

NOTICE OF MEETING

MEETING	LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011
TIME:	9.30 am
VENUE:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL
CONTACT:	<i>Gemma George, Senior Governance Officer</i> <i>Telephone: 01733 452268</i> <i>e-mail address: gemma.george@peterborough.gov.uk</i>
Despatch date:	<i>20 September 2011</i>

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LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE		AGENDA ITEM No. 3.1
28 SEPTEMBER 2011		PUBLIC REPORT
Contact Officers:	Adrian Day, Licensing Manager Darren Dolby, Licensing Regulatory Officer	Tel: 454437 Tel. 453561

APPLICATION: Review of Premises Licence

PREMISES: Fags & Booze, 97 St Pauls Road, Peterborough, PE1 3DR

REFERENCE NUMBER: MAU 061818

GLOSSARY OF TERMS: Attached at **Appendix A – Page 4**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider and determine an application for a review of a Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the above premises, taking into account the representation made by Trading Standards in their capacity as a Responsible Authority, and letter of support of the review and recommendations from Cambridgeshire Constabulary also a Responsible Authority. The review was bought under the Prevention of Crime and Disorder objective.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On the 17th September 2007 an application for a new off licence was submitted jointly by Mr Dhanwant Singh & Mr Kimet Singh. As there were no representations from any of the responsible authorities nor from any interested parties the premises licence was granted on 16th October 2007. The original name of the premises was 'General Store'.
- 2.2 On 28th October 2009 an application to transfer the premises licence to Mr Mohammed Tokir was submitted. Following no objections from the Police the application was granted. The name of the premises was changed to 'Fags & Booze'.
- 2.3 On 12th November 2009 an application to transfer the Designated Premises Supervisor to Mr Mohammed Tokir. Following no objections from the Police the application was granted.
- 2.4 On 30th November 2010 an application was made to amend the hours of being authorised to sell alcohol. As there were no objections from either responsible authorities or interested parties the application was granted on 29th December 2010. A copy of the current licence is attached at **Appendix B – Page 7**.

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1 In accordance with section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 following the submission of an application to review the premises licence from Trading Standards, a Responsible Authority, the licensing authority must hold a hearing.
- 3.2 A copy of the application to review was received 10th August 2011 and a copy of which is attached at **Appendix C – Page 15**.
- 3.3 A copy of the ‘Notice’ that was displayed on the premises in accordance with Part 5 no. 38 of Statutory Instruments 2005 No. 42 – The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 is attached at **Appendix D – Page 21**.
- 3.4 A representation in support of the review and recommendations was received from Cambridgeshire Constabulary as a Responsible Authority, a copy of this representation is attached at **Appendix E – Page 23**.
- 3.5 No other representations have been received from any of the remaining Responsible Authorities or any interested parties.

4. RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

LICENSING OBJECTIVE:	REPRESENTATIVE:
Prevention of Crime and Disorder	<p>Responsible Authority: Trading Standards As per the application for review attached at Appendix C – Page 15.</p> <p>Responsible Authority: Cambridgeshire Constabulary attached at Appendix E – Page 23.</p> <p><i>To comply with the Data Protection Act all letters have been distributed to Committee Members and the applicant, but are not for public circulation</i></p>

4.1 Summary of issues raised by Responsible Authorities

- i. Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC) have seized alleged non UK duty paid alcohol & tobacco from the premises on 4th July 2010 & 20th April 2011
- ii. The premises have failed, on both occasions, to provide documentation for the seized alcohol & tobacco to prove that UK duty had been paid.
- iii. The UK Duty evaded for both alcohol & tobacco was £306.71 on 4th July 2010 and £135.57 on 20th April 2011. the total amount of duty evaded was £442.28.
- iv. Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 recommends revocation, even in the first instance.

5. LICENSING OFFICERS COMMENTS

- 5.1 Section 11.23 of Guidance (issued under section 182) states, ‘A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities. For example, reviews may arise because of drugs problems at the premises or money laundering by criminal gangs or the sale of contraband or stolen goods there or the sale of firearms. Licensing authorities do not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issues. This is a matter for the courts of law. The role of the licensing authority

when determining such a review is not therefore to establish the guilt or innocence of any individual, but to ensure that the crime prevention objective is promoted.

6. POLICY & GUIDANCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The following sections/paragraphs are applicable to this application:

6.2 Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

- Objectives: *section 4 on Page 5*
- Other Legislation : *section 7 page 7*
- Reviews: *section 16 on Page 12 and 13*
- Delegation / Decision Making / Administration: *Section 17 page 13 and 14*

6.3 Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (October 2010)

- Reviews: *Section 11 pages 98 to 102*
- Determining applications: *Section 9 pages 78 to 81*

7. LEGAL OFFICER'S COMMENTS

7.1 The Licensing Authority (hereafter referred to as "the Council) is charged with implementing the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. This is an application for a review of a premises licence following the application by Trading Standards (Responsible Authority) to review the premises licence made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

7.2 In this case, the application was received at these offices on 10th August 2011.

7.3 The application before this committee will consider –

- (i) The application to review the licence,
- (ii) Any relevant representations

7.4 The committee will take such of the steps as it considers that action is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are –

- (a) to modify the conditions of the premises licence
- (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor from the licence
- (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months, or
- (e) to revoke the licence

and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added

7.5 In addition the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:

'The licensing authority may decide that no action is necessary if it finds that the review does not require it to take any steps necessary to promote the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent a licensing authority issuing an informal warning to the licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular time. It is expected that licensing authorities will regard such warnings as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted and that warnings should be issued in writing to the holder of the licence. But, where responsible authorities like the police or environmental health officers have already issued warnings requiring improvements – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to concerns, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach.

Note: In this document, the following definitions are included to provide an explanation of certain terms included in the Act. In some cases they are an abbreviation of what is stated in the Licensing Act 2003 or an interpretation of those terms. For a full definition of the terms used, the reader must refer to the Licensing Act 2003.

‘Child’

(a) means an individual aged under 16

(b) a child is unaccompanied if he is not in the company of an individual aged 18 years or over

DCMS: Department for Culture Media and Sport

‘Designated Premises Supervisor’ means the person (who must be a Personal Licence Holder), in the case of premises selling alcohol, who will normally have been given the day to day responsibility for running the premises by the holder of the Premises Licence or will be the Premises Licence holder.

‘Interested parties’:

- a person living in the vicinity of the premises in question;
- a body representing persons living in that vicinity, e.g. a residents association;
- a person involved in a business in the vicinity of the premises in question;
- a body representing persons involved in such a business e.g. a trade association
- a member of the relevant licensing authority.

‘Late Night Refreshment’ means the supply of hot food or hot drink to members of the public (whether for consumption on or off the premises) between the hours of 11.00 pm and 5.00 am.

‘Licensable Activities’ means: -

- The sale by retail of alcohol
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club
- The provision of Regulated Entertainment
- The provision of Late Night Refreshment

‘Licensing Authority’: - is the licensing function of Peterborough City Council

‘Licensed Premises’ includes club premises and events unless the context otherwise requires.

‘Licensing Objectives’

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

‘Operating Schedule’ means a document containing a statement of the following matters (and any others that may be prescribed): -

- The relevant Licensable Activities
- The times at which the Licensable Activities are to take place and any other times when premises are open to the public
- Information regarding the person who will be specified in the Premises Licence as the Premises Supervisor
- Where the Licensable Activities involve the supply of alcohol, whether it is for the supply on and/or off the premises

- The steps being taken to promote the Licensing Objectives

'Rateable Value': as regards a premises, is the value for the time being in force for the premises entered in the local non-domestic rating list for the purposes of Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1988(b).

'Regulated Entertainment' (Schedule 1 of the Act) means: -

- A performance of a play
- An exhibition of a film
- An indoor sporting event
- A boxing or wrestling entertainment
- A performance of live music
- Any playing of recorded music
- A performance of dance

Or entertainment of a similar description falling within the last three of the categories listed above, where the entertainment takes place in the presence of and for the purposes of entertaining that audience or spectators.

Or the provision of entertainment facilities:

Facilities for enabling persons to take part in entertainment of the following description for the purpose or purposes, which include the purpose of being entertained:

- making music
- dancing
- entertainment of a similar description

'Relevant Licensing Authority': is the Authority in the area the premises are situated.

'Responsible Authority' means any of the following: -

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary (The Chief Officer of Police)
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue (The Fire Authority)
- Health and Safety Team, Peterborough City Council
- Planning authority, Peterborough City Council
- Trading Standards, Peterborough City Council
- Environmental Health – Pollution, Peterborough City Council
- Children's Services – Child Protection & Review Manager
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Walton on Naze. (For vessels carrying more than 12 passengers.)
- Environment Agency, Peterborough (For vessels carrying 12 or less passengers).

'Supply of alcohol':

- the sale by retail of alcohol, or
- the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club.

'Temporary Event Notice' means a Permitted Temporary Activity involving one or more Licensable Activities subject to the following various conditions and limitations: -

- Duration – they are limited to events lasting for up to 96 hours;
- Scale – they cannot involve the presence of more than 499 people at any one time;
- Use of the same premises – the same premises cannot be used on more than 12 occasions in a calendar year, but are subject to the overall aggregate of 15 days irrespective of the number of occasions on which they have been used; and

- The number of notices given by an individual within a given period of time – a Personal Licence Holder is limited to 50 notices in one year, and another person to 5 notices in a similar period.

(In any other circumstances, a full Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate will be required for the period of the event).

‘the Act’: means the Licensing Act 2003

‘Vicinity’: Given the normal everyday meaning of being ‘near to’ when considering the relevance of representations received from individual’s residence or business.

Licensing Act 2003\glossary of terms 13 March 2007

PART A

Premises Licence

**Peterborough City Council, Environmental Services,
 Bridge House, Town Bridge, Peterborough, PE1 1HU**

Premises Licence Number

060417

Part 1 - Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Fags & Booze
 97 St Pauls Road
 New England

Post Town Peterborough

Post Code PE1 3DR

Telephone Number 01733 701169

Where the licence is time limited the dates

Start Date N/A
 End Date N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Sale by retail of alcohol

The supply of alcohol will be for consumption off the premises.

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Monday to Thursday Between 09.00hrs and 22.30hrs
 Friday and Saturday Between 09.00hrs and 23.30hrs
 Sunday Between 09.00hrs and 22.00hrs

The opening hours of the premises

Monday to Thursday Between 09.00hrs and 22.30hrs
 Friday and Saturday Between 09.00hrs and 23.30hrs
 Sunday Between 09.00hrs and 22.00hrs

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies

The supply of alcohol will be for consumption off the premises.

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr Mohammed Tokir
35 Springfield Road
Peterborough
PE1 2JG

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

N/A

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Mr Mohammed Tokir
35 Springfield Road
Peterborough
PE1 2JG

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Licence Number	057115
Issuing Authority	Peterborough City Council

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

Licensees should note that the under enclosed Mandatory conditions should be read in conjunction with the granted licence and these conditions shall be enforceable where relevant to the operation of the premise and its activities.

Supply of alcohol (Premises Licence)

This registration authorises the supply of alcohol subject to the following conditions:

1. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when
 - (a) there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - (b) when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

3. The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

Crime and Disorder

4. Video/CCTV equipment shall be installed inside the premises by **16/01/08** and maintained in working order.
5. Video/CCTV equipment will be set to record from the time that the premises open to the public until the premises close and all members of the public have left.
6. Notices advising that CCTV has been installed on the premises shall be posted up so that they are clearly visible to the public within the licensed premises.
7. No alcohol shall be consumed on the premises.
8. 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 suspect that the individual may be under 18 years of age.
9. The premises license holder shall be responsible for prevention and disposal of waste on the frontage of the premises and make provision for the emptying of litter bins in the vicinity of the premises.
10. A refusal/health & Safety log will be kept and shown to an authorised officer on request

Public Safety

11. Escape routes and exits, including external exits, shall be maintained to ensure that they are not obstructed, in good order with non-slippery and even surfaces, free of trip hazards and clearly identified.
12. The fire brigade will be called at once on actuation of the fire alarm or to any outbreak of fire, however slight, and the details recorded in a Fire Log-book.

Public Nuisance

13. Prominent, clear and legible notices at all exits shall be displayed on the premises requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
14. Receptacles for waste shall be emptied regularly to minimise nuisance smells.
15. Adequate and suitable (lidded) receptacles shall be provided to receive and store refuse from the premises/site.
16. Receptacles for refuse storage shall be maintained in a clean condition.
17. Litter shall be prevented at all times and where identified regularly cleared from the vicinity of the premises.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority - NONE

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Annex 4 – Plans

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PART B

Premises licence summary

**Peterborough City Council, Licensing Section,
 Bridge House, Town Bridge, Peterborough, PE1 1HU**

Premises Licence Number

060417

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Post Town Peterborough

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Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Mr Mohammed Tokir
35 Springfield Road
Peterborough
PE1 2JG

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

N/A

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Mr Mohammed Tokir

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

Restricted

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.

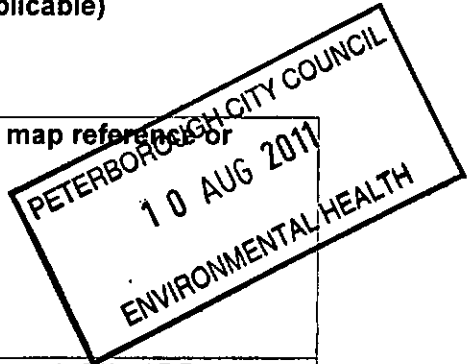
I Karen Woods

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Fags & Booze 97 St Pauls Road New England	
Post town Peterborough	Post code (if known) PE1 3DR



Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Mr Mohammed Tokir
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Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
 - a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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

Please tick

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

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Karen Woods Peterborough City Council Trading Standards Department

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 note 1) Trading Standards are requesting a review of the premises licence for Fags & Booze under the prevention of crime and disorder following a joint operation by Trading Standards, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Cambridgeshire Police to clamp down on the illicit tobacco and alcohol trade.</p>

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

On 20th April 2011 a joint initiative by Trading Standards, HM Revenue & Customs and Cambridgeshire Police was carried out to clamp down on the illicit tobacco and alcohol trade.

HMRC Officers seized a total of 17.25 litres Wine, 6.3 litres Aros Vodka and 180 foreign Cigarettes (20 Minsk Capital and 160 Jin Ling) from Mohammed Tiker as liable to forfeiture by virtue of the Customs & Excise Acts.

They were satisfied that due to the proprietors inability to produce invoices or receipts to prove duty payment, that United Kingdom Excise Duty had not been paid on said goods.

The revenue due on the seized goods is £ 135.57

The goods were seized in accordance with section 139 of Customs & Excise Management Act 1979.

No notice of claim against the forfeiture was received within the statutory time limit therefore the Spirits, Wine and Cigarettes are condemned as forfeited in accordance with paragraph 5 of schedule 3 to the above legislation.

A previous visit undertaken by HMRC Officers to the premises on 4th July 2010 when the following goods were seized 420 Jin Ling Cigarettes and 25.9 Litres of Spirits (16.1 Litres Glens Vodka, 2.1 Litres High Commissioner Whisky, 1.4 Litres Sobieskie Vodka and 6.3 Litres Suplica Vodka) from Ijaz Qiaser

The revenue due on the seized goods was £306.71

A Witness statement from HMRC is attached as APPENDIX 1 to this review.

Recommendations;

A revocation of the alcohol licence.

Reasons for the above recommendation;

Trading Standards as a responsible authority recommends revocation due to the seriousness of the illicit trade.

This is supported by guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 11.26 There is a certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises, which the Secretary of State considers should be treated particularly seriously.

One of them being;

- for the sale of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

Guidance 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 in 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.

Please tick yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

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 (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

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Date

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Capacity

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TRADING STANDARDS

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal 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.

APPENDIX D

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that Peterborough City Council, as the Licensing Authority, has on the 10th of August 2011 been asked to review the Premises Licence for the following licensed premises:

Fags & Booze, 97 St Pauls Road, Peterborough, PE1 3DR

The grounds for review are made by 'Trading Standards' under the Licensing Objectives 'Crime & Disorder'.

Anyone wishing to make representations concerning this review should do so in writing to:

Peterborough City Council, Licensing Section, Bridge House, Town Bridge, Peterborough, PE1 1HU

Representations in respect to this review must reach the Licensing Authority by 7th September 2011

Persons wishing to inspect the review application may do so by attending the office of the licensing section during office hours, Monday to Friday. Alternatively the review application may be viewed on the public register section of the Licensing Authorities website,

<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/page-5436>

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine for which on summary conviction is £5000

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APPENDIX E

Ref: Fags & Booze – 97 St Pauls Rd / Licensed Premises

Tuesday 06th September 2011

Darren Dolby
Regulatory Officer (Licensing)
Peterborough City Council
Bridge House
Peterborough
PE1 1HU



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

Dear Darren,

Re: HMRC / Trading Standards review – Fags & Booze – 97 St Pauls Rd

On the 20th April 2011 Cambridgeshire Constabulary supported Trading Standards and HMRC in a joint initiative designed to clamp down on the illegal trade of illicit and counterfeit goods. Fags & Booze – 97 St Pauls Rd was visited and illicit goods were seized showing revenue due to the value of £135.57.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary are also aware that a previous visit undertaken by HMRC on 4th July 2010 to the same address location resulted in the seizure of various goods with revenue due to the value of £306.71.

“Cambridgeshire Constabulary take a very serious view on the sale of illicit and/or counterfeit goods realising the serious implications upon the licensing principle of preventing crime and disorder. Such crime has a detrimental effect upon the immediate community and can be harmful to unwitting customers including children. Distribution and sale of illicit / counterfeit goods is linked to serious and organised crime and nationally is a drain on the economy. The effected premises have been challenged on two occasions where illicit or counterfeit goods have been seized. On this occasion Mr Mohammed TIKER has failed to submit a notice of claim against the forfeiture, evidence which would ultimately disprove his involvement in the offence.

Under the guidelines as set out under S.182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (11.26) Cambridgeshire Constabulary fully support our partners, HMRC and Trading Standards, as a responsible authorities, and there recommendations for the full revocation of the premises license for Fags & Booze – 97 St Pauls Rd, due to irrefutable evidence of illicit trade”.

Yours faithfully,
Grahame Robinson
Police Constable 1572
Licensing Officer
Northern Division

WITNESS STATEMENT

ENGLAND AND WALES ONLY

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.27, CP Rules Part 27.1)

Statement of:

Age if under 18:

(If over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: H M Revenue and Customs

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 04th August 2011

I am an Officer of H M Revenue & Customs based in Haven House, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 1DN. In my role as a Law Enforcement Coordinator my duties include being responsible for exchanging information with the Police and other Agencies relating to matters of mutual interest.

I have been asked by Karen Woods, Regulatory Officer in Regulatory Services, Trading Standards Department, to supply details of inspections made by HM Revenue & Customs Officers, on 20th April 2011 at Booze n Fags, 97 St Pauls Street, Peterborough PE1 3 DR for the purpose of supporting an action being taken by Peterborough Trading Standards.

I have examined the reports concerning the visit and can confirm that HM Revenue and Customs Officers seized a total of 17.25 litres Wine, 6.3 litres Aros Vodka and 180 foreign Cigarettes (20 Minsk Capital and 160 Jin Ling) from Mohammed Tiker as liable to forfeiture by virtue of the Customs & Excise Acts.

They were satisfied that due to the proprietors inability to produce invoices or receipts to prove duty payment, that United Kingdom Excise Duty had not been paid on said goods.

The revenue due on the seized goods is £ 135.57

The goods were seized in accordance with section 139 of Customs & Excise Management Act 1979.

No notice of claim against the forfeiture was received within the statutory time limit therefore the Spirits, Wine and Cigarettes are condemned as forfeited in accordance with paragraph 5 of schedule 3 to CEMA.

I have examined the records of a previous visit undertaken by HMRC Officers to the premises on 04/07/10 when the following goods were seized 420 Jin Ling Cigarettes and 25.9 Litres of Spirits (16.1 Litres Glens Vodka, 2.1 Litres High Commissioner Whisky, 1.4 Litres Sobieskie Vodka and 6.3 Litres Suplica Vodka) from Ijaz Qiäser

The revenue due on the seized goods was £306.71

Date: 11th August 2011

Signature:

(signature of witness)

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