

The Trading Standards team are submitting an objection to the grant of a premises licence for **Euro Shop 135 Dogsthorpe Road Peterborough PE1 3AJ** on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder.

Trading Standards have had a number of dealings with the premises over the past 2 years.

On 19th September 2012 I visited the shop with HM Revenue and Customs following complaints of selling illicit tobacco.

A seizure was made of 1420 foreign labelled cigarettes and 600g hand rolling counterfeit tobacco that was found in the premises including the gantry.

Ms Gitana Siatkiene was present and running the shop at the time of the seizure and advised that Mr Aziz recently purchased the business from her partner Mr Saade Jalal Jabar.

Mr Aziz advised HMRC officers that he had purchased the business in February 2012 for approximately 2 months then sold it back to Ms Siatkiene.

Previous history shows 3 seizures by HM Revenue and Customs in August 2011 / November 2011 and January 2012. These seizures total over 160000 foreign labelled cigarettes, 33.6 litres of Lithuanian Vodka and 121.6 litres of other alcoholic beverages from the Euro Shop and Mr Jabar's home address 87B Crown Street Peterborough.

Following a prosecution by HM Revenue and Customs in October 2012 the owner Mr Jabar pleaded guilty to 4 counts of knowingly concerned in harbouring keeping or in any manner dealing with those goods with intent to defraud Her Majesty of the duty payable of those goods. Mr Jabar was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment and a confiscation order was also issued.

Although the application is in the name of Gitana Siatkiene, she is the partner of Mr Jabar and residing at the same address.

Our records show that Ms Siatkiene has been liable for the business rates for 135 Dogsthorpe Road Peterborough from November 2010 and registered as the food business operator from January 2011.

Ms Siatkiene has been present and running the shop each time I have visited on other occasions and evidence obtained from the investigation shows the applicant being involved with the sale and supply of alcohol, illicit cigarettes and counterfeit tobacco.

If the licence is granted and persons previously involved in the business still have control in some capacity, Trading Standards have concerns that reports of illegal activity would continue and would not promote or uphold the licensing objectives.

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Dear Licensing Team

License application 067854: Euro Shop, 135 Dogsthorpe Road

Thank you for sending us a copy of this license application. I note that this application relates to premises in the "Operation CAN-Do" area which is now subject to a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP).

We have particular concerns for the area in terms of problems relating to alcohol. Public Health supports the partnership approach to concerns for community cohesion and anti-social behaviour. We have seen police data showing crime and ASB to take place late into the evening in the Operation CAN-Do neighbourhood and our own analysis shows the area to have the highest density of licensed outlets in the city already. Despite recent improvements thanks to a number of measures, alcohol-related hospital admissions from wards in the area remain among the highest for any neighbourhood in Peterborough, which already suffers a rate higher than the national average.

The CIP area enjoys a particularly diverse population, including many from other European Union states and World Health Organisation data shows considerably higher rates of liver cirrhosis among people from Lithuania, Latvia, Poland and Portugal than the UK average. We believe it is important that we strive to reduce alcohol-related harm among all people living in our city. We had hoped that "health" would become an objective under the Licensing Act, as previously envisaged by the government's National Alcohol Strategy launched in 2012.

We supported the development the CIP for the area which we believe makes an important contribution to health and wellbeing, community cohesion and crime and disorder reduction in the Operation CAN-Do neighbourhood. While the current licensing system does not allow for objection purely on the grounds of health, we oppose the application on the grounds of the indisputable link between alcohol and crime and disorder:

The National Alcohol Strategy (2012) estimates that annually in a community with Peterborough's population:

- 1,800 people will be a victim of alcohol-related violent crime;
- Over 700 11-15 year olds will be drinking weekly;
- Over 23,000 people will binge-drink.

Nationally we know that:

- 47% of violent offenders are believed to be under the influence of alcohol, rising to 62% in incidents of 'stranger' violence;
- 32% of young people surveyed reported being under the influence of alcohol when committing criminal damage offences (NICE, 2010);
- 30% of all sexual assaults are estimated to have taken place when the offender has been under the influence of alcohol; and
- Studies in America have shown alcohol is behind up to 73% of domestic abuse incidents. Research in the UK is showing that where alcohol is involved the severity of the assault is worse (Alcohol Concern, 2010).

In our region Peterborough has the highest rate of alcohol offences per thousand population, at 9.62. The cost of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to alcohol in England is estimated to be £8 billion (NICE, 2010). Analysis of these costs for Peterborough leads us to believe the annual cost of alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour to be in the region of £10m. We consider licensing legislation to be an important contributor to reducing harm by restricting availability and safeguarding the public, including the young and vulnerable.

We therefore oppose this license application in the Cumulative Impact Policy area.

Yours sincerely



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Thursday 19th September 2013

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Dear Darren,

Re: Premises License Application – Euro Shop, 135 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough – Police Representation

On 15th August 2013 Cambridgeshire Constabulary received notification from the Licensing Officers at Peterborough City Council of an application for a new premises license for 135 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough, PE1 3AJ (Application reference:067854). A duplicate copy of that license application has been received by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The applicant GITANA SIATKIENE, of 87B Crown Street, Peterborough, PE1 3HX wishes to apply for a new premises license for the supply of alcohol daily - Monday to Sunday - between the hours of 07:00am and 23:00pm. The application also stipulates that Ms. SIATKIENE wishes to become the designated premises supervisor and is currently applying for her Personal License.

As the licensing Officer for Cambridgeshire Constabulary I wish to make formal representation against the granting of this premises license by wholly supporting Trading Standards and there representation. Ms. Woods has highlighted discerning information which links the applicant with previous issues of the sale of counterfeit and/or illicit cigarettes and alcohol.

Having been subject to high profile failed inspections in the past which resulted in a person being committed to custody I do not believe the application is appropriate given the circumstances. It is clear that the premises, management and possibly the applicant where positively identified as being involved in the sale of illicit harmful goods.

Dogsthorpe Road sits within a Cumulative Impact area and as such all new License Application and processes will be heavily scrutinized by the Licensing Authorities, in the best interests of the local community. This area comprises a significant concentration of licensed premises and there is sufficient evidence of a negative impact on statutory objectives. I would argue that the applicant has to give good evidence and sound reason as to how their application and planned sale of alcohol will not undermine the licensing objectives and negatively contribute towards the cumulative impact of the area. Whilst there intended licensing practice has been touched upon within the application I remain unconvinced given the historic circumstances.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary does not support this application and recommend to the Licensing Sub-Committee that the application is rejected in its entirety. Should the Sub-Committee feel it appropriate

and necessary to issue a premises license I would ask that the following conditions are added to the operating schedule as a matter of course.

Whilst considering the hours of operation I must make the applicant aware that anti-social issue affect the area later in the night and in order to protect the licensee and the residents from any ongoing or emerging issues I would ask that the licensing hours are reduced to 08:00am to 21:00pm daily.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

1. CCTV will be provided in the form of a recordable system, capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions in particular facial recognition. Cameras shall encompass all entrances and exits to the premises, fire exits and all area where the sale / supply of alcohol occur. A camera will be positioned outside the premises covering the shop frontage.
2. CCTV equipment must be maintained in good working order, be correctly time and date stamped. Recordings must be kept in date order, numbered sequentially and kept for a period of 28 days.
3. The Premises License Holder must ensure at all times a Designated Premises Supervisor or appointed member of staff is capable and competent at downloading CCTV footage in a recordable format and hand this footage over to the Police / Local Authority on demand.
4. The recording equipment and discs / usb pen drives shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the DPS or other responsible named individual.
5. An operational daily log report must be maintained endorsed by signature, indicating the system has been checked and is compliant, in the event of any failings of the system actions taken are to be recorded.
6. In the event of a technical failure of the CCTV equipment the Premises License Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor must report the failure to the Police or local authority immediately.
7. Notices advising that CCTV has been installed on the premises shall be posted so that they are clearly visible to the public within the licensed premises.
8. The Designated Premises Supervisor or nominated employee shall participate in the Pubwatch / NightSafe scheme.
9. Staff training in relation to identifying and preventing sales of alcohol to any person who is, or appears to be drunk should be undertaken on a monthly basis. This training, together with ongoing training to prevent underage sales (Challenge 25) should be recorded in a written format and be available to an authorised officer upon demand.
10. A refusals log will be maintained on a daily basis recording all refused attempted purchases of alcohol, carried out by drunks or underage persons.
11. A Personal License Holder (APLH) will be on the premises at all times the sale by retail of alcohol takes place.
12. No Beer, Lager or Cider above 6.5% Abv (alcohol content) will be offered for sale in the premises.
13. No alcoholic drinks will be purchased by the store owners or staff from sellers calling at the store.
14. All invoices (originals or copies) for all alcoholic goods for retail sale on the premises will be kept at the shop and made available to Police, Council and HMRC Officers upon request.

15. A strict stock control system will be introduced so that the licensee can quickly identify where and when alcoholic drinks have been purchased.
16. A ultra-violet light will be available and maintained at the store for the purpose of checking the UK Duty Stamp on all spirits as soon as practical after they have been purchased.
17. If any spirits bought by the company have UK Duty Stamps that do not fluoresce under ultra-violet light, or are otherwise suspicious, the licensee shall identify the supplier to the Trading Standards department and HMRC as soon as possible.

Promote Public Safety -

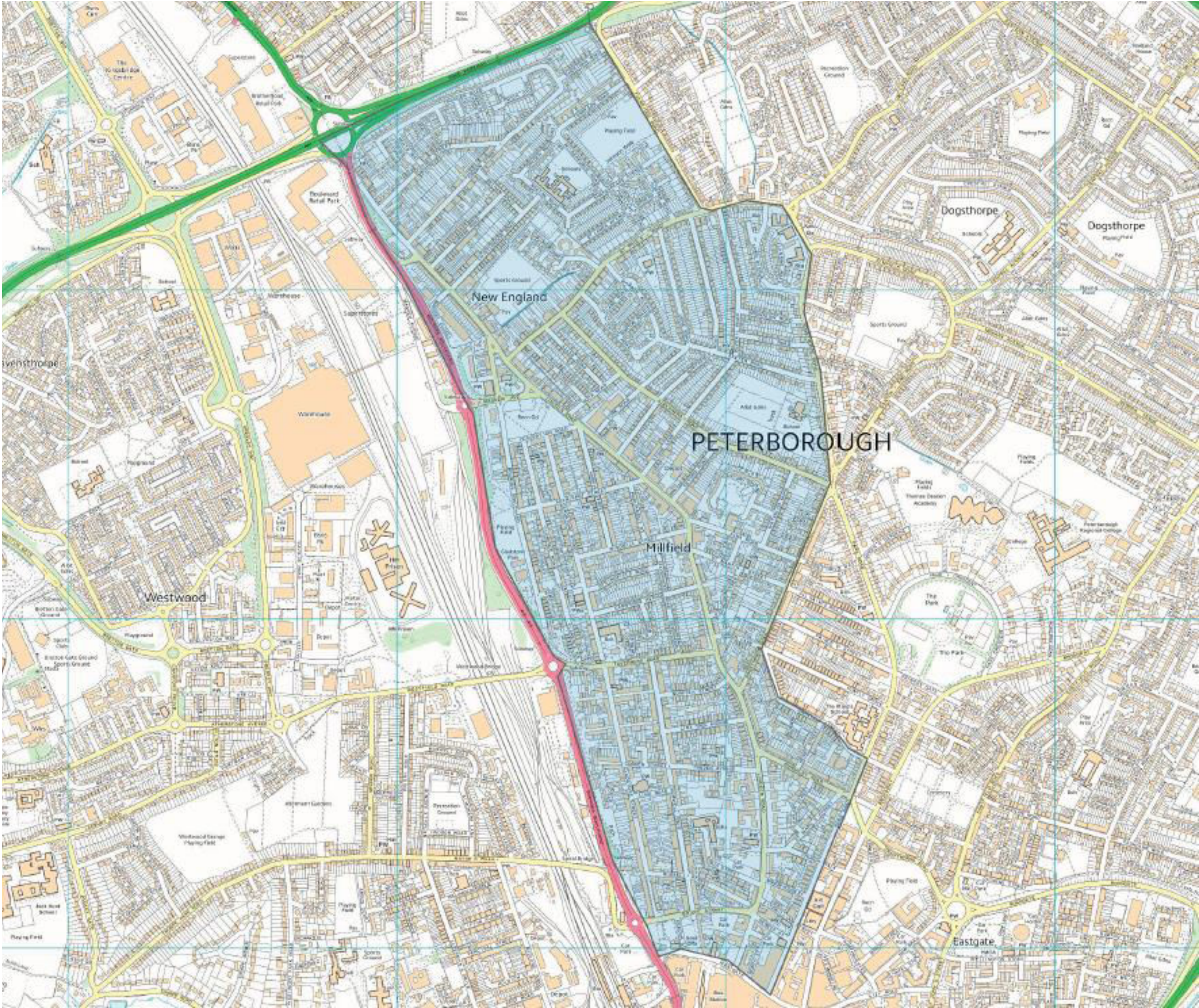
18. An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials shall be available on the premises.
19. Valid Public liability Insurance shall be kept in force and a copy of the schedule shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request.
20. No person will be allowed to enter or leave the premises with an open vessel of alcohol and the licensee will actively discourage and prevent anyone congregating or drinking outside the premises.

The Protection of Children from Harm –

21. Signage will be prominently placed within the premises advertising the fact that the premises operates the 'Challenge 25' initiative.
22. Any person selling or supplying alcoholic drink under the authority of a personal licence holder must ask for a photo ID proof of age where they have reason to believe that the individual may be less than 21 years of age.
23. A refusal log will be accurately maintained on every refusal made in relation to the attempted purchase of alcohol by a juvenile or intoxicated person.

Yours faithfully,

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