particularly information supplied by Northumbria Police. The risk assessment must be documented and must be produced to a Police Officer or representative of Northumbria Police or representative of the local authority immediately on request. An example this would be builders Friday, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve when SIA door staff may have to be employed earlier.

23. Any private functions will be subject of a risk assessment. Entry to the private function will have restricted access by way of ticket or invitation only as an example Weddings. A risk assessment must be completed for each private function not a generic assessment.

24. Last entry policy 23:30.

25. The Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure that the music is lowered 15 minutes before the end of licensable activity.

26. Dress code to be adopted as an example (No track suits).

27. There shall be displayed on the exit doors notices requesting customers to leave the premises quietly.

28. The doors and windows of the premises shall be kept closed during any entertainment function held on the premises except for the purposes of access, egress or in the case of emergency.

29. Noise Limiter to be fitted and checked by the Northumberland County Council Environmental Health Department prior to any Licensable activity taking place.

30. An area to the side of the premises will be identified by the Premises licence holder /DPS for patrons to smoke, a SIA registered door supervisor is to monitor the entry and exit of such patrons. The DPS/Premises licence holder will instigate a system to monitor those persons leaving the building to smoke. Receptacles to be provided for waste cigarettes. In addition to the provision of CCTV monitoring this area, the DPS will ensure that this area is suitably lit.

31. No smoking from customers to take place on the pavement at the front of the building.

32. No one under 18 to be admitted or permitted to be on the premises the only exemption being condition 23.

33. Litter bins to be placed at the exit points of the building.

34. To be a member of pub watch and a representative from the premises to attend all pub watch meetings.

35. The premises personal licence holder/designated premises supervisor shall ensure that no public nuisance is caused by noise emanating from the premises or vibration transmitted through the structure of the premises.

36. The licence holder shall ensure that all windows remain closed in any room where regulated entertainment is taking place to prevent noise emanating from the premises which is likely to give rise to public nuisance.

37. The lobby doors at the premises shall be kept closed except for access and egress when regulated entertainment is taking place.



38. The licence holder shall ensure that all external and lobby doors are fitted with suitable working self-closing devices to prevent noise emanating from the premises which is likely to give rise to a public nuisance.

39. The licence holder or his representative shall conduct regular assessments of the noise coming from the premises on every occasion the premises are used for regulated entertainment and shall take steps to reduce the level of noise where it is likely to cause a disturbance to local residents. A written record shall be made of those assessments in a log book kept for the purpose and shall include the time and date of checks, the person making them and the results including any remedial action. All refuse emanating from the premises shall be placed in appropriate receptacles with close-fitting lids and appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that all glass and other sharp or hazardous waste is secured against public access.

40. The licence holder shall provide clear and legible notices to be displayed at prominent positions adjacent to exits and other circulatory areas requesting patrons to leave the premises having regard to the needs of local residents, in particular emphasising the need to refrain from shouting, slamming car doors and the sounding of car horns. The design and appearance of such notices to be approved by the Licensing Authority.

**Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

NONE

**Annex 4 - Plans**

Submitted



## Fw: App for alcohol and entertainment license

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It has been brought to my attention that the establishment known as Vice City, on NorthSeaton Road, Ashington, has submitted an application for an extension to their existing opening hours, which would pertain to week nights until 3am.

I would like to register my vehement opposition to this application.

This establishment has attracted more than it's fair share of altercations and public nuisance, this could be explained by the lack of door staff!!! Never more conspicuous by their absence than New Years Day, when there were several incidents of unruly and anti social behaviour!!! The door staff have been nonexistent for the majority of January, contrary to what the applicant would attempt to have you believe!!!!

The fallout from this establishment, in the form of litter, specifically plastic glasses, is clear for all to see!!! People are concerned about the turtles in the ocean, they will soon be concerned by the poor residents of Myrtle street being smothered under the weight of discarded single use plastic drinking vessels!!! The situation has become an eyesore and constant source of stress for nearby residents!!!

The number of people, and more specifically young men, spilling out of this establishment, brandishing aforementioned plastic vessels, utilising the side alley as a makeshift boxing ring, is staggering!!! This has a knock on effect, leaving people fearful and vulnerable, furthermore stacking pressure on an already overstretched police force.

Please also consider the noise pollution during unsociable hours, which residents in the surrounding area will be forced to endure. This problem is already forced upon us at weekends and extending this would be unacceptable and would have a detrimental impact on our day to day lives!!! The noise act 1996 defines night hours between 11pm and 7am, and states that noise levels above 34db are not permitted, I would suggest that officers from environmental health visit these premises and measure this. I, and my neighbours can hear this noise, specifically the elevated bass, as if it were being played in our own gardens!!!

I feel that these concerns that I have addressed should be carefully considered before making your decision, I am a disabled woman who's life and sleep are being disrupted by this establishment, I plead that you do not further affect this by granting this license.

Yours sincerely

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