

**Middlesbrough Council**  
**The Licensing Act 2003 - Responsible Authority (RA) Representation**

**On behalf of Middlesbrough Council Licensing**

**Name of RA Representative: Jason Arbuckle, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Public Protection Service, Licensing**

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**Licence holder details**

Name and Address of Premises  
The Middlesbrough Empire  
2 Corporation Road  
Middlesbrough  
TS1 2RT

Name of licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

Premise's Licence Holder-The Middlesbrough Empire 2008 Limited

DPS- Ashely Wern

Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known) - MBRO/PR0139/019085

**Representation**

It is my opinion that the application fails to adequately satisfy the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm

Grounds for representation (including details of any previous representations)

I make this representation as the Responsible Authority for Middlesbrough Council Licensing Service in support of the application for a Summary Review of the Premises Licence submitted by Cleveland Police on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 in respect of The Middlesbrough Empire, Middlesbrough, TS1 2RT

This representation is made in relation to all four Licensing Objectives.

These premises are situated in Middlesbrough Town Centre which has a high density of licensed premises and already suffers from high levels of alcohol related crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Middlesbrough Council Licensing Unit have serious concerns in relation to the operation and management of these premises. We have concerns regarding the incidents of violence that occurring in and around the premise some involving members of door staff which places others at serious risk of harm.


The incident on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024 which prompted Cleveland Police to instigate a summary review of the premises licence is of great concern as it shows excessive violence and a clear lack of control and restraint from the Door Supervisor in question. CCTV evidence also shows a complete lack of aftercare given to the victim by both Door Supervisors and management of the premise.

These premises were previously subject to a Review hearing in September 2022 following concerns in relation to violence and the admission and sale of alcohol to persons under 18.

Since the Review of the premises License in 2022, Middlesbrough Council have received further reports from a number of sources which suggest that children are still attending the premise.

Middlesbrough Council are also concerned about the continued poor management of the premises. and the management of staff at the Premise.

Further information in support of this representation will be presented in due course.

Signed   
Jason Arbuckle  
Licensing Enforcement Officer (Licensing)

APRIL  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

