

Appendix A

Application to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor at the Dockside Inn 27 South Road Weston Point Runcorn

Police Objection

1. From records of previous visits to this venue on 9/2/08 and 21/12/08, it is clear that they are frequently and knowingly trading beyond the hours permitted in their Premises Licence. This is happening whilst the applicant is present and clearly with her knowledge and consent.
2. The previous DPS has left the venue in October 2008 and the applicant has been purporting to be the DPS during subsequent Police visits. Having completed the NCL PLH course in September 2008 she must clearly be aware of the need to lawfully change the DPS on the Premises Licence. This has not been done and the venue has been trading during this time in breach of the mandatory condition that requires a DPS. This issue has recently been brought to police attention and resulted in a Section 19 Closure Order being issued on the 9/1/2009. It was only when such actions were taken that finally precipitated this application.
3. During a routine police check at 2.30am on the 21st December 2008, the applicant stated to a uniform sergeant that the premises were open late because 'they had an extension'. Further questioning revealed this to be a lie. This is not the level of behaviour expected from someone in charge of licensed premises.
4. During the same visit, the applicant was found to be so drunk that it was difficult to deal with her. This, again, is another example of unacceptable behaviour on the part of a DPS.
5. It is clear that the applicant is little more than a figurehead in the running of these premises. The venue is clearly under the vicarious control of Vincent Adamson, who is believed to be the leaseholder and is unable or unwilling to become the DPS. Adamson himself represents an unacceptable person to control licensed premises (R v. Cooper)

Should this Variation Application be granted I believe that it will seriously undermine the Crime and Disorder objective of the Licensing Act 2003.