



**Kent  
Police**

## APPENDIX C

Chief Officer of Police Representation in relation to an application  
for grant of premises licence made under Part 3 Section 17  
Licensing Act 2003 (S18 Licensing Act 2003)

### Details of person making objection

Name of Chief Officer of Police	Chief Insp Stephen Griffiths
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### Details of premises representation is about

Name of Premises:	Black Rocks
Address of premises:	62-63 High Street Maidstone Kent ME14 1SR
Date application received by police	27/05/2011
Date representation sent to Licensing Authority	07/06/2011

*Must be within 28 days of receipt –  
The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005, Part 4 Reg. 22.*

**The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the grant of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 17 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 18 of that Act, asks the Licensing Authority to consider these representations in respect of: -**

*Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that the representation relates to:*

Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Is this a representation regarding the Designation of Premises Supervisor under S18 (9) Licensing Act 2003? NO**

If yes, complete the following statement: -

The relevant representation within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(9) of that Act and are as follows:

Due to the exceptional circumstances of this case, I am satisfied that the designation of the person concerned as the premises supervisor under the premises licence would undermine the crime prevention objective because ....

The relevant representations within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(7) of that Act and are as follows:

**Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:**

Please see attached sheet

Please use separate sheets where necessary

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the Licensing Sub Committee may take into account:**

*Please use separate sheets where necessary. Consider s106 Licensing Act 2003.*

Please see attached sheet

Signed: Neil Barnes (CC1)

Date: .07.\.06\..2011...

Print name: .PC Neil Barnes .....

Force Number: ...10051...

pp Chief Officer of Police for the Police Area in which the licensed premises are situated

Representation may be made at any time during the 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application to which it relates was given to the authority by the applicant. Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the Licensing Authority. This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.

**Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:**

Kent Police submit this representation as the premises now known as Black Rocks, 62 High Street, Maidstone have submitted a variation, requesting that their hours of operation be extended. A fair generalisation being that the premises which can currently trade until midnight from Sunday to Thursday and until 02:00hrs on Fridays and Saturdays be allowed to trade until midnight from Sunday to Wednesday and until 04:00hrs on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays. We also believe the premises wish to open earlier as well.

The venue is located at the lower end of Maidstone High Street and is situated amongst a number of other licensed premises including clubs, pubs, off licences and restaurants. Although it is fair to say that currently the premises have only a minor effect on the Policing of the town centre, there is fear that should it's hours be extended then more calls may well occur as we can see that other late night premises in the near area\* do have an impact on Policing the town centre.

This is evidenced by the fact that Kent Police have already received 25 disturbance or public order calls to the near area\* this year alone and five of those calls have occurred after 02:00hrs. It should also be noted that the majority of town centre NTE arrests occur between midnight and 03:00hrs. Extending this licence means that it runs a greater risk of adding to those statistics as customer's will consume more alcohol during that extended period.

The premises currently operates as a restaurant but also has a large upstairs function room which they are hoping to become more useful once the hours are extended. Having spoken with the applicant it is our understanding that this upstairs room is to be for pre arranged functions and it is not to become simply another bar for off the street custom.

\*Near area refers to the Postcode, which consists of 59 – 65, High Street.

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the Licensing Committee may take into account.**

In regards to the Embedded Conditions currently attached to the licence.

1) No change.

2) *(To be amended to read.)* The sale of alcohol on the first floor function room will be ancillary to the consumption of food and/or the provision of a pre-arranged entertainment event. (Food in this context will mean at least the provision of a buffet or similar, or a table meal.)

3) *(To be amended to read)* On nights where entertainment is provided, events where customer numbers are 150 or greater, SIA registered door staff will be employed at the premises, with a minimum of 2 door staff and working on a ratio of 1:100.

4) No Change.

5) No change.

6) No change.

7) No change.

8) *(To be amended to read)* The premises will be a member of the Nitenet Radio system and a member of staff will monitor the radio system at all times that the premises are trading for the sale or supply of alcohol.

9) This condition can now be removed as it is included in Mandatory conditions.

10) No change.

11) No change.

12) No change.

The following new conditions are to be added to the licence.

13) No new entry to the premises after 02:00hrs.

14) Only pre-arranged events are to run beyond 01:00hrs.

15) A "Challenge 25" policy will be adopted at the premises.

16) All staff involved in the sale or supply of alcohol will be fully trained in "Challenge 25" and the training will be fully auditable and available to any responsible authority on request.

17) Notices to advise customers that "Challenge 25" is in force will be prominently displayed in the premises, including at the entrance and by the bar.

18) A system will be employed at the premises to record refusals of sale and all staff are to be trained in its use. The following information will be recorded:

- (i) Time of refusal.
- (ii) Item refused.
- (iii) Name or description of the person refused.
- (iv) Reason for refusal.
- (v) Name of staff member making the refusal.

19) No persons under the age of 18 will be permitted into the relevant areas when "adult" entertainment is provided.