

Ref: 613 Lincoln Road / Review of License



Thursday 3rd December 2013

Teresa Martin
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Dear Teresa,

Re: Review of License – Super Poli, 613 Lincoln Road, Peterborough.

On 6th December 2012 Cambridgeshire Constabulary received notification from the Licensing Officers at Peterborough City Council of an application to review the premises license of Super Poli, 613 Lincoln Road, Peterborough PE1 3HA. The application has been submitted by Karen Woods, Trading Standards Officer at Peterborough City Council. The review refers to the criminal activity at the premises; specifically the sale of smuggled goods and under age sales.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary wishes to make representation in support of Karen Woods in relation to this review, and ask the Committee to consider the following information:

Super Poli, Premises License number 066004, is a mini supermarket located just north of The Triangle, at 613 Lincoln Road, Peterborough. The Premise License Holder (PLH) is Ewa Walas of 84 Brookfurlong, Ravensthorpe, Peterborough PE3 7LQ. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is also Ewa Walas.

Super Poli is located close to residential properties.

A search of Police computer systems based on the Post Code PE1 3HA between October 2011 and 3rd January 2013 shows very few calls for service to this location and immediate area, however they include:

1. Incident **CC-15082012-0527** – report of 4 males selling drugs (Ecstasy and Cannabis) outside this store. Upon officers attendance 20 minutes later 4 males searched and no drugs found.
2. **CC-19022012-0332** – report of male drinking in shop and abusing staff. Male had been spoken to by Police, earlier, when staff reported that he may have been shop lifting **CC-19022012-0235**.
3. CC-03012012-0453 report of burglary at location.
4. CC-31122011-0022 report of domestic at address.
5. CC-12122011-0356 report of domestic at address.
6. **CC-10122012-0347** report of 4 intoxicated abusive people to rear of 615 Lincoln Road, believed Polish.

7. CC-01122011-0545 report of domestic at address.
8. CC-02112011-0285 report of domestic at address.
9. CC-01112011-0226 bail enquiry at address.
10. **CC-08102011-0473** report of 3 people doing drugs in car park behind shops near 609 Lincoln Road.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary supports the review application submitted by Karen Woods and Peterborough City Council Trading Standards Department, as the breach of the Licensing Objectives through the selling and storage of illicit goods will lead to an increase in criminal activity in and around the premise. Home Office and independent studies have repeatedly shown the massive under reporting of crime and incidents by the public.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary recommends to the Licensing Committee, that they show serious consideration to the revocation of the License as outlined by Sub-section 11.28 Section 182 Licensing Act 2003.

Yours faithfully,

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East view



South view



West view

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Dear Licensing Team

License review: Mini Poli (also known as Super Poli), 613 Lincoln Road (ref: 066319)

Alcohol misuse is the third greatest contributor to ill-healthⁱ while smoking is the primary cause of preventable morbidity and premature death, accounting for 81,400 deaths in England in 2009ⁱⁱ. In England, deaths from smoking are more numerous than the next six most common causes of preventable death combined including alcohol abuse (and given that it is estimated that alcohol misuse costs the NHS in England £3.5bn per yearⁱⁱⁱ, the associated costs for smoking related diseases is also significant).

Tobacco use has a devastating impact on public health in our communities causing harm not only to smokers but also to the people around them. In England 1 in 5 adults smoke while in Peterborough 1 in 4 adults smoke. Peterborough also suffers a higher than average rate of alcohol-related hospital admissionsⁱⁱⁱ and it is an objective to reduce these and the associated health burden upon individuals, families and the community.

Admissions from the Millfield area are among the highest for any neighbourhood in Peterborough^{iv}. The Millfield area enjoys a particularly diverse population, including many from other European Union states and World Health Organisation data^v 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 smoking prevalence and alcohol-related harm among all people living in our city.

We note that this review relates to a license in the "Operation CAN-Do" area. Public Health supports such partnership approaches to concerns regarding community cohesion and anti-social behaviour. We have seen police data showing crime and ASB to take place late into the evening in the Lincoln Road area and our own analysis shows the area to have the highest density of licensed outlets in the city already.

The National Alcohol Strategy published in March 2012 indicated Government's intention to introduce a "health" ground for objection to granting licences. This is currently subject to a consultation process in which we are registering our support as it is our view that concerns for health should have formal weight in the licensing process.

The consultation also includes discussion of a minimum price per unit of alcohol as making alcohol less affordable is an effective way of reducing alcohol-related harm^{vi}.

Alcohol and tobacco are dangerous drugs and we consider national strategies, taxation policy and licensing legislation to be important contributors to reducing harm by restricting availability and safeguarding the public, including the young and vulnerable. We consider deliberate non-compliance with the law in relation to selling alcohol and illegal tobacco very serious issues and where proven would support tough sanctions, including withdrawal of a license, towards individuals whose actions indicate insufficient regard for the public's health and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely



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ⁱ Global Health Risks, WHO

ⁱⁱ Department of Health, 2010

^[iii] Department of Health, 2012

ⁱⁱⁱ Local Alcohol Profile England (LAPE) NW Region Public Health Observatory, 2011

^{iv} Ibid

^v WHO, 2005

^{vi} NICE, local government public health briefing, 12 October 2012