

Licensing Panel AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 16 April 2015

TIME: 10.30 am *

VENUE: Committee Room 5,
Harrow Civic Centre

* THERE WILL BE A BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS AT 10.00 AM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 5.

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

Chair: (To be appointed)

Councillors:

Mrs Chika Amadi
(to be determined)

Stephen Wright

Reserve Members:

Note: There are no Reserve Members currently appointed to this Panel.

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AGENDA - PART I

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

To appoint a Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Panel;
- (b) all other Members present.

3. MINUTES

[Note: Licensing Panel minutes are:-

- (1) approved following each meeting by the Members serving on that particular occasion and signed as a correct record by the Chairman for that meeting;
- (2) not submitted to the next panel meeting for approval.

Reasons: The Licensing Panel is constituted from a pooled membership. Consequently, a subsequent Panel meeting is likely to comprise a different Chairman and Members who took no part in the previous meeting's proceedings. The process referred to at (1) above provides appropriate approval scrutiny].

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

To receive any questions, petitions or deputations (if any), under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rules 17, 15 and 16 (Part 4B) of the Constitution respectively.

Questions will be asked in the order notice of them was received and there be a time limit of 15 minutes.

[The deadline for receipt of public questions is 3.00 pm, Monday 13 April 2015. Questions should be sent to publicquestions@harrow.gov.uk

No person may submit more than one question].

[Note: These items are qualified by the requirements of the licensing legislation and will not be applicable to applications on the current agenda.]

5. LICENSING PROCEDURES (Pages 5 - 6)

Procedure to be followed at a review hearing.

6. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE HELD IN RESPECT OF FOOD AND WINE CONVENIENCE STORE, 120 HIGH STREET, WEALDSTONE, HARROW, MIDDLESEX, HA3 7AL (Pages 7 - 38)

Report of the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise.

REASONS FOR LATENESS AND URGENCY

Note: In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following agenda item has been admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and urgency detailed below:-

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Special Circumstances/Grounds for Urgency</u>
6. Application for a Review of the Premises License Held in Respect of Food and Wine Convenience Store, 120 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 7AL	The supporting documents were received after the main agenda was printed and circulated. Members are requested to consider the documents in order to consider the most up to date information.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Which cannot otherwise be dealt with.

AGENDA - PART II - NIL

*** DATA PROTECTION ACT NOTICE**

The Council will audio record item 4 (Public Questions) and will place the audio recording on the Council's website, which will be accessible to all.

[**Note:** The questions and answers will not be reproduced in the minutes.]

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Licensing Panel – Licensing Act 2003

Procedure R - Oral Hearing in Public

*This document provides a summary of the Panel's procedure for the conduct of this oral hearing in public. This procedure is followed during a **REVIEW** procedure.*

1. **Introductions** by the Chair of the Panel:
 - Members
 - Officers and Officers of Responsible Authorities
 - Applicants and Objectors
 - the Procedure for the hearing
2. **Presentation** of the report by Officers of the Relevant Authority.
3. **Introduction** by the objector of their statement. Additional material may be submitted with the agreement of the Panel and the other party, subject to advice by the Council's legal advisor at the time.
4. **Questioning** of the objector by:
 - the applicant
 - the Panel
5. **Presentation** by the applicant, or their representative, of their statements. Additional material may be submitted with the agreement of the Panel and the other party, subject to advice by the Council's legal advisor at the time.
6. **Questioning** of applicant by:
 - the objector
 - the Panel
7. **Concluding statement** by the applicant.
8. **Concluding statement** by objector.
9. The Panel together with their legal advisor and committee clerk withdraw to consider of the application. Should the Panel wish to clarify any point with any particular party, all sides are recalled for the questions to be asked.
10. The hearing is reconvened for the Panel to announce their decision. Should the application be refused or conditions be placed on the licence the Panel must give reasons for this action.

NOTES

WITNESSES: *Either side may call witnesses to support their case. Witnesses should have submitted written statements before the hearing which they present and on which they may be questioned. Witnesses introduced at short notice may speak with the agreement of the Panel and the other party, subject to advice by the Council's legal advisor at the time.*

ADJOURNMENT: *The Panel may at any time adjourn to a later date for the further consideration of an application. The date and time should be agreed with all parties as far as possible.*

REPORT FOR: LICENSING PANEL

Date of Meeting: 16 April 2015

Subject: Application for a Review of the Premises Licence held in respect of “**Food and Wine Convenience Store**”, 120 High Street, Wealdstone, HA3 7AL

Responsible Officer: Caroline Bruce – Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix A - Premises Licence & Premises Plan
Appendix B - Location Map
Appendix C - Review Application
Appendix D – Additional Evidence February 2015
Appendix E – Additional Evidence March 2015

Section 1 – Summary

An application has been made by the Metropolitan Police to review the premises licence for “Food and Wine Convenience Store”, 120 High Street, Wealdstone, HA3 7AL based on three of the licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Representations received

Representations from Responsible Authorities

From	Relevant Representations details
The Planning Authority	No representations received
Health & Safety	No representations received
Environmental Health Authority (Pollution and environmental enforcement)	No representations received
Trading Standards	No representations received
The Area Child Protection Service	No representations received
LFEPA	No representations received
Metropolitan Police	Review Application Received
Licensing Authority	No representations received
Primary Care Trust	No representations received

Representations from interested parties

From	Relevant Representations details
Other persons	No representations received

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Brief History

2.1.1 On 11 February 2015 a review application was submitted by the Metropolitan Police, a responsible authority.

2.1.2 The premises is situated on High Street, Wealdstone. The location of the premises comprises of a parade of commercial premises with residential properties nearby. A location map is attached to this report.

2.1.3. There is a premises licence in force at ‘Food and Wine Convenience Store”, an off licence trading at 120 High Street, Wealdstone, HA3 7AL. A copy of the premises licence is attached to this report providing details of the licensable activities authorised, the opening times and the conditions attached to the licence.

2.1.4 The police have found it necessary to submit an application for a review of the premises licence due to their belief that the following licensing objectives are being undermined: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, and the protection of children from harm.

2.1.5 Since October 2014, several incidents have taken place at the premises that have needed police intervention. As well as this, Customs and Excise have

been involved in the seizure of goods where it is believed that the correct U.K. duty has not been paid (section 144 of the Licensing Act 2003 – the keeping of smuggled goods). The outcome of this investigation is pending.

Although there is hardly any mention of the licensee in the review application and supporting evidence, Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan (the licensee's husband) is consistently mentioned. It has been indicated that he has been running the premises. The police believe that the licensee, who is also the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), is not in control of the premises and that the licence should be revoked or alternatively suspended for the maximum period.

- 2.1.6 The current licensable activities and hours permitted under the premises licence are:

Sale of retail alcohol (m),

Sunday – Thursday	06:00 – 00:30 (the following morning)
Friday – Saturday	06:00 – 02:00 (the following morning)

Hours open to public

Sunday – Thursday	06:00 – 00:30 (the following morning)
Friday – Saturday	06:00 – 02:00 (the following morning)

2.2 Representations

- 2.2.1 There are no representations from any other persons or responsible authorities, either for or against this application.

2.3 Consultation

The review application was advertised at the council offices and on the premises in accordance with the requirements under the Licensing Act 2003.

2.4 Licensing Guidance Implications

The Home Office has issued Guidance pursuant to section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and paragraphs 11.1 – 11.30 of the Guidance covers reviews of (premises) licences.

2.5 Legal Implications

- 2.5.1 The Licensing Authority is required to hold a hearing to consider the review application and any relevant representations. The hearing must be held in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

- 2.5.2 Having considered the application and all relevant representations from all parties, the Licensing Panel has to determine the application for the review of the premises licence. The Panel is required to take such of the steps listed below at 2.5.3 (if any), as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.5.3 Where it considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to take a step(s), the options available to the Panel are:
1. To modify the conditions of the Licence;
 2. To exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
 3. To remove the designated premises supervisor;
 4. To suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months;
 5. 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 added.
- 2.5.4 If the panel takes a step mentioned in 1 or 2 of paragraph 2.5.3 above, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.
- 2.5.5 Any modified conditions should be practical and enforceable.
- 2.5.6 The licensing authority may at any time reject any ground for review specified in an application for review if it is satisfied that either: (a) the ground is not relevant to one or more of the four licensing objectives; or (b) the application or representation is made other than by a responsible authority and the ground is frivolous, vexatious, or a repetition.
- 2.5.7 If any grounds of review are rejected on the basis set out in 2.5.6, the application for review (or representation) is taken to be rejected to that extent.
- 2.5.8 In addition to determining the application in accordance with the legislation, Members must have regard to –
- The common law rules of natural justice.
 - The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
 - The considerations in section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 2.5.9 By section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998, the Panel is required to act in a way that is compatible with rights under the

European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights. The following provisions of the European Convention seem relevant: Article 6 (right to a fair trial) Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property).

2.5.10 In relation to section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, this states:

‘without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.’

2.6 Community safety

Refer to the Licensing objectives, and Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as noted above. The Borough Commander on behalf of the Metropolitan Police has submitted an application for review of the premises licence.

2.7 Financial Implications

There would be a loss of annual income to the authority should the licence be revoked, however this is of an insignificant sum.

2.8 Risk Management Implications

If any party is aggrieved with the decision on one of the grounds set out in Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, they can appeal to a Magistrates’ Court. The Appeal period is 21 days from notification of the decision.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jessie Man	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 16 March 2015		
Name: Paresh Mehta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 17 March 2015		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Peter Coates, Licensing Team Leader, Licensing Services, Ext: 2498

Background Papers

Premises Licence
Review Application
Premises Plan
Location Map

Licensing Act 2003
Licensing Act 2003 – Guidance issued October 2014

LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises Licence

Schedule 12

Part A (Regulation 33,34)

HARROW COUNCIL, P O BOX 18, STATION ROAD, HARROW

Premises Licence Number: LN/000000895/2014/8 & 9

Part 1 – Premises details

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

Food and Wine Convenience Store, 120 High Street, Wealdstone,
Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 7AL

Telephone Number: 020 8863 1383

Where the licence is time limited, the dates:

N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence:

Sale of retail alcohol

Signed by Richard LeBrun
Environmental Services Manager (Public Protection)

Licensable area

Hours open to public

Sunday	00:00 - 02:00	06:00 - 00:00
Monday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Tuesday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Wednesday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Thursday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Friday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Saturday	00:00 - 02:00	06:00 - 00:00

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Location: Licensable area

Sale of retail alcohol

Sunday	00:00 - 02:00	06:00 - 00:00
Monday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
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Friday	00:00 - 00:30	06:00 - 00:00
Saturday	00:00 - 02:00	06:00 - 00:00

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

Sale by retail off premises

Part 2

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

Janani Sritharan

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 for the supply of alcohol:

Janani Sritharan

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

HARROW COUNCIL - 09JS-00AQ-CF8T-REDW

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited: **N/A**

Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions

****PLEASE NOTE: MANDATORY CONDITIONS IN GREY DO NOT APPLY****

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol:

- 1 No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended
2. Every supply or sale of alcohol made under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Mandatory condition where licence requires door supervision:

Where one or more individuals are required to be at the premises to carry out a security activity, such individual(s) must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

Mandatory Conditions Order 2010

1.—(1) The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children—

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount

available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act);

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less;

(d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on—

(i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process; or

(ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring;

(e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

2. The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).

3. The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

4.—(1) 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.

(2) 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.

5. The responsible person shall ensure that—

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—

(i) beer or cider: ½ pint;

(ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and

(iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml

(b) customers are made aware of the availability of these measures.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

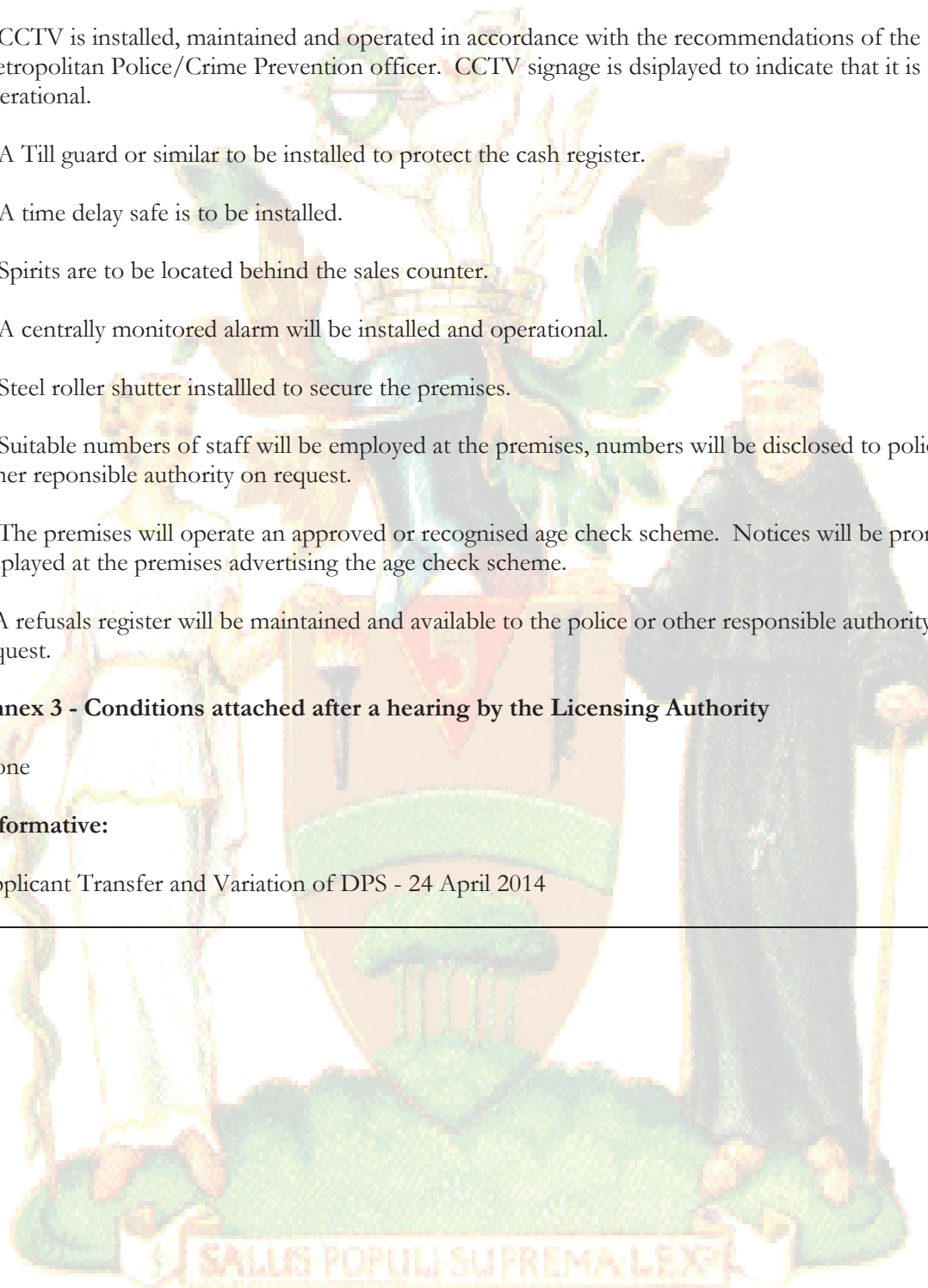
1. CCTV is installed, maintained and operated in accordance with the recommendations of the Metropolitan Police/Crime Prevention officer. CCTV signage is displayed to indicate that it is operational.
2. A Till guard or similar to be installed to protect the cash register.
3. A time delay safe is to be installed.
4. Spirits are to be located behind the sales counter.
5. A centrally monitored alarm will be installed and operational.
6. Steel roller shutter installed to secure the premises.
7. Suitable numbers of staff will be employed at the premises, numbers will be disclosed to police or other responsible authority on request.
8. The premises will operate an approved or recognised age check scheme. Notices will be prominently displayed at the premises advertising the age check scheme.
- 9 A refusals register will be maintained and available to the police or other responsible authority on request.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

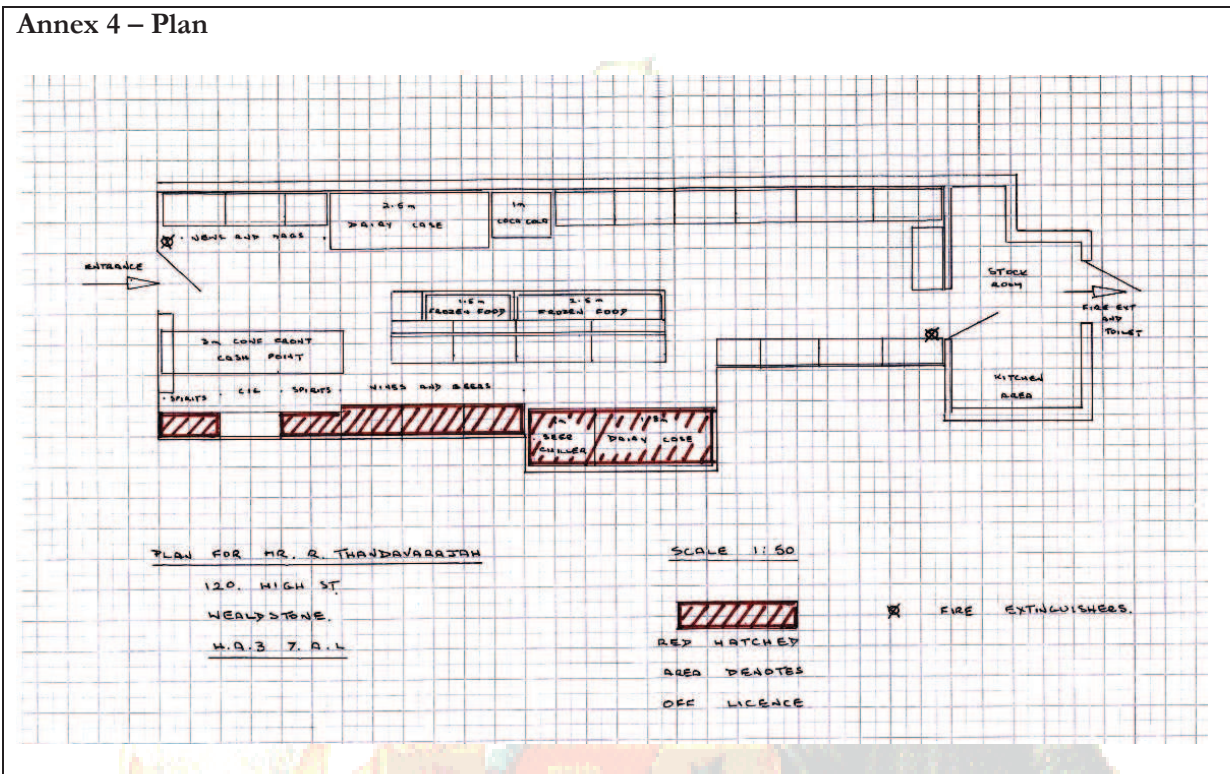
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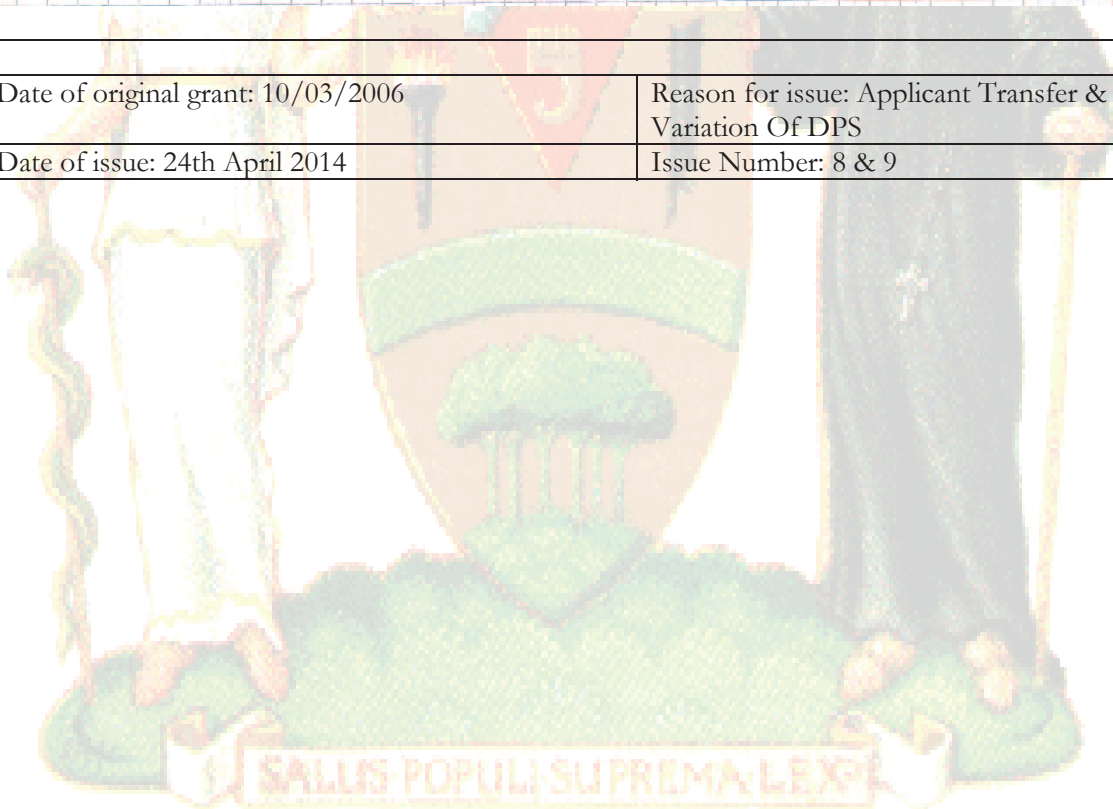
Applicant Transfer and Variation of DPS - 24 April 2014



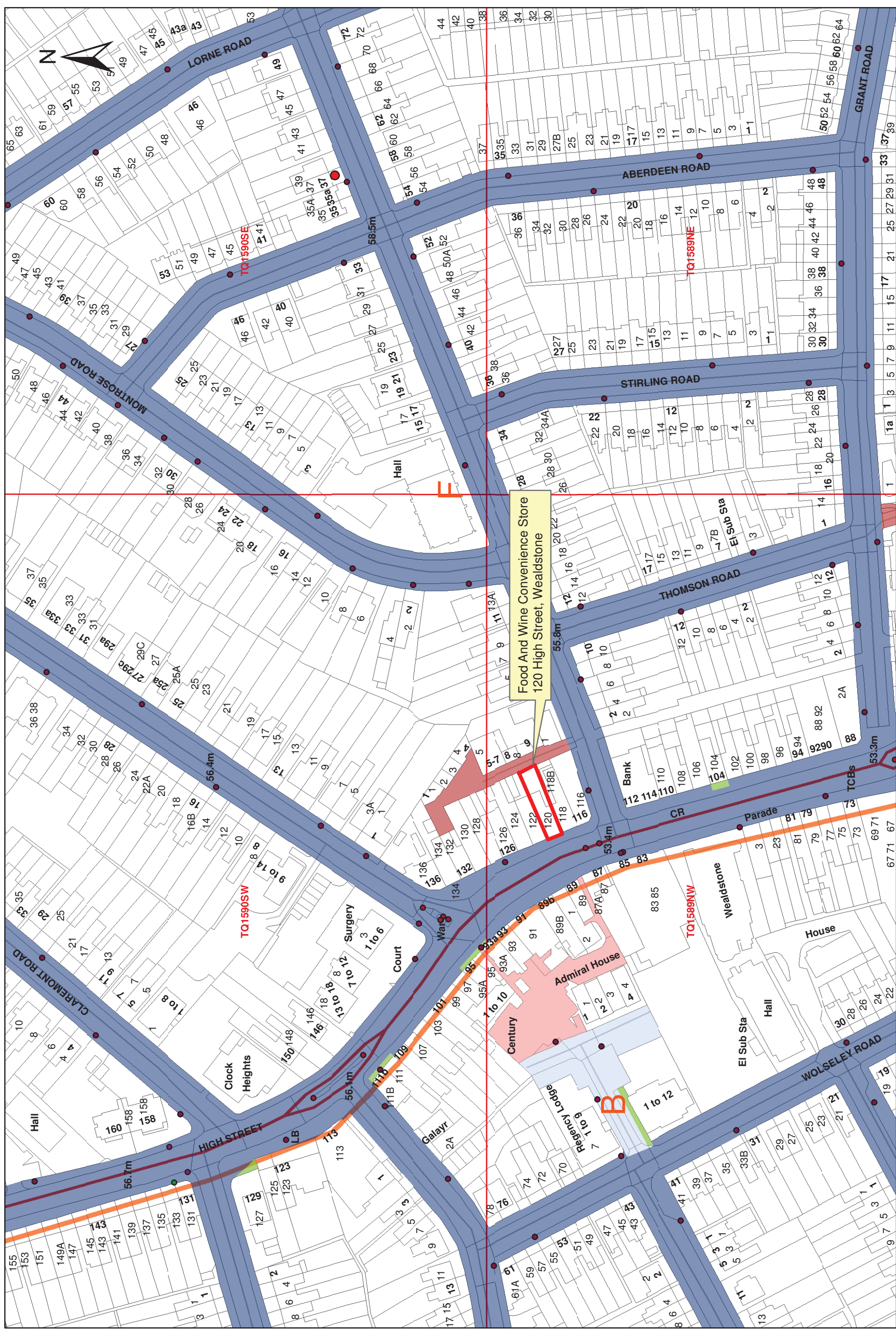
Annex 4 – Plan



Date of original grant: 10/03/2006	Reason for issue: Applicant Transfer & Variation Of DPS
Date of issue: 24th April 2014	Issue Number: 8 & 9



High Street os 120 Wealdstone
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Form 691

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 **Police Constable Jasminder Viridi 392QA**

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:

Food & Wine Convenience Store, 120 High Street, Wealdstone

Post town: Harrow Post code: (if known) HA3 7AL

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):

Mrs Janani Sritharan

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

LN/000000895/2014/8 & 9

Part 2 – Applicant details

I am:

	Please tick Yes
1 an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1 and complete (A) or (B) below)	<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 section (A) below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other title (e.g. Rev.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surname:				First Names:					
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/>					
Current postal address if different from premises address:									
Post town:				Post code:					
Daytime Tel. No.:				Email: (optional)					

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Name and Address:	
Telephone Number (if any):	
Email address: (optional)	

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Name and Address:	
PC 392QA Jasminder Viridi	
Telephone Number (if any):	██████████
Email address: (optional)	██████████

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

		Please tick one or more boxes
1	The prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Public safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	The prevention of public nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	The protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please state the ground(s) for review: (please read guidance note 2)

The premises are owned and managed by the Licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), Mrs Janani Sritharan, and her husband Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan. Mrs Janani Sritharan has been the DPS since the 24th April 2014. In the past six months there have been several calls made to police for incidents that have taken place in the premises that have undermined at least three of the four licensing objectives. Mrs Janani Sritharan and her her husband have failed to put in any procedures or checks in place to prevent crime and disorder or safeguard public safety despite being given support and opportunities by the partner agencies. They have continually refused to substantiate any allegation of theft even though some of the suspects may have been juveniles. The licensing objectives that have been undermined are as follows:-

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

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application: (please read guidance note 3)

21/10/2014.

CRIS no. 2012774/14 refers to an incident when Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan was arrested on suspicion of Handling/receiving stolen goods. On Wednesday 22/10/2014, Police officers had attended the venue for a routine licensing visit, when they were informed that on the previous day a suspect had stolen a packet of cigarettes from behind the counter. Police officers offered to view the CCTV footage with the hope that they may be able to identify the suspect, however another incident came to light. There was footage of a male entering the shop premises at 19:03 hours on Tuesday 21/10/2014 and go to the end of the counter. This male is holding a bag and is seen to discretely remove 8 large jars of coffee from it and place them on the shelf. The male then comes and stands in front of the counter. Mr Sritharan places the 6 large jars of Nescafe Original and 2 large jars of Nescafe Gold Blend on top of the counter. Mr Sritharan then takes out cash from the till and gives it to the male. When police officers asked Mr Sritharan to explain what had happened. Mr Sritharan stated that he just bought the 8 large jars of coffee for £18 and said that maybe the male with the coffee was a thief. The jars of coffee had by now been price-marked for a total value of £44. Based on what had transpired, Mr Sritharan was arrested on suspicion of handling/receiving stolen goods. Because Mr Sritharan was unable to download images from the store's CCTV system, the hard drive was seized in order to preserve the evidence. In a PACE interview Mr Sritharan denied that he knew the 8 jars of coffee had been stolen. Because police were unable to identify the rightful owner of the coffee, no further action was taken against Mr Sritharan. Throughout this incident there were members of a local gang hanging about and paying close attention to what was happening in the shop. These youths belong to gang known in the Wealdstone area as the Grey Set Gang. Mr Sritharan informed police that one of the ringleaders of this gang used to help him unload stock from his van into the shop. Apparently this youth did this sort of menial work without being paid for it.

21/10/2014.

CRIS no. 2012813/14 is for an allegation of theft of cigarettes that Mr Sritharan had referred to the previous paragraph. Apparently the suspect has taken a packet of cigarettes and left the shop without paying for them. Mr Sritharan informed police that the male had subsequently returned the next day and apologised to the victim for his actions, explaining that he was drunk and then paid for the cigarettes. Due to this development Mr Sritharan was not willing to take this matter any further or confirm that an offence had taken place. This male had not attended the shop whilst he police officers were there and also that Mr Sritharan spent a large portion of the day in police custody on 22/10/2014.

30/10/2014.

I attended the venue in the company of Customs and Excise officers at approximately 12:10 hours on Thursday 30/10/2014. Present in the shop was Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan. The Customs and Excise Officer, [REDACTED] has submitted an MG11 statement which states that he has seized tobacco products that he considered had no UK duty not paid on them as they either bore foreign health warnings or UK duty free labels. The amounts were as follows:-

1200 - Cigarettes.

700 grams - Hand Rolling Tobacco (HRT)

1.32 kg 0 Chewing Tobacco.

Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan further admitted that he had purchased alcohol without invoices and due to this admission the officer seized an equivalent of 29 cases of lager and 24 cases of wine and 2 bottles of tequila on the balance of probability that the relevant UK duty had not been paid. I produce this statement as my Exhibit JSV/1.

08/11/2014

CRIS no. 2013593/14 refers to an allegation of shoplifting whereby two suspects had taken 3 bottles of Bells whisky from the shelf and left the premises without paying for them. Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan did not wish to pursue the allegation. He simply wanted the suspects banned from the shop premises. The crime report was closed as the victim declines to support further police action to identify the offenders. I am not aware of any documented evidence of whether any banning notices were issued to these suspects.

27/12/2015

CRIS no. 2000118/15 refers to an allegation of shoplifting, which involved the theft of a bottle of brandy. The incident was initially reported by a third party. It was reported that Mr Sritharan was involved in a physical altercation with the suspect. Police attended and observed that Mr Sritharan did not have any injuries. No other offences were alleged on this visit. Then on 03/01/2015 at 21:00 hours officers from the Wealdstone Proactive Team observed youths from the Grey Set Gang loitering outside Convenience Food & Wine Store, also known as Wealdstone Food & Wine Store. These youths dispersed as the police officers approached the shop. When the officers went to discuss the behaviour of the youths with Mr Sritharan, it was only then that he mentioned the incident on 27/12/2014. He told officers that he had a physical altercation with a suspect near the till area, following which the suspect took a bottle of brandy from the shelf and left without paying. Mr Sritharan did not report the incident then because he did not want any trouble. Mr Sritharan was still adamant that he would not provide a statement to assist police in identifying and prosecuting the suspect. Despite explanations that without his co-operation police would not be able to prosecute the suspect. Mr Sritharan was still adamant that he would not provide any statement or attend court.

12/01/2015

On Monday 12/01/2015 Mrs Janani Sritharan and Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan attended Harrow Central Depot, Forward Drive for a meeting with Police Licensing Officer and officers from the Harrow Council Community Protection Unit. Mr and Mrs Sritharan

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signed up to Responsible Retailers Agreement. This was designed to help them run their shop as a viable and responsible enterprise that upheld all the four licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. Two of the proposals were to ensure that at least one of them would become fully trained on how to operate and download images from the hard drive of the CCTV system, if such a requirement was made by police or an officer from Harrow Council Licensing authority. Secondly, they would report all crime and disorder that happened in the shop and in the vicinity to police. I present this agreement as my Exhibit JSV/2.

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CRIS no. 2000613/15 refers to an allegation of Actual Bodily Harm. During this incident a member of public was assaulted by two drunk suspects. The victim was pushed against the shelves in the shops and was also kicked by the suspects. Although Mr Sritharan initially made the phone call to police, he has subsequently refused to attend court and give evidence if required to do so. Neither he nor Mrs Sritharan were able to download images from the hard drive. Mr Sritharan arranged for a CCTV operator to burn images on to a CD, which the investigating officer realised was blank. The officer had to seize the hard drive and personally transport it to a specialised police forensic lab to safely retrieve the images from the hard drive. All this additional work caused unnecessary delay and costs to the investigation. It is fortunate that the CCTV footage was not lost or damaged. It is totally apparent that Mr Sritharan's behaviour has been a hindrance to this investigation. When the CCTV footage was viewed it showed youths present on the premises behaving in manner that suggested they were having a party in the shop whilst it was still open for business.

30/01/2015

The Harrow Police and Harrow Council Licensing officers attended the venue to conduct a routine licensing visit. It was observed that there were some licensing breaches. Neither Mr Sritharan nor Mrs Sritharan as yet had arranged to undertake the required training to learn how to download or record CCTV images on to a portable medium. They were issued with a warning letter on this occasion to rectify the licensing breaches as soon as practicable. I present this warning letter as my exhibit JSV/3.

28/01/2015

CRIS no. 2001359/15 refers to an incident whereby a suspect took three bottles of an alcoholic drink by the name Cherry B. The suspect starts to drink from the bottle in the shop and walks out of the shop with paying for them. Prior to that he informed the Mr Sritharan that he is not going to pay for it. He also warned Mr Sritharan not to call the police about it either. Mr Sritharan has told the police that he is not willing to go to court to give evidence. This suspect is known to police and is a juvenile of 17 years of age.

Conclusion.

It is very clear that Mrs Janani Sritharan who is the Licensee and the Designated Premises Supervisor, has no control over day to day running of the shop. The premises are effectively in the control of her husband Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan. He appears to extremely reluctant to take any positive measures to uphold the three Licensing Objectives of :-

- 1) Preventing Crime and Disorder.
- 2) Prevention of harm to children.
- 3) Public safety.

He does not wish to substantiate any crime allegations against criminals even though they happen to be juveniles. His inactions prevent juvenile shoplifters being brought into Restorative Justice procedures that may provide them with an opportunity to steer away from a life of criminality. He has repeatedly failed to maintain crime prevention measures and procedures, such as a fully operable CCTV system, that would assist police and other investigative authorities to identify and prosecute criminals. He is evading taxes by keeping and selling stock on which UK duty may not have been paid. By buying stock from non-bonfide suppliers he is certainly promoting acts of criminality in the surrounding business enterprises. He is failing to assist with investigations whereby members have been seriously assaulted by intoxicated suspects. He claims that he often does not report crimes where he is the victim because he is concerned about the welfare and safety of his family, however he does seem to share the same concern for the welfare of his customers or the surrounding community. He does not seem to be too concerned with members of criminal gangs loitering about in his shop, at the rear or in front of the shop.

Mrs Sritharan has failed to demonstrate that she has the capacity to take charge of the shop and operate it in manner that does not violate any legal and moral values. I believe that Mrs Sritharan has only been placed as DPS whilst Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan may still have an outstanding allegation of Greivous Bodily Harm pending for its final resolution. Mr and Mrs Sritharan have failed to use the opportunity provided by the Responible Retailer Agreement to demonstrate that they have serious intentions of running their shop within legal statutory guidelines. I strongly recommend to the licensing panel that Mrs Janani Sritharan is not a suitable person to run this premises, and that this licence should be revoked with immediate effect. If the panel chooses not to do so, then I suggest that it be suspended for a suitable period such as 6 months.

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

(Please tick yes)

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Day	Month	Year

If yes, please state the date of that application:

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

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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 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Date:

10/2/2015

Capacity:

HARROW POLICE LICENSING OFFICER

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application: (please read guidance note 6)

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. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details, for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example, solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Retention Period: 7 years
MP 321/12

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation [REDACTED]

This statement (consisting of 2 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 [REDACTED]

Date: 19/11/14

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

On 30 October 2014 I was on duty with other officers in the vicinity of Wealdstone.

At 12.10 I entered the premises of Food and Wine Convenience Store, 120 High Street, Wealdstone, HA3 7AL under section 112 of CEMA 1979 to undertake an inspection visit with the assistance of other officers. I introduced myself to Mr Sritharan Sinnathamby, the owner, and explained the purpose of the visit. During the course of the inspection the following tobacco products were identified that I considered that UK duty had not been paid on as they had either foreign health warnings or UK duty free labels:

Quantity	Type
1200	Cigarettes
700 Grams	Hand Rolling Tobacco (HRT)
1.32 KG	Chewing Tobacco



Accordingly the above items were seized as I believed that UK duty had not been paid. Thereafter I sought purchase records in respect of the canned beers and wines in the shop.

Date: 19/11/14
Signature: [REDACTED]
(signature)

Signature:
(signature witnessed by)

Continuation of Statement of: [REDACTED]

Mr Sinnathamby subsequently admitted that he had purchased the following alcohol without an invoice. Due to this admission the relevant stock was also seized as I considered on the balance of probabilities that that the relevant UK duty had not been paid.

Brand	Quantity in litres
Heineken	48
Guinness Original	24
Carlesberg	60
San Miguel	12
Holsten Pils	24
Kronenbourg	24
Stella Artois	12
Tyskie	48
Zywiec	12
Zubr	48
Debowe	12
Lech	12
Warka Black	12
Wine @12%	216

Also seized were two bottles of tequila with no UK duty stamp totalling 1.4 litres at 38%.

At the end of the visit, I issued a seizure information notice, a warning letter and a booklet re the appeal process to Mr Sinnathamby. I and other officers left the premises at 18.24 hours.

To date I am not aware of an appeal against this seizure.

Date: 19 July 2012

Signature: [REDACTED]

(signature of witness)

Signature: [REDACTED]

(signature witnessed by)

RESPONSIBLE RETAILERS AGREEMENT



THIS AGREEMENT is made on 12th January 2015

BETWEEN London Borough of Harrow, the Metropolitan Police

AND Mrs Janani Sritharan & Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan of 138 Kenton Lane, Harrow HA3 8UG

AGREES the following in respect of future conduct of 120 Wealdstone High Street

1. Keep full records, including references obtained, for all staff employed at the premises, whether doing paid, unpaid or voluntary work.
2. Keep an up to date record of all the duties the employees are authorised to undertake.
3. Maintain an up to date record of training provided to all members of staff.
4. Ensure all stock in the premises is purchased from legitimate and verifiable suppliers with registered business premises in the UK by taking all reasonable steps to confirm that all goods are bought from the rightful owner.
5. Adopt a book-keeping system that can be audited by responsible authorities to verify that all the stock in the premises that is liable for excise duty has bought from bonafide suppliers registered to trade within the UK.
6. Ensure that there is at least person present on the premises who is trained to download images to an alternative portable medium upon police or Local Authority request.
7. Ensure that all crime and disorder in the vicinity of the premises is either reported directly to police using 999 or 101 numbers or anonymously via Crime stoppers through 0800 555 111
8. Actively engage with Police, Local authorities and other members of the local business and residential community to promote the local welfare and social issues.
9. Customers should not smoke in the doorway of the premises or stub cigarettes out in the paved area outside.
10. Customers are not to congregate or loiter in groups of more than 2 people on the paved area outside the premises.

To help with the above conditions and complete the Responsible Retailers Agreement successfully, the representatives of the various agencies and organizations agree to provide the help and support. If partner agencies are unable to provide the support listed, they will discuss as soon as possible to provide suitable alternatives.

1. The Licensing Enforcement Team will provide you with 'Smoke Free Guidelines'
2. Police and Officers from the Anti Social Behaviour Unit of Harrow Council will conduct patrols of the area and carry out spot checks.
3. The Council may be able to provide signs to be displayed within the premises to remind customers of the need to behave in such a way as not to cause a nuisance to local residents.

I have been made aware that although the agreement is voluntary, if I fail in my responsibilities for the concerns highlighted, The London Borough of Harrow and the Metropolitan Police Service may take steps against.

This action may include the following action:

- **Premises Closure Order:** The Council / Police may make an application to the court for a Premises Closure Order.
- **Licence Review:** The Council / Police may make an application to review your premises Licence.

This agreement will be in place for a period of 12 months. Should the terms of this agreement be breached, a "breach meeting" has been immediately called to discuss the matter with all the agencies involved.

I can confirm that I understand the meaning of this agreement and the consequences of a failure to comply have been explained to me.

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Date	12 / 1 / 15
Signed _____ (Metropolitan Police)	RCB met
Date	12 01 / 2015
Signed _____	

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Environment & Enterprise
Corporate Director – Caroline Brooks

Janani Sritharan
138 Kenton Lane
Harrow
Middlesex
HA3 8UG

Friday, 30 January 2015

Our ref: ce/css/pc/

Your ref:



Dear Sir,

Re. Breach of Conditions. Licensing Act 2003

On Friday 30 January 2015 at 14.30. Officers from this authority entered your premises. On checking the conditions of your licence you were found to be in Breach of Conditions in Annex 2..

1. CCTV is installed, maintained and operated in accordance with the recommendations of the Metropolitan Police/Crime Prevention officer. CCTV signage is displayed to indicate that it is operational.
2. A Till guard or similar to be installed to protect the cash register.
3. A time delay safe is to be installed.

These conditions were offered by you on your licence application in view of the breaches of the conditions and the fact that you have been previously spoken to about these same conditions we have decided to deal with this offence by way of an official warning.

If there are any further breaches of conditions of the licence by either yourself or any of the staff acting on your behalf this will not be dealt with by way of a warning. As the owner of the premises you are responsible for the behaviour of your staff, if Court proceedings are taken this could result in a fine of up to £2,500.

This letter will go on your file as an official warning.

Yours sincerely

Peter Coates
Licensing Team Leader,
Environment & Enterprise
Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

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WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Fran Latham** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer**.....


This statement (consisting of: **2**..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  Date: **09/02/2015**.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a police constable attached to the Wealdstone Proactive Unit, Harrow Police.
On Thursday 29th January 2015 at 13:35 hours I seized a DVR CCTV system Model XL86TX (s19 PACE) from 120 HIGH STREET, WEALDSTONE in relation to an investigation of serious assault which occurred in the location on 16th January 2015. Mr SRITHARAN had failed to provide police with footage of this incident and when police have returned to secure the footage, Mr SRITHARAN has demonstrated that he is unable to use the CCTV system. Police have had numerous issues previously recovering CCTV from this location.

I was aware of an incident that had occurred at the venue at 22:52 hrs on 28th January 2015 (CAD 9904/28JAN15) where Mr. Sinnathamby SRITHARAN, the manager of the store, had called police in relation to a group of males shoplifting at the store. When police had arrived the store manager had left the scene.


I took the DVR to the Harrow VIIDO Unit to seek the assistance of the unit in order to gather evidence relating to both incidents. I was assisted by  who was able to plug the DVR into a terminal in the viewing suit.

At approximately 16:00 hours I reviewed footage relating to the incident on the 28th January 2015 to ascertain whether offences had been committed. I started the footage at 22:30 hours which was time stamped with the correct date and time. Shortly after I started playing the footage I saw a group of males enter the shop. I know these males to be members of the GREY SET GANG, which is an established London gang predominantly located in the Wealdstone area.

I opened the player for Camera 3. This camera is located at the front of the shop above the window and shows a view of the front section of the shop, the front door is to the left bottom of frame and the till area and cigarette kiosk is to the right of screen. The rear of the shop is divided into two (2) aisles by a shelving unit which runs down the centre of the shop. The alcohol section is located to the left of the shop and left hand side of the frame.

I then watched the footage from 22:30 hours until approximately 23:10 hours.

During this time I saw this group of males who were stood in a circle in the front half of the shop. The males

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Continuation of Statement of **Fran Latham**.....

appeared to be laughing and joking with each other. One (1) of the males was walking around the front area of the shop and appeared to be a main player. I saw this male, who I know to be [REDACTED] who is a prominent member of the GREY SET GANG, go to the alcohol section on the left hand side of the shop and pick up a bottle. He appeared to wander around the front of the shop in a leisurely fashion talking to other members of the group. He approached the door as if to talk to someone waiting outside and continued walking around the shop. At no point did he appear to be challenged or talked to by staff in the shop. Neither did staff appear to visibly ask the males to leave the store. It appeared to me observing the footage that all the males were welcome in the shop and were using it as almost a social venue. During this period of time, members of the public were entering the venue to buy items and interacting with the group in the store.

At approximately 23:00 hours four (4) of the males were still standing in the circle within the front area of the shop. [REDACTED] was hovering at the entrance of the shop and appeared to be speaking to the other males. He has walked back into the middle of the shop. They have then all looked outside the shop. At 23:04 hours all five (5) males have left the shop. Shortly after this police arrive and enter the shop.

The males I saw within the shop during the CCTV review are well known to me and the Wealdstone Proactive Unit. They are gang members and known to be involved in drug supply.

I know these males to be:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I have reviewed the CAD relating to this incident which shows that police were called by Mr. SRITHARAN at 22:52 hours and arrived on scene at 23:04 hours. Mr. SRITHARAN had already left the scene when police arrived and therefore police were unable to take a report or assess whether any offences had been committed. On reviewing the footage, this group of males were within the venue for at least 20-25 minutes prior to police being called and appeared to be allowed to remain in the store unchallenged.

I then requested the assistance of the Harrow VIIDO unit to secure an hour of footage between approximately 22:30 hours and 23:30 hours from the DVR.

[REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

Appendix E

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Witness contact details

Home address:

Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male / Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability 15/03/2015 to 30/03/2015

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? **Yes.** If 'No', include reason(s) on MG6.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
No. If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? **No.** If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, , language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me Yes No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' Yes No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes No N/A
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes No
- g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services:

Signature of witness: Print name:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): PC 392QA 208263 Jasinder Viridi Station: Harrow - QA

Time and place statement taken:

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Statement of **Jasminder Virdi PC 392QA**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 208263**

This statement (consisting of: 2..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: ..... Date: 13/3/2015.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I hereby confirm that I am the above-mentioned person. I have been working in my current capacity as the Harrow Police Licensing Officer since September 2013.

On Thursday 12th March 2015 at approximately 15:00 hours I attended the premises of Wealdstone Food & Wine Store, also known as, Food and Wine Convenience Store 120 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 7AL. There was a new member of staff on duty. The male identified himself as Mr Vincent David,  of  Mr David informed me that he had been employed at the venue since 20/02/2015. Mr David stated that he had been given verbally training about the sale of alcohol, which included matters such as ensuring that no sales are made to members of public under the age of 18 years. I asked Mr David if the shop management had created any sort of personnel record file for him. Mr David showed me an A4 note pad where on the second page it had been recorded that Mr David had been fully trained with requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 with regards to the sale of alcohol to members of public.

I then asked Mr David if they maintained a refusal register and he referred me to the same A4 notepad that contained his training records. On the first page there were three entries recorded of incidents when customers had been refused to be served with alcohol or cigarettes.

I noticed that that the till drawer was being left open. I asked Mr David if the till was fully functional. Mr David stated that the till had stopped working from Wednesday 10/03/2015 onwards. I opened the till roll compartment and observed that the audit roll was completely blank from the start of roll. Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan later confirmed in person to me that the printer on the till has not been operational for several months. This is despite being advised on the 19/11/2014 that he needs to make sure that his till is fully functional. This was when HM Customs and Revenue officers had seized substantial amounts of cigarettes and alcohol from the premises. As usual Mr Sritharan stated that he would get the fault rectified as soon as possible.

Police are still being informed that the owners of Wealdstone Food & Wine are buying stolen goods and selling them in the shop. I include a copy of an email from the Acting Sergeant of the Wealdstone Pro-active Unit as my


Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by:

exhibit JSV/4. This email states that the owner of Wealdstone Food & Wine is allowing the premises to used for dealing drugs and that they are buying stolen goods to sell in the shop. I asked Mr David to show me any invoices present in the shop for the retail stock kept in the shop. Mr David showed me several invoices which only related to alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, some cigarettes and some packaged snacks. There appeared to no invoices for a large majority of other stock in the shop such as confectionary and various other grocery and non-grocery items. At approximately, 15:15 hours, an Asian male about 5'02" tall inches with a slim built walked in to the shop. He had a goatee beard and was a wearing a blue and black fleece jacket. He was carrying a large bag. This male looked at me in a nervous fashion and said something in a foreign language, possibly Tamil, to Mr David, and quickly proceeded to turn around and leave the premises. I called out to him and introduced myself as a police officer. I asked him why he had come into the shop. The male stated that he had just been shopping and had come to see his uncle. He refused to provide his personal details. I glanced into the bag and observed that it contained at least one bottle of brandy, a half bottle of whiskey, at least half dozen packets of Nurofen tablets and several other items.

The email and the presence of this male appear to imply that Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan is still buying goods or items that may be proceeds of crime.

Mrs Janani and Mr Sinnathamby Sritharan are persistently failing to abide by the Responsible Retailers Agreement which he and Mrs Janani Sritharan signed up to on the 12th of January 2015. They are still not substantiating any allegations of crime that occur in the shop. The management are failing to keep meaningful records of trading and personnel in the premises. The Licensee and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is hardly ever present in the shop and mostly appears un-informed of the day-to-day affairs within the shop. They are still not taking any positive steps to exclude the members of the Grey-Set gang from the shop.

[Redacted]

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement dated 13/3/2015

Virdi Jasmindeh - QA

Appendix E

From: [redacted] - QA
Sent: 10 February 2015 08:20
To: [redacted] - QA; [redacted] - QA
Cc: [redacted] - [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] from Wealdstone Food and Wine

Did you manage to have a chat with [redacted] from Wealdstone Food and wine and get his mobile number?

I spoke with him very briefly yesterday but it was not safe to do so with all the comings and goings in the shop.

He mentioned that [redacted] and [redacted] are using the rear and inside of the shop to cut up and serve up Drugs. He said the Owner borrows 'Money' off the Gang boys and they take advantage of him, and that he lets them serve up from within the shop and they store drugs in the toilet out the back. He also let on that the Owner is a Fence and a large portion of the goods in the store are stolen from the Town Centre and then sold on to him, to sell.

[redacted] said the Owner is taking large consignments of Polish and Romanian Cigarettes and selling them from the shop and from his H/A. He also said a lot of the Alcohol on sale is Dodgy.

[redacted] needs to be handled Correctly so I've CC'ed [redacted] and [redacted] in.

[redacted] For your info at this stage. If we have any Trading Standards / Cadet TP Jobs or Customs and Excise Jobs coming up please could we give Wealdstone Food and wine first Dips??

Happy to discuss any of the Above.

Rgds

