

# CANTEEN & COCKTAILS

Barry Faulkner  
8 Fulthorpe Road  
Norton  
TS20 1ED

Date: 03.01.16

To Who It May Concern;

I am writing to object to the application for a variation of the license with regards to The Highland Laddie, 59 High Street, Norton, Stockton on Tees, TS20 1AQ.

I would like to object on the grounds that there are already three establishments that have a late license in Norton including my own premise Canteen and Cocktails, head of Steam and The Tapas bar, I believe that this another late license would create oversaturation at that time. I know from my own experience that at Canteen and Cocktails we do have to refuse entry to a lot of custom that venture our way once The Highland Laddie has called last orders many customers being too inebriated.

The property is also very close to elderly residents and this may cause disruption with regards to noise pollution.

Finally I would like to refer to the picture attached, which shows that this establishment already has issues with their cliental when looking to police crime and disorder and public nuisance. As you can also see from the photo that the license application isn't printed on light blue paper as specified in the terms and conditions when putting in a planning or licensing application.

Yours truly,



Barry Faulkner

Owner Canteen and Cocktails Norton

**LEGISLATIVE ACT 2003**

**Notice of Appointment to This A Prisoners Licence  
TO ALL BROTHERS THAT CONCERN**

Under section 20A of the Prisons Act 1985, the Secretary of State has the pleasure to appoint you to this A Prisoners Licence under section 20A of the Prisons Act 1985, to take effect from 1st January 2003.

The conditions of this licence are as follows:

1. To attend the prison for the purpose of the licence on the date of the licence and to remain in the prison for the purpose of the licence.
2. To attend the prison for the purpose of the licence on the date of the licence and to remain in the prison for the purpose of the licence.
3. To attend the prison for the purpose of the licence on the date of the licence and to remain in the prison for the purpose of the licence.

There are no other conditions of this licence.

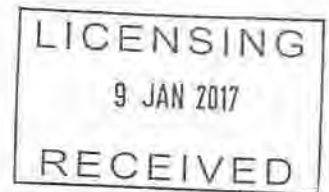
The principal purpose of the licence is to enable you to attend the prison for the purpose of the licence and to remain in the prison for the purpose of the licence.

Should you wish to make any representations regarding this licence, you should do so in writing to the Secretary of State, Prisons, Department for Justice, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA, by 1st January 2003.

If you are unable to attend or wish to make any representations regarding this licence, you should do so in writing to the Secretary of State, Prisons, Department for Justice, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA, by 1st January 2003.

Yours faithfully,  
Secretary of State

John Robinson  
5 Keighley Avenue  
Marton Manor  
TS7 8SS



To whom it may concern,

I have recently seen that the Highland Laddie in Norton has requested a variation to its license. I would like to strongly object to this.

I am a frequent visitor to Norton High Street as I feel it has a safer and more relaxed atmosphere than other High Streets.

Should The Highland Laddie be granted an extension to its opening hours I fear that it would attract a more troublesome crowd. With an increase in antisocial behaviour an added strain to the emergency services will be the only outcome. Do we have enough public money in the coffers to support this? I very much doubt it.

I myself will be put off from coming to the village again as it would change the atmosphere of the village from a relaxed and casual evening to something reflecting that of the "strip" in Magaluf .

I feel that the late refreshment licence is already catered for within the village. With Canteen and Cocktails, Head of Steam and The Tapas Bar all offering late night refreshments within a safe environment.

May I also add that the village is a residential area, and I doubt very much that the residence of the village would be woken up in the early hours from revellers spilling out of the Highland Laddie. We mustn't forget that The Highland Laddie is closely situated to elderly residential care homes. I doubt very much that the residents will feel safe at night with all the increase in noise pollution and anti social behaviour.

Many thanks

John Robinson.

Lucy Baker  
14 Cheviot Crescent  
Billingham  
Stockton- on-tees  
TS23 2PS



5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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Having lived in Norton for my first 23 years, and worked in a licensed premises here since then, Norton is a great place, and I don't wish for drunken and disorderly crime to increase. It seems when the Laddie let out at 12am, most of the drunkenness comes from here, they don't seem to stop serving drunk people, and where I work at Canteen & Cocktails seems to take the brunt, having to turn back many people who should not have been served in the Laddie, who then go on to cause trouble in the street.

I would like to object to their application for a later license, as the property is very close by to a home to the elderly, the alms houses, which would increase the already high level of public nuisance caused by this pub. With there already being a number of later licensed properties in Norton, there is already a lot of inebriated behavior when the Highland Laddie closes at 12am. Increasing their license to 1am would certainly cause more Crime and disorder in this area, with their cheap drinks prices, they do attract binge drinkers.

Yours Sincerely

Lucy Baker

## Representation On A Current Application For A Grant/Variation Of A Premises Licence Or Club Premises Certificate Under The Licensing Act 2003

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### Section 1 – Licence Application Details

Premises Name and Address	
Please indicate as appropriate:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to object to the application	
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to support the application	

### Section 2 – Your Personal Details

If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3	
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Councillor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please state)
Surname	
First Name(s)	
Address (including Postcode)	
E-mail Address	
Telephone Number	

### Section 3 – Representative Details

If you represent residents or businesses in the vicinity please complete details below:	
Name of Representative or Organisation	
Address (including Postcode)	

Please indicate capacity:

- Representative of Residents Association
- Ward Councillor
- Parish Council
- MP
- Trade Association
- Other (please specify)

Please supply details of those you represent e.g. residents of The Avenue, TS21 8BP  
(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Section 4 – Representation Grounds**

<p><b>The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Please tick relevant box(es)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Crime and Disorder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Public Nuisance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Children from Harm</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety</li> </ul>
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Please Select:

- I object to the application being granted at all
- I object to the application being granted in its current form\*

\*If you choose this option remember to tell us what changes you would prefer to see.

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Signed:	Dated:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to object to the application <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to support the application	

#### Section 2 – Your Personal Details

If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3	
Title	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Councillor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please state)
Surname	IRVING
First Name(s)	JOHN
Address (including Postcode)	4 Thorpe Mews High Street Norham TS20 1DR
E-mail Address	irving.john.vincent@gmail.com
Telephone Number	01642 535690

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Name of Representative or Organisation	
Address (including Postcode)	



Please indicate capacity:

- Representative of Residents Association
- Ward Councillor
- Parish Council
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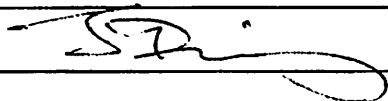
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These premises have not been open long and were granted a licence with specific hours. I see no reason to extend them. Residents should not have to suffer early morning noise & unrest. Why other premises have been given permissions I simply cannot understand. It is probably that applications to extend are now

well and widely advertised.  
I have found it difficult to  
and this form to make the  
application and only found the  
application had been made  
because a neighbour found it  
and informed me.

Please think of residents and the  
poor folk being asked to work  
ridiculous hours.

Signed:



Dated:

17 / 1 / 17

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Premises Name and Address	THE HIGHLAND LADDIE NORTON HIGH ST
Please indicate as appropriate:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to object to the application	
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to support the application	

#### Section 2 – Your Personal Details

If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3	
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Councillor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please state)
Surname	READING
First Name(s)	NICOLA
Address (including Postcode)	32A HIGH ST NORTON TS20 1DN
E-mail Address	nreading@hotmail.com
Telephone Number	07740 785017

#### Section 3 – Representative Details

If you represent residents or businesses in the vicinity please complete details below:	
Name of Representative or Organisation	
Address (including Postcode)	

Please indicate capacity:

- Representative of Residents Association
- Ward Councillor
- Parish Council
- MP
- Trade Association
- Other (please specify)

Please supply details of those you represent e.g. residents of The Avenue, TS21 8BP  
(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

#### Section 4 – Representation Grounds

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Please tick relevant box(es)

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Please Select:

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I have a number of reasons for this objection mainly as we live within 20 yds of the prem.

- 1) Noise pollution
- 2) Delivered at 6am in the morning, barrels being unloaded every day except Sunday.
- 3) Smoking area outside causes noise everyday.
- 4) Anti Social behaviour during late hours.

- 5) Noise and dangerous parking from taxis until very late hours.
- 6) Public urination in our driveway.
- 7) Sexual acts in our driveway.
- 8) Very short window where we get any peace with long opening hours now from 6am-2am.
- 9) Encouraging all pubs to extend their hours.
- 10) We live in a residential village and not a town or city + thats how it should stay.
- 11) Opening times should go back to original 12pm.

Signed:

Dated:

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## Licensing Admin (ES)

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**From:** Maloney, Leanne  
**Sent:** 17 January 2017 15:54  
**To:** Licensing Admin (ES)  
**Subject:** FW: The Highland Laddie

This email was classified as : OFFICIAL

Leanne Maloney  
Licensing Officer

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council  
Licensing Team  
Municipal Buildings  
Room 64  
Stockton-On-Tees  
TS18 1TX  
Tel: (01642) 528332  
Duty Officer Tel: (01642) 524802  
Email [leanne.maloney@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:leanne.maloney@stockton.gov.uk)  
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**From:** Nicola Reading [<mailto:nlreading@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 17 January 2017 15:51  
**To:** Maloney, Leanne  
**Subject:** The Highland Laddie

Dear Leanne

one more objection.

I feel very sorry for the staff of these establishments who are required to work excessively long and anti social hours at low pay, often working late and then having to start really early in the morning.

Kind regards

Nicola Reading



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Premises Name and Address	Highland Laddie 53 High Street
Please indicate as appropriate:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I wish to object to the application
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to support the application

#### Section 2 – Your Personal Details

If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3	
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Councillor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please state)
Surname	Sauvary
First Name(s)	Jean Ann
Address (including Postcode)	32 High Street Norton
E-mail Address	jeansauvary@gmail.com
Telephone Number	01642 557766 07767 300369

#### Section 3 – Representative Details

If you represent residents or businesses in the vicinity please complete details below:	
Name of Representative or Organisation	Committee member Norton Village Association and other residents
Address (including Postcode)	C/ o Chairman Frank Thomas, 115 High Street Norton

Please indicate capacity:

- Representative of Residents Association
- Ward Councillor
- Parish Council
- MP
- Trade Association
- Other (please specify) Resident

Please supply details of those you represent e.g. residents of The Avenue, TS21 8BP (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Residents of 22- 42 High st Norton.. Some have made representation separately I will confirm their names /signatures if so required

### Section 4 – Representation Grounds

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Highland Lad Grounds of representation

Environmental Implications:

The Licensing Act 2003 requires the licensing authority to have regard to:

- Public safety; and
- The prevention of public nuisance

Any conditions imposed should reduce the potential for environmental harm.

Community Safety Implications:

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- The prevention of crime and disorder

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The existing licensing hours at the Highland Lad (midnight closing at weekends) has proven to be a public nuisance and in particular to us as residents of the dwellings opposite the Highland Lad (No's 22- no 44 High Street).

Most weekends there is a disturbance from their customers: raised voices in the beer Garden outside of the pub and worse at busy closing times as they all seem to want to shout (and shout goodnight to the security guard standing outside). The taxis gather and circle but some customers do not disperse but cross to Noons's and Express Pizzeria (No 30) to stand outside with their take aways and await their taxis. These take-aways used to be closed and away by 11:30 to midnight at the very latest. Whilst we were happy to support the Highland Lad application in the first instance, it is proving to be a nuisance of unreasonable proportions. The instances of disturbance are numerous. The latest disturbance personally I recall was Friday 8th Jan, (we had tended to be more forgiving of the busy Christmas period). 2 members of my household sometimes work on a Saturday and Sunday and whilst there is some consideration to midnight opening they were awakened by the noise outside. There is little point in attempt to sleep before midnight as the noise levels and disturbances from voices and car doors slamming is proving frequent impossible. (we do have secondary windows) As the particular hotspot outside of our homes is monitored by CCTV, both NVA cameras and the police, a simple rerun of the footage from 11pm to 12:30pm will give you an idea of the level of the existing nuisance.

It is therefore with regret that the previous members and residents who supported the Highland Lad original licensing hours wished they had not, and so with this experience we whole heartedly ask you to reject any request beyond midnight.

We are proud of our village and are lucky to have lived among the mix of retail & businesses which have been here for many years. We wish that to continue. However we do not want the type of late night culture that is destroying some of our towns and must not be allowed to permeate into our village. This in turn will spoil the very attraction that people come to Norton for. It may be suitable for town centres like Stockton and Kildesborough where there are perhaps few or no residents to disturb, where they have good surveillance, a Police Station at hand and perhaps the stomach for coping with late night drunken behaviour.

We do not want that for Norton

Whilst the 2005 Act of parliament gave the go ahead for 24 hour drinking, it is noted that many local authorities have subsequently turned down applications for late night drinking on their own doorstep

(ref Westminster council Red Lion, Parliament Street was turned down when they applied for an extension from 11pm to 1pm and closing time remains at 11pm to present. Tower Hamlets The Approach Tavern, in a residential area -must clear the forecourt by 11pm) So if inner city and city suburbs reject late night drinking culture then so can we in our Village and Conservation area!

Background:

We appreciate the amenity that The High land Lad and the other bars

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As a meeting of the Norton Village Association in September 2016 the question of the existing licensing hours of the Village pubs and new bars had caught our attention. "We did not appear to have been consulted on the opening of some new bars and the extended licences of existing bars, and the knock-on-effect of the surrounding take-aways who requesting late licences too. However (to name the two we know of) Carsten and Cocktails since applied for and was granted an extension to 1am, and similarly the Red Lion. This created a precedent on the surrounding bars in Hartland Place and also the hot-food take-aways, whose owners fell upstaged and followed suit. The staff of some of these establishments are as D-pleased as the residents are. These longer hours are imposed on them (1:30am finish and not able to get a taxi home until well after 2 in the morning). I would suggest the planners and the licensing officers should consider the implication for the quality of the home life on these staff – already on zero hour contract / minimum wages etc. Many have said that midnight was bad enough, but they have no choice and they cannot obviously oppose a licence application at their own workplace, against their own employer!

\*\* Sadly these late hours were first brought to our attention last year, by the unprovoked and tragic death of a young man, Shane Turvey who was badly beaten long with his friend in the High Street at 12:30am in the morning. It not only brought heartbreak and stress to his family and friends but great shame to our village. The first question I asked was why on earth were they getting out of a taxi in Norton High St at 12:30am to go to a cash point before going home? The consequent court details revealed that they were calling in on the way home to go and get a take-away and that were followed and apprehended in Hartland Place. The press reported it as murdered for want of a take-away!

Councillor Steve Nelson is a regular guest at our Norton committee meeting and at the September meeting he volunteered to invite an officer from licensing to attend one of our meeting where we can raise our heartfelt concerns. This meeting has not happened yet, but what



I will forward the above transcript as an attachment to accompany this form

Signed: Jean A Sauvary

Dated: 17th Jan 2017

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We appreciate the amenity that The High land Lad and the other bars have brought to the village and no doubt the bar owners are pleased with the economic boost that new customers are bringing .

At a meeting of the Norton Village Association in September 2016 the question of the existing licencing hours of the Village pubs and new bars had caught our attention. \*\* We did not appear to have been consulted on the opening of some new bars and the extended licences of existing bars, and the knock-on-effect of the surrounding take-aways who requesting late licences too. However (to name the two we know of) Canteen and Cocktails since applied for and was granted an extension to 1am, and similarly the Red Lion. This created a precedent on the surrounding bars in Harland Place and also the hot-food take-aways, whose owners felt upstaged and followed suit. The staff of some of these establishments are as ill-pleased as the residents are. These longer hours are imposed on them (1:30am finish and not able to get a taxi home until well after 2 in the morning) . I would suggest the planners and the licencing officers should consider the implication for the quality of the home life on these staff – already on zero hour contract / minimum wages etc. Many have said that midnight was bad enough, but they have no choice and they cannot obviously oppose a licence application at their own workplace, against their own employer!

\*\* Sadly these late hours were first brought to our attention last year, by the unprecedented and tragic death of a young man, Shane Tunney who was badly beaten long with his friend in the High Street at 12:30am in the morning. It not only brought heartbreak and stress to his family and friends but great shame to our village. The first question I asked was why on earth were they getting out of a taxi in Norton High St at 12:35am to go to a cash point before going home? The consequent court details revealed that they were calling in on the way home to go and get a takeaway and that were followed and apprehended in Harland Place. The press reported is as murdered for want of a take- away"

Councillor Steve Nelson is a regular guest as our Norton committee meeting and at the September meeting he volunteered to invite an officer from licencing to attend one of our meeting where we can raise our heartfelt concerns. This meeting has not happened yet, but what intend to raise is the question of consultation and more importantly to refuse **any** further late night licences beyond midnight and indeed encourage and support the revocation of any licences beyond midnight, throughout Norton Village, (where late licences exist) wherever possible.

Jean Sauvary 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017<sup>h</sup>