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Dear Mr Sammut

Application No.	1-8821917520 – Hotel removal 1-8820556940 – Minors' area authorisation 1-8829897958 – Gaming machine threshold increase 1-8997746996 – Gaming machine entitlement transfer
Applicant	DAVID JOHN GOLDTHORPE
Application for	Hotel removal with minors' area authorisation, gaming machine threshold increase and gaming machine entitlement transfer
Application date	8 September 2023
Decision date	20 March 2024
Licence name	Town Tavern
Current trading hours	On-premises consumption and take-away sales Monday to Saturday 05:00 AM – 12:00 midnight Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Proposed trading hours	On-premises consumption Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 midnight Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM Take-away sales Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Current premises	Shops 10-12 David Lane Blacktown NSW 2148
Proposed premises	34-48 Flushcombe Road Blacktown NSW 2148
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 14, 15, 40, 44, 45, 48, and 121 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> Sections 3, 19, 34, 37B, and 40 of the <i>Gaming Machines Act 2001</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority
Application for a hotel removal with minors' area authorisation, gaming machine threshold increase and gaming machine entitlement transfer – Town Tavern

We **approve** the application above under section 59 of the *Liquor Act 2007* and section 34 of the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* — with the conditions set out in Schedule 1. The 6-hour closure period overrides any condition of the licence.

Statement of reasons

Overall, we are satisfied that the social impact of approving the application will not increase harm to the local or broader community, while also promoting a balanced and responsible development of the industry.

Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is Blacktown. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Blacktown.

The application proposed to remove a hotel licence within the same suburb, with a minors area authorisation, an increase in the gaming machine threshold of the proposed premises and to transfer gaming machine entitlements from the current premises to the proposed premises.

Negative social impacts

We accept that the proposal could contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities because of the:

- proposed premises being located in a Band 3 (high risk) area
- high rates of alcohol-related crime across all areas we considered within the Blacktown suburb compared to the Blacktown LGA and NSW
- proposed premises close proximity to high density hotspots for domestic and non-domestic violence and malicious damage to property
- community in Blacktown showing a below average level of relative socio-economic advantage compared to the rest of NSW according to SEIFA data.

However, we considered that these concerns should be balanced with the:

- reduced hours proposed (less than existing premises)
- removal within the same suburb resulting in no increase in outlet density
- absence of post-midnight gaming
- harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1.

The material we considered

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material — including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- a community impact statement (CIS)
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- a liquor plan of management and gaming plan of management for the licensed business
- a development consent for the premises
- statistics from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics on the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates and health issues in the local and broader communities
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered [Guideline 6](#) to assess the likely social impact to the local and broader community.

This decision will be published on the [Liquor & Gaming NSW website](#) in accordance with section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

If you have any questions

Please contact the case manager, Wendy Yeung, at wendy.yeung.wye.kong@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Caroline Lamb'.

Caroline Lamb

Chairperson

For and on behalf of the **Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

Schedule 1
Licence conditions to be imposed
Town Tavern

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	6-hour closure	Section 11A of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of six (6) hours between 04:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.
2.	Restricted trading & NYE	Consumption on premises Good Friday 12:00 noon – 10:00 PM Christmas Day 12:00 noon – 10:00 PM (liquor can only be served with or ancillary to a meal in a dining area) December 31 st Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later Note: Trading is also allowed after midnight into the early morning of Good Friday and Christmas Day if authorised by an extended trading authorisation. Trading must cease at the time specified under the authorisation. The latest time that can be specified is 5:00 AM. Take away sales Good Friday: Not permitted December 24th: Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on Sunday Christmas Day: Not permitted December 31st: Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on Sunday
3.	Minors' Area	Minors Area Authorisation: whole of the licensed premises excluding the gaming area as marked on the premises plan dated 20 March 2024 .
4.	Social impact	The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of social impact on the well-being of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the Community Impact Statement, application and other information submitted in the process of removing this licence to the premises at 34-48 FLUSHCOMBE RD, BLACKTOWN NSW 2148 .
5.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated March 2023 (Ref: 201495.6P) as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
6.	Liquor Accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
7.	CCTV	1) The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements: (a) the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close (or, in the case of a premises that is not required to cease trading, continuously at all times),

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, (c) any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, (d) the system's cameras must cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all entry and exit points on the premises, (ii) the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises, and (iii) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises. <p>2) The licensee must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, (b) ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and (c) provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.
8.	Crime scene preservation	<p>Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises or a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving an act of violence causing injury to a person on the premises, the person in charge of the licensed premises and/or staff member must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred, 2) retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the crime scene preservation guidelines issued by NSW Police, as published from time to time on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website, 3) make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and 4) comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred. <p>In this condition, 'staff member' means any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, the licensee of the premises, and includes any person who is employed to carry on security activities (eg. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.</p>
9.	Incident register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The licensee must maintain a register, in which the licensee is to record the details of any of the following incidents and any action taken in response to any such incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the premises, (b) any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises, (c) any incident that results in a person being turned out of the premises under section 77 of the Liquor Act 2007,

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		<p>(d) any incident that results in a patron of the premises requiring medical assistance.</p> <p>2) The licensee must, if requested to do so by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector:</p> <p>(a) make any such incident register immediately available for inspection by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, and</p> <p>(b) allow a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector to take copies of the register or to remove the register from the premises.</p> <p>3) The licensee must ensure that the information recorded in the incident register under this condition is retained for at least 3 years from when the record was made.</p>
10.	Gaming plan of management	<p>The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the gaming plan of management dated November 2023 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority. A copy of the gaming plan of management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.</p>