

Licensing Act 2003

Representation made in respect of a Grant / Variation / Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE ATTACHED FORM.

You have notified the Licensing Authority that you wish to make a representation concerning an application to Grant / Vary / Review a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate.

The law does not require a representation to be in a standard format however, Pendle Borough Council, as the Licensing Authority, is obliged to decide whether your application is valid within the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

Under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings Regulations) 2005, the Licensing Authority requests that you clarify the grounds upon which you are making representations. This form will assist you in ensuring that you have entered your representations properly and fully.

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. You may use your copy as an aide memoir at a hearing before the Licensing Committee.

The ground(s) for representation must be based on one of the licensing objectives.

Please list any additional information or details to support your application and attach any documentary or other information that you may wish to use. If you have not disclosed this information, you will not be able to introduce it at the hearing unless all the other parties consent.

Please note that by ticking the section below which appears on page 5 of this form -

<p>I understand that the Licensing Authority is obliged to give notice of a hearing to all parties to the hearing and this must include a copy of this representation. (You must tick this box)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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and signing and dating the form, you are agreeing that a copy of your representation can be passed to the applicant and other associated parties.

If you do not want this to happen, you should contact the Licensing Office on 01282 661987 immediately and discuss it with an Officer. However, it should be noted that some or all of your personal details can only be withheld in exceptional and isolated circumstances and this course of action will only be considered where the circumstances justify such action.

Pendle Borough Council
A Licensing Authority for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003

Section 1

I Police Sergeant 541 Stephen DUNDON

(insert name of person making representation whether as an individual or on behalf of a group or authorised to make a representation as a responsible authority)

make representations in respect of a REVIEW * of a;
(delete as appropriate)

Premises Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Club Premises Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>

Premises or Club Premises details:

Name, address and postcode of premises or club premises in respect of which you are making representations.	
Name of Premises	AJ's
Address of Premises	The Butts Barnoldswick Lancashire
Post code (if known)	BB18 5HP

I am;

Please tick as appropriate

a) a person	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) a body representing persons	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) a person involved in a business	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) a body representing persons involved in a business	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) a Responsible Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) An elected Borough Councillor	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2

Please provide your details below -

Details of Responsible Authority

(mark as appropriate)

Title: <i>(please select)</i>	Mr / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss / other:
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Surname		First Name	
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I am 18 years of age or older	<input type="checkbox"/>
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or

Name of the Organisation or Responsible Authority	Lancashire Constabulary
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Address Details:

Full contact address	Licensing Department Burnley Police Station Parker Lane Burnley Lancashire
Postcode	BB11 2BT

Contact name	PS 541 Stephen Dundon
Daytime contact telephone number	01282 472035
E-mail address	stephen.dundon@lancashire.police.uk

Section 3

Details of the licensing objectives which will be undermined by the application; grant / variation / review.

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s):

(tick as appropriate)

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Protection of Children from Harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 4

Information and details of the Representation

Please note that if your representations relate to the Variation of an existing Licence or Certificate, the representations can only relate to the variation of the Licence or Certificate.

Please provide as much information as possible to support your representation. Please note that if you have not disclosed this information, you may not be able to introduce it at the hearing unless all the other parties consent.

AJ's is a bar situated on The Butts, Barnoldswick. The premises is surrounded by small cottage type terraced properties to the South and East and industrial units to the North and West.

In 2020 the police logged one incident connected to the premises – an allegation of assault involving someone unconnected to this review.

No incidents were logged in 2021, four in 2022 and one in 2023, again, all of these unconnected to this review or the current operators. None of these incidents related to any public nuisance type issues.

On 3rd November 2023 the premises licence was transferred to AJ's Bar and Grill Limited and the DPs being Amelia Abrahams.

On 11th August 2025 an application was received to transfer the licence to Lily Pad Bar Limited, a company which Amelia Abrahams is the director. The DPS was transferred to Kirsty Taylor at that time, who was also a director of Lily Pad Bar Limited, but she resigned from the company in Jan 2026.

On 25th November 2025 an application was received to transfer the licence from Lily Pad Bar Limited to Amelia Abrahams and also the DPS to Amelia Abrahams.

In effect Amelia Abrahams has been the DPS for all but 3months since November 2023 and had control of the premises licence since November 2023.

Incidents:

On 27th April 2024 the Police received a complaint from a local resident stating that every Friday and Saturday night there is always a lot of noise from people coming in and out of the premises, many in a drunken state, and they are not respecting the residents who live nearby. The informant stated they had spoken to the owner of the premises about people vomiting and urinating close to where they live and they suspected under 18s were going in and drinking alcohol and not having their ages checked. The informant stated the owner said there isn't much she can do. The informant also stated that multiple people were coming out of the premises at 00:55 with bottled and standing around waiting for taxis and being noisy.

During the rest of 2024 the Police received numerous complaints alleging nuisance and disorderly behaviour associated with the premises:

18/5/2024: 01:22hrs – Informant having ongoing issues with AJ's Bar and came outside to find glasses and bottles all over their walls and bushes and had to move them to prevent cars driving over them.

19/8/2024: 13:02hrs – Call from DPS reporting a customer in the premises who was drinking non-alcoholic beer but saying he was going to blow up Tony Blair and some politicians and build a bomb out of a light bulb. He had been in the premises for a couple of hours and customers were getting angry with him. He left whilst informant on phone to police.

25/8/2024: 05:09hrs – Call to police and no one talking to call taker. Female voice heard asking to leave and a male saying "just give me a cuddle". Male keeps saying "come here" and called female Amelia. Police attended and no one present. Recalled number and DPS stated they were having trouble getting someone to leave the bar but they left in the end.

26/8/2024: 13:11hrs – Call from manager asking for police assistance in getting a regular customer to leave who is causing a nuisance. Caller states he is acting very strange and shouting at staff and not making much sense. Police attended and male ejected.

28/09/2024 : 23:24hrs – Call from resident stating another incident involving those coming out of AJ's. At 23:25hrs a group came out and a girl from the group pointed at the informant house and a male walked over to her bushes and urinated on them. The informant spoke to the male and he told the informant to "chill and call the police" Informant stated they felt intimidated and upset.

09/11/2024: 23:13hrs – Call from resident stating there is a lot of noise coming from the premises regularly.

31/12/2024: 23:19hrs – DPS calls and reports a male in pub possibly overdosed on ketamine. Ambulance called by police and left with them.

27/04/2025: 00:16hrs – Caller reports a very drunk male at AJ's and he is fighting. Male with 7 year old child and caller trying to stop him driving off with child. Patrol attended and male had not driven and vehicle in situ. Male and child walked home and relevant safeguarding referrals made by police.

06/04/2025: 01:29hrs – Informant call police and states when people come out of AJ's they congregate in front of their house and trespass on their property and go near their windows and urinate on the front of the house. It had happened twice that evening and the informant also has issues with loud music and it had been ongoing for a year.

17/08/2025: 01:00hrs – Police receive email of complaint **XXX WONT DOWNLOAD**

06/09/2025: 21:12hrs – Police receive abandoned 999 call. On recall advised that group of males and females causing issues at AJ's. Patrol attend but group had left. Manager stated there had been pushing and shoving between 2 unidentified males and but not known to staff and not believed to be local.

12/02/2026: 02:11hrs – Police called re concern for female at premises who had been having mental health episode. Police attend and staff have been having drinks in bar after hours and female heavily intoxicated through drink and male at scene said she may have had cocaine. Father of female attended scene and care transferred to him.

Visits:

Following the initial reports of nuisance and anti-social behaviour in 2024, on 13th June 2024 a meeting was held between myself, Wajed Iqbal from Pendle BC Licensing, William Lewis, Pendle BC Environmental Health, Amelia Abrahams DPS/PLH, Dominic XXX, Amelias partner and a member of the public who had been affected by the issues.

During the meeting the issues raised were discussed and there appeared to be a positive intention from Amelia to address the concerns and assurances were given by Amelia. I followed this up with an email summarising the discussion and what was agreed. This will be included in the file for the hearing.

On 13th December 2024 as a result of the continued complaints received about the premises, Wajed Iqbal and myself met with Adrian Lonsdale, the business partner of Amelia Abrahams at the premises. During this meeting amongst other more general licensing matters, we discussed the noise emanating from the premises and the fact that it was escaping from the kitchen vents and kitchen door, the main door when the entrance door is opened and people congregating in the smoking area. Adrian stated he would close the vents off and was considering putting in a vestibule around the main door.

Since 1st December 2025 there have been 15 reassurance visits made by police officers who have been engaged on Op Nightsafe the Police nighttime economy patrols. The majority of these visits have been before midnight and no significant issues have been identified during these visits.

On 6th February 2026 I attended the premises in company with Inspector Penson. We spoke to the staff member in charge and carried out a premises licence compliance check. During the visit it was identified that no staff training records were present, no "Check 25" posters were on display, (apparently removed due to recent decorating), no refusals book was present either. I advised of the availability of free Check 25 and vulnerability awareness training that is available from Lancashire County Council Trading Standards and advised her to speak to Amelia to ensure these issues were rectified as a priority.

On 21st February 2026 PC Dawe carried out a reassurance visit at the premises at 19:20hrs. She recorded that there were approximately 20 people in the premises and all were good natured. The CCTV was in working order and there were posters visible all around advising people to leave the premises quietly so as not to disturb residents, especially after 9pm.

Conclusion:

The Police believe that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance are being undermined at this premises. Complaints of this nature significantly increased in late 2024 when the current operator took control of the premises and despite meetings to discuss the issues and a plan to address them, incidents are still being reported.

In addition the most recent licensing compliance visit on 6th February 2026 identified non compliance with several conditions of the premises licence, The police believe this demonstrates a lack of effective management control and oversight. The training of staff around the licensing objectives and the conditions of the premises licence, are of vital importance. This enables staff to understand how they play a critical role in ensuring the premises operates in a responsible manner and issues are minimised. The fact that the training records were not available for inspection as required by Annex 2 Conditions 10, 14 and 15 does not give the Police confidence that the training has been carried out and

recorded in accordance with the premises licence requirements.

The police believe that the licensing committee should consider imposing more robust conditions on the premises licence to ensure the roles and responsibilities are clear. They may also consider setting permitted noise limits in agreement with the environmental health team, the installation of a noise limiter in the premises so that amplified sound does not exceed an acceptable level. They may also consider imposing a requirement for other physical changes to the premises, such as blocking the kitchen vents, changing the kitchen door to one that does not leak sound, and restricting the use of the front door after and agreed time to reduce issues.

The committee may also consider a suspension of the licence for up to 3 months in order for the management to implement any changes necessary to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld.

Section 5

Have you made any representations in respect of these premises before? <i>(Delete as appropriate)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, date that you made representations		

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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 OR REPRESENTATION.

Section 6

Signatures

Signature of person making representation or a solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on behalf of a body representing a person living or carrying on a business in the vicinity of the premises or on behalf of a responsible authority, please ensure that have the right to sign a representation on their behalf and state the capacity in which you are signing.

Signature	Stephen Dundon
Date	16/03/2026

Capacity	Police Sergeant - Licensing
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Once fully completed please return via the following methods:

POST	Licensing Section, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 7LG
EMAIL	licensing@pendle.gov.uk

Please ensure this form is received **before** the last date of representations
(This can be found on the Public Notice or contact Licensing on 01282-661987)