

LICENSING ACT 2003

INTERESTED PARTY REPRESENTATION

Please read the notes at the back of this form prior to completing it.

I/We object to the following application:

Application number:	13/00332/LAPRE
Applicant's name:	Blue Rooms
Premises name and address:	Royal York Hotel, 1 York Buildings, George Street, Bath, BA1 2EB
Application for a:	Premises Licence summary review

Objector Details:

Objector's Name:	Ian Perkins
Objector's Address: This is essential because a representation can only be considered relevant if you live, or are representing an address, in the vicinity of the premises.	11 Pierrepont Street Bath BA1 1LA
Organisation name if applicable:	Tara

Objection Details:

My/our representation is relevant to the following licensing objective(s):

Prevention of crime and disorder

Prevention of public nuisance

Protection of children from harm

Public safety

ANNEX 6

Please detail your objection(s) as fully as possible in the box below. If you do not then the Committee may not understand why you have objected.

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary and number all extra pages.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples e.g. *On 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1 am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2 am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.*

I/We have already made a written representation and have no further comments

Founded in 2000, the Abbey Residents Association (TARA) has about three hundred members including a number in the area surrounding these premises, indeed our chairman lives in George Street. TARA seeks to improve conditions for those living in the city centre.

We are writing in support of the Police application.

George Street is a focus for drink fuelled antisocial behaviour. Residents and tourists regularly complain about noise nuisance generated by the trading practices of local late night licence premises, including the Blue Rooms.

Residents are routinely exposed to noise, street urination and defecation as well as acts of vandalism. In addition residents have often observed evidence of public drug taking. George Street is a focus for violent crime and disorder with police statistics appearing to show some 12% of reported violent crime in the city taking place is this one street. Residents regularly witness violence and anti-social behaviour, a good proportion of which goes unreported.

Much of this crime and disorder is directly attributable to the operation of the night time economy. George Street has the greatest density of licence premises in the city centre; a sizable proportion of these have very late night/early morning hours of operation. The Blue Rooms is one of the largest of these.

Residents and visitors regularly report being disturbed by noisy crowds outside the Blue Rooms and many elderly residents report feeling intimidated by the crowds who often obstruct the pavement. Many of those on the pavement and in the basement corridor outside the Blue Rooms give every appearance of being drunk. We have observed people leaving other premises on George Street, which have earlier closing hours, and going into the Blue Rooms to finish their night many of these also show signs of intoxication. No doubt they are in part attracted by the sort of drinks deals advertised on the Blue Room's Facebook site an example of which is:

"Drinks deals threw out the night starting with 99p jäger bombs,"

A large number of families live in and around George Street and are impacted by the operation of licenced premises. Drugs and drug taking have become an increasingly visible feature of the night scene in this area.

Most residents are aware of the reported findings which form the basis of the Police recommendations to the committee and will feel that it is vital that the committee support the Police in tackling what, on the basis of what has been reported, is a centre of crime and

disorder as well as a focus for public nuisance.

I am aware that a full copy of my representation (including my name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will form part of a public document prior to any hearing on this matter.

Signed

Ian Perkins

Date

28.1.2013

Contact telephone number(s)

07905 4951617

(This is essential as we may need to contact you at short notice)

There will be a hearing to determine this application. We will send you details of the time, date and location at least 10 working days before the hearing.

This section of the form must be returned to us a minimum of 5 working days before the hearing. If you wish, you may complete this now. Alternatively, you can keep this page and return it to us once you have received details of the hearing.

Name Ian Perkins

I will be attending the hearing I will not be attending the hearing

ANNEX G

I will be represented at the hearing by _____

I will be calling the following witness(es):

<u>Name and signature of each witness</u>	<u>Details of evidence to be produced by witness</u>

Please delete as appropriate: I consider a hearing to be necessary / unnecessary

Form to be returned to:

Licensing Team
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