



Licensing Act 2003 - Representation by a Responsible Authority

All premises licence applications (that receive valid representations) will be considered by a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing (consisting of 3 Councillors).

Representations may be made at any time during a period of 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the premises licence application was submitted to the Licensing Authority.

Please be aware that this completed form may be viewed by the premises licence applicant or by a representative of the applicant. In addition, the details (and suitably redacted copies) of all representations will be included in a Report that will be prepared by Officers from the Council's Licensing Section. These Reports are public documents and the Council is required to publish them. Copies of the Report and accompanying documentation (including the details of all parties to the review application) will be placed on the Council's website.

Representations are only relevant to an application if they relate to at least one of the four Licensing Objectives listed below:

- 1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- 4. The Protection of Children from Harm**

Please enter your details below:

Responsible Authority:	East Lindsey District Council
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Please provide details of the application to which your representation refers:

Name:	Existing request for review – Chattertons Solicitors
Address:	1 Grand Parade Skegness
Application Details:	LA Cafe

Please provide details of your representation in the box below. Indicate which of the Licensing Objectives your representation refers to by ticking the relevant box(es):

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

Representation:

We are in receipt of a notification from Chatterton Solicitors in respect of the above which has triggered a review of the premises license for the above.

This review related to a perceived structural stability issue relating to the premises subject to the license which lies directly above Chattertons clients' premises.

We are aware that the current operator of the premises had previously commissioned an inspection of the balcony in August 2023.

The owners of the premises below have commissioned their own report in September 2023.

It appears that the balcony has not been placed under the proposed level of structural stress for a considerable length of time. There have been at least 2 verified instances of significant water ingress through the structure one during the last year.

After reading both reports presented by both parties, neither report fully addresses the concerns relating to the structural integrity of the balcony area of the LA café should it be used in the manner in which it is proposed.

As neither report carried intrusive structural surveys and could not accurately verify the load-bearing capacity to determine the integrity of this structure this raises concern that this structure could fail and therefore place the public at risk, both in terms of those on and those below the structure.

If possible, please suggest alterations to the application/license that would resolve the problem mentioned above, again paying attention to the **Licensing Objectives**:

1. Undertake to not use or open the balcony area to the general public until such time as:-
 - a) A full intrusive structural survey has been carried out of the balcony and associated newly fitted balustrade which conclusively determines the safe load bearing capacity of the structure, in terms of the maximum number of people that can use the area at any one time.
 - b) That this survey has been submitted in full to the Environmental Health team.
 - c) That the Environmental Health Department have been able to independently verify any report submitted or have employed an expert to do so on their behalf.
 - d) That this verification has deemed that the balcony is safe to use or that suitable works have been carried out in compliance with any recommendations contained within the report to render it safe to use for this purpose.