



Peterborough City Council, Licensing Section, Town Hall
 Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1FA

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises
 certificate under the Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
 If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases
 ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets
 if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**I, Alec Wood, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary apply for
 the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act
 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
International Shop 9 Fitzwilliam Street	
Post town PETERBOROUGH	Post code (if known) PE1 2RU

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Mr Rebwar Sulaiman Omar, [REDACTED]

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
069611

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please tick ✓ yes

I am

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| 1) | an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) | a person living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) | a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) | a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) | a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) | a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) | a member of the club to which this application relates
(please complete (A) below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

Current address

Post Town

Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Cambridgeshire Constabulary Hinchingsbrooke Park Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE29 6NP
Telephone number (if any) [REDACTED]
E-mail (optional) [REDACTED]

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

<p>Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note1)</p> <p>This application to review the premises license is based on evidence which shows breaches to the licensing objective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime & Disorder – the premises is being used for the storage and sale of smuggled cigarettes and tobacco.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 2)

Re: License Review – International Shop, 9 Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

'International Supermarket' 9 Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough is an 'Off license' / convenience store operating under a premises license (PL No: 069611) issued by Peterborough City Council (PCC). The premises license was issued in July 2014.

The Premises License Holder (PLH) is Mr Rebwar Sulaiman Omar of [REDACTED]. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Mr. Aso Hassan Ali [REDACTED]. Mr. Ali holds an Alcohol Personal License issued by Peterborough City Council (APLH No: 059232). The premises license allows the sale of alcohol between 09:30hrs and 22:00hrs Monday to Sunday and is open from 08:00hrs to 22:30hrs Monday to Sunday.

This review is in relation to the known storage and sale of illicit smuggled cigarettes and tobacco.

The PLH – Omar – has recently been arrested by Cambridgeshire Police and charged [REDACTED]. A trial date has been set for 04th April 2016 [REDACTED]. Three other co-conspirators are on remand along with OMAR – two of which have been disclosed as employees at 9 Fitzwilliam Street.

As a result of the Police investigation into this serious crime a power from the Justice of the Peace was secured (Section 8 PACE Warrant) to enter and search 9 Fitzwilliam Street. The premises was entered on Tuesday 13th October 2015. Two 'hides' were found within a tiled passageway between the shop and the store room (both inside the shop). Officers found 15,040 cigarettes and 3.9Kg of hand rolling tobacco. All these items were illicit foreign labelled cigarettes and were seized as officers believed they were all 'non-duty' paid items.

OMAR stated during the Police interview that he had hidden compartments within the shop. He stored illegal tobacco within and sold it knowing it to be illegal.

On Wednesday 21st October 2015 PC1572 Robinson, the Police Licensing Officer for Peterborough District, along with Trading Standards Officer, Karen Woods, entered the premises to ensure the premises was carrying out licensed activities in accordance with its premises license (S.179 LA2003). During the inspection it was established that the CCTV was not working – which was required as part of the Operating Schedule. It was later established that the CCTV had been seized by Police in connection with the investigation. PC Robinson carried out a search in accordance with S.180 LA2003. A black bin bag was found on a shelf under the till, and behind the counter where the shop keeper would stand. This bin bag, with its opening folded back to aid access, contained numerous items of foreign labelled cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco.

The shop keeper at the time was a female Romanian national, who was identified and established as living in a flat above the shop.

The Licensing objective of "Prevent Crime and Disorder" is not being upheld by the PLH, DPS or employees from the International Shop at 9 Fitzwilliam Street.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary take a very serious view on the sale of illicit and/or counterfeit goods. This is a serious breach of the licencing objective to "Prevent Crime and Disorder" and in my opinion does not "Promote Public Safety". Such crime has a detrimental effect upon the immediate and wider communities of Peterborough and can be harmful to unwitting customers including children. Foreign cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco are not subject to the strict regulation and control measures that would benefit UK authorised sale items and in most cases have not had UK duty paid on them. Distribution and sale of illicit / counterfeit cigarettes is linked to serious and organised crime and nationally is a drain on the economy.

Section 182 Guidance - Licensing Act 2003 Para 11.27 states –

"There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously".

This includes amongst other criminal activity –

"The sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol".

Para 11.28 states –

"It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered".

Cambridgeshire Constabulary recommend the Premises License is revoked with immediate effect

Please tick

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

No

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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Suggested Recommendation:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary recommend that the premises license for International Shop, 9 Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough (PL 069611) is revoked with immediate effect.

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 26th October 2015

Capacity: Police Licensing Officer, Northern District, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)	
Post town	Post code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.

4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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