

**Public Protection Service**

Motor Fuel Limited
Middlesbrough Service Station
Berwick Hills Centre,
Ormesby Road
Middlesbrough
TS3 7RP

Dated: 21.03.24

Dear Sir, Madam

LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises: Middlesbrough Service Station, Berwick Hills Centre, Ormesby Road,
Middlesbrough. TS3 7RP

With reference to your application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, and as a designated 'Responsible Authority' acting on behalf of Public Health, I wish to advise you that it is my intention to make a representation against your application. My reasons for making the representation are attached.

A Licensing Officer will contact you in due course regarding the arrangements for a hearing of your application before the Licensing Sub-Committee, as applicable.

If you would like to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fiona Helyer".

Fiona Helyer
Public Health Officer
Alcohol Control

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

Name of RA Representative: Fiona Helyer

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Licence holder details

Name and Address of Premises

Address: Middlesbrough Service Station, Berwick Hills Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough.
TS3 7RP

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

Motor Fuel Limited

Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known)

Representation

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

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

Grounds for representation (including details of any previous representations)

As the representative of the Responsible Authority for Public Health, I make this representation against this Premises Licence application on the grounds of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm.

There are several concerns regarding the current application that has been made to Middlesbrough Council's Licensing Authority. The area in which these premises are situated suffers from several issues including alcohol related crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and there are high numbers of wholly attributable alcohol related hospital admissions to James Cook Hospital.

The application made is for the grant of a new off premises licence for the supply of alcohol from 0600 – 2300 and for late night refreshment between 11pm – 5am seven days a week. The

application is made by Motor Fuel Limited who are the proposed premises licence holder. The proposed and nominated persons for the position of the Designated Premises Supervisor is a person named Mr Paul Jones.

In Middlesbrough there are high levels of alcohol related crime and disorder and wholly attributable hospital admissions recorded. This, together with the high density of licensed premises has evidenced the need for two Cumulative Impact Policies.

Middlesbrough Council are currently in the process of refreshing their Statement of Licensing Policy that will include the application for two Cumulative Impact Policies (CIP). CIP 1, if approved will cover on licensed premises in a designated area of Middlesbrough Town Centre. CIP 2, if approved will cover off licence premises across 8 ward areas including Berwick Hills & Pallister, Park End & Beckfields, Thorntree & Brambles Farm, Central, Newport, North Ormesby, Park and Longlands and Beechwood.

These premises are situated in the Berwick Hills and Pallister ward and will sit within the CIP 2 policy area for off licensed premises if approved.

These premises are situated in close proximity to a number of other well established licensed premises, including the onsite Morrisons store and premises that can be located at the parade of shops, Norfolk Place, where there has been a number of issues reported. There is a housing estate close by that is made up of residential housing and schools. This raises a number of concerns relating to public nuisance and for children walking to and from school. There are also concerns around the increase in the levels of people drinking at home that was brought about as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, with residues of increased cases of alcohol dependency remaining, impacting on individuals, families and children.

On receipt of this application data was requested from several sources including the Council's Community Safety Team and The South Tees Trusts Alcohol Care Team with the following results:

Between 1 March 23 – 29 Feb 24 there had been a total of 379 occurrences reported to Cleveland police in relation to incidents occurring within the above area. The area encompassed Norfolk shops, Park Parade, Neptune Centre, and Morrisons site which are situated in the Berwick Hills & Pallister wards in Middlesbrough. Out of 379 reports; 288 were crimes, and 91 were incidents of Antisocial Behaviour, some of which were alcohol related.

Key offences included Shoplifting, ASB Nuisance, Public Order Offences, Criminal Damage and other theft. Crimes reported during this period included drug trafficking or possession of such, alcohol, crimes where a weapon was involved, domestic violence and acquisitive crimes including theft, burglary, shoplifting and robbery. Several of these crimes were committed at licensed premises.

Such crime occurred within the vicinity of where these premises are situated, across peak operating times of business. Between the hours of 14:00-20:00, 237 reports were received during the period accounting for 62.5% of all recorded incidents by Cleveland Police.

Within the same period, 27 offences occurred at the named Service Store (Petrol Filling Station) that included theft offences, burglary, criminal damage, public order, shoplifting, and violence without injury.

Within the same period there were 109 offences reported to have occurred at the adjoining Morrisons store. Offences included shoplifting and theft of alcohol products.

These premises are situated in Berwick Hills & Pallister ward that ranked fourth for volume of crime, and second for Antisocial behaviour incidents out of all 20 wards in Middlesbrough throughout the same period

The Alcohol Care Team that sit within the Accident and Emergency department at James Cook Hospital, assess those patients accessing the hospital with drug and/or alcohol issues. They engage, support, and make referrals into community services where needed.

Between October 2023 and January 2024, the Alcohol Care team assessed over 300 patients in total from the Middlesbrough area and diagnosed the following:

- Alcohol intoxication (disorder)
- Alcohol dependence (disorder)
- Drug-induced seizure (finding)
- Alcohol withdrawal(disorder)
- Alcohol withdrawal – induced convulsion (disorder)
- Illicit drug use (finding)
- Hypnotic or anxiolytic dependence (disorder)
- Opioid dependence (disorder)

The Chief Medical complaint being identified as alcohol withdrawal, alcohol intoxication delirium and injury following alcohol use.

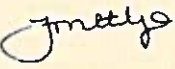
The following table shows the top five postcode areas across the South Tees (Middlesbrough & Redcar) for alcohol related attendances to JCUH where the patient has suffered injury. Four out of the top five postcode areas are Middlesbrough postcodes, Berwick Hills sits within the TS3 postcode area.

Postcode	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Grand Total
TS3	11	13	8	6	11	14	12	10	10	8	8	14	129
TS10	6	6	9	12	5	9	7	11	7	11	9	10	107
TS6	9	6	6	4	7	9	10	7	5	5	6	8	82
TS5	3	10	3	7	8	8	4	2	4	4	3	7	65
TS1	5	4	5	8	2	2	5	3	9	2	5	4	54
Grand total	34	38	29	37	33	42	38	34	35	39	39	115	1036

In 2023, Middlesbrough Council extended the amount of integrated alcohol treatment and substance misuse recovery services/centres from 1 – 4. These services currently have 1238 people in treatment. They provide specialist treatment and aftercare for those suffering with alcohol dependency whilst focusing on the hidden harms often associated with alcohol consumption including domestic abuse and homelessness. One of the treatment sites is situated within this ward and is in close proximity to where these premises are situated.

It is our opinion that the granting of this licence would further undermine the Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm licensing objectives and will exacerbate the problems already experienced.

Further evidence will be submitted prior to any future licensing sub-committee hearing.

Signed: 

Dated 21.03.24

