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Dear Licensing Team

8th December 2023

**Re: Request to review premises licence – UK Plus EU, 27
 Broadway - 125014**

On behalf of the Safer Communities Service, I write in support of the constabulary's application to review the premises licence ref 125014.

It has been brought to our attention that UK Plus EU has been involved in the illegal activity of purchasing and sales of stolen goods. Shoplifting is a blight on businesses within Peterborough city centre and is often a means to finance offenders' alcohol and substance misuse, which in turn leads to anti-social behaviour and has a detrimental impact on those who live, work and visit the city centre. Shoplifting in Peterborough city centre is to such an extent that in June of this year MP Paul Bristow held a shoplifting summit to tackle this rising issue with local businesses, the Police and council. According to an article in the Peterborough Telegraph dated 21st June 2023, the Office of National Statistics figures show that shoplifting in Peterborough had increased by 54% in the 12 months leading up to June 2023. [Shoplifting summit to be held in Peterborough to deal with rising problems in city centre \(peterboroughtoday.co.uk\)](https://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/news/2023/06/21/shoplifting-summit-to-be-held-in-peterborough-to-deal-with-rising-problems-in-city-centre/)

UK Plus EU at 27 Broadway is located in an area of the city which is subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order due to the continued anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues, of which alcohol is a contributing factor. Our service often receives reports of anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking in Broadway near the Central Library and New Theatre - both within close vicinity of the premises - having a detrimental impact on local businesses, workers and members of the public.

Any form of criminal activity cannot be condoned by responsible authorities. Given what we now know about the premises' illegal activities of purchasing and selling stolen goods and being situated in an area that is already experiencing shoplifting and anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol; it is on this basis that the Safer Communities Service supports the Constabulary's application for a review of the premises licence for UK Plus EU. This is in the interest of community safety due to the licence holders not upholding the licensing objectives of 'the prevention of crime and disorder' and 'public safety'.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clair George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clair" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "George".

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