NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday, 1st August, 2022, 7.00 pm - (watch the live meeting here and watch the recording here)

Members: Councillors Ajda Ovat (Chair), Emily Arkell, Holly Harrison-Mullane

Quorum: 3

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with under item 7 below).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.



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Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

5. SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

The Committee will first hear from the Licensing Officer. After that, the objectors will present their case and the Committee and applicant will have the opportunity to ask questions. Then, the applicant will present their application and the Committee and objectors will have the opportunity to ask questions.

All parties will then have the opportunity to sum up, and then the meeting will conclude to allow the Committee to deliberate and reach a decision. This decision will then be provided in writing within five working days of this meeting.

6. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR STAR FOOD & WINE, 23 WESTBURY AVENUE, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N22 6BS (NOEL PARK) (PAGES 1 - 50)

To consider an application for a review of a premises licence.

7. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of urgent business as identified at item 3.

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Thursday, 21 July 2022

Agenda Item 6

Report for: Licensing Sub Committee – 01st August 2022

Title: Application for a Review of a Premises Licence – Star Food &

Wine, 23 Westbury Avenue, Wood Green, London, N22 6BS

Report

authorised by: Daliah Barrett, Licensing Team Leader, Regulatory Services

Ward(s) affected: Noel Park

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Not applicable

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 This application to review is submitted by Trading Standards RA and relates primarily to the objective to prevent crime and disorder. The application is set out at **Appendix 1** to the report.
- 1.2 The matter primarily concerns an incident at the premises on 22nd March 2022 during a Trading Standards inspection in which a locked safe was seized following an indication from tobacco search dogs. The safe was subsequently opened and found to contain a quantity of illegal tobacco.
- 1.3 The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is Hunter Supermarket Ltd. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) Mr. KEMAL AVCI. The premises is licensed for the following:

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday 0000 to 0000

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Sunday 0000 to 0000

A copy of the Premises licence is attached at Appendix 2.

1.4 Consideration for LSC

The Sub-Committee will be asked to determine this application and has the option to:

a) Modify the conditions of the licence

This could include either imposing further conditions on the licence or changing (for example, further restricting) the hours of certain licensable activities, where this is proportionate and relevant to the licensing objectives;

For this purpose, the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered or

omitted, or any new condition is added.

b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence

The Sub-Committee may decide that it is proportionate and relevant to the Licensing objectives to remove one or more of the licensable activities;



- c) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor
- d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months

e) Revoke the licence

Depending on the decision of the Sub-Committee, the licence holder and the applicant have rights of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

The Sub-Committee is asked to state its reasons considering the representations received and what is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

1.4 Public Health has submitted a representation in support of the Trading Standards review. App 3

2. Background

2.1 The existing premises licence took effect in November 2005. A copy of the premises licence is at Appendix 2. The review application relates to the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective and is made on the grounds that smuggled goods have been found at the premises i.e. non-duty paid cigarettes.

3. Licensing Policy

- 3.1 In reviewing a licence the Licensing Sub-Committee will consider, and take into account, the complaints history of the premises and all other relevant information.
- 3.2 A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities, for example the sale of contraband goods. The Sub-Committee does not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issue. The Sub-Committee's role is to ensure the promotion of the crime prevention objective [Guid s.11.24].
- 3.3 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These include the use of the premises for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol [Guid s.11.27].
- 3.4 Where reviews arise in respect of these criminal activities and the Sub-Committee determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined, It is expected that revocation of the licence even in the first instance should Be seriously considered [Guid s.11.28].
- 3.5 This Licensing Authority, in determining what action to take, will seek to establish the cause of concern and any action taken will be directed at these causes. Any action taken to promote the licensing objectives will be appropriate and proportionate.

4. Other considerations



4.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 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 function on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area'.

5. Human Rights

- 5.1 While all Convention Rights must be considered, those which are of particular relevance to the application are:
 - Article 8 Right to respect for private and family life.
 - Article 1 of the First Protocol Protection of Property.
 - Article 6(1) Right to a fair hearing.
 - Article 10 Freedom of Expression.

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Review Application Form and supporting documents

Appendix 2 - Copy of current Premises Licence

Appendix 3- Public Health representation

7. Background papers

Section 82 Guidance Haringey Statement of Licensing Policy





Appendix 1



[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

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 L. B. Haringey Trading Standards (Respon	sible Authority)				
(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, ordnand 23 Westbury Avenue, Wood Green	ce survey map reference or description				
Post town London	Post code (if known) N22 6BS				
Name of premises licence holder or club holding	ng club premises certificate (if known)				
Hunter Supermarket Limited (Co 10103567)					
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Part 2 - Applicant details					
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1) an individual, body or business which is not a authority (please read guidance note 1, and compor (B) below)					
2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) be	elow)				

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)					
(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)					
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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					
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(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT					
Name and address					
Telephone number (if any)					
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(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address	
Michael Squire L.B. Haringey Trading Standards Service 1st Floor, River Park House, 225 High Road London N22 8HQ	
Telephone number (if any)	
020 8489-5158	
E-mail address (optional) Michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk	
This application to review relates to the following lic	censing objective(s)
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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

Introduction:

This application to review relates to the objective to prevent crime and disorder.

It primarily concerns an incident at the premises on 22nd March 2022 during a Trading Standards inspection in which a locked safe was seized following an indication from tobacco search dogs. The safe was subsequently opened and found to contain a quantity of illegal tobacco.

Specific Details of Actions:

In early January 2022 Intelligence information was received which suggested that the Licenced Premises at 23 Westbury Avenue, Wood Green, N22 was selling illegal tobacco.

On 19th January 2022, Trading Standards officers carried out an inspection of the Licenced premises. Kemal AVCI the DPS was present. No illegal products were found. During the visit officers noticed a locked safe behind the counter and asked to look inside. Mr AVCI informed the officers that the key was not on the premises. Officers advised Mr AVCI that in future they wished to look inside the safe to ensure there was no illegal tobacco on the premises. They advised Mr AVCI to keep the key on the premises from now on to allow access. Officers informed Mr AVCI that they would return to carry out another inspection at a later date.

On 22nd March 2022 a Trading Standards Officer accompanied by tobacco detection dogs and their handler visited the premises to carry out an inspection of the tobacco stocks. At the premises serving behind the counter again was the DPS Kemal AVCI.

An inspection was carried out and once again no illicit tobacco was found initially. Mr AVCI was asked to open the safe. Mr AVCI stated again that the key was not on the premises. A tobacco dog was deployed and the dog indicated the safe contained tobacco. When asked again to open the safe Mr AVCI again stated he could not open the safe.

A Code B Notice was therefore issued to Mr AVCI (**See Annex 1**) which explained Trading Standards powers and his rights.

The safe was seized and receipt given (See Annex 2). The safe was removed with some considerable difficulty as it was suspected to contain illegal tobacco. The safe was transported to secure storage at the Trading Standards Office. Mr AVCI was given instructions to provide the key within a reasonable time or the safe would be broken open.

Subsequently, a telephone call was received, and arrangements were made for Mr AVCI and his representatives to attend the Trading standards Office with the key where the safe was opened in his presence. Inside a quantity of cigarettes and cash was discovered.

The cash was returned uncounted, and the tobacco was seized. A receipt was given (See Annex 3)

Photographs were taken of the cigarettes in the safe (See Annex 4)

In total 1,040 cigarettes were seized. The Duty Value of these products is approximately £420.

The foreign tobacco products seized were not in UK Standardised packaging and many bore incorrect or foreign language health warnings so were legal to sell in the UK. Some of the cigarettes were brands which are not registered for sale within the UK.

It can be a criminal offence under Regulation 15(1) of the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 to offer to supply tobacco products in non-standardised packaging which are not coloured pantone 448c (dark drab green).

It can be a criminal offence under the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 to sell tobacco products with no health warnings, non-English language health warnings or health warnings in the incorrect format for the UK market.

It can be a Criminal Offence under Section 144 of The Licensing Act 2003 to keep non-Duty paid goods on a Licenced Premises.

The business is operated through a Limited Company, Hunter Supermarket Limited who are the Premises Licence Holders. Kemal AVCI is the sole Director of the business.

A letter was sent to Kemal AVCI the DPS and Company Director on 8th April 2022 asking questions under caution in relation to the Investigation (This letter is attached as **Annex 5**). Trading Standards received a reply from Kemal AVCI on 25th April 2022 (Attached as **Annex 6**).

During the interview, Mr AVCI stated that he deliberately stored the tobacco in the safe to avoid it being discovered during an inspection. He added that the tobacco was not for sale and was for the use of shop workers who had brought it back from abroad. When asked who had access to the safe, he stated that he himself did and that the key was kept away from the premises to prevent a burglary.

Subsequent to the seizure further intelligence was received by Trading Standards from a major tobacco company who periodically conduct test purchases from Off Licences in the UK in order to combat the trade in illicit tobacco. Where a sale is made they in turn provide their findings to the relevant Licensing Authority. Information has been received relating to two test purchases carried out at the licenced premises on 17th February 2022 and 4th March 2022 prior to the date of the Trading Standards seizure. These purchases were carried out entirely independently from Trading Standards.

On the first occasion on 17th February 2022 test purchasers asked a shop worker serving behind the counter for "cheap Cigarettes" and were offered and sold a packet of Marlboro Gold Cigarettes for £7.50. On the second occasion on 4th March 2022 the test purchasers were sold a packet of Marlboro Touch Blue Cigarettes for £7.50. On both occasions the cigarettes sold were Non-Duty Paid, bore foreign language health warnings and were not in plain packaging. On both occasions the seller produced the cigarettes from a waistcoat style jacket he was wearing.

Trading Standards have made this application for a Licence Review as they are concerned that: -

The willingness to intentionally or recklessly break one law indicates the business is less likely to be compliant with other laws.

• The sale by retailers of illicit goods gives them an unfair advantage over law abiding businesses.

- Illicit goods are often smuggled into the country and/or produced by organised crime. It is believed that the profits are frequently used to fund other types of serious organised crime.
- The trade in illicit tobacco causes huge losses to the UK's tax revenues.
- The trade in illicit tobacco facilitates teen smoking.
- The trade in illicit tobacco makes it harder to beat addiction.
- Illicit goods may be harmful as they do not come from legitimate, legal and/or traceable suppliers. There is no guarantee that they are safe and comply with other legislation.
- Supplying tobacco at cheap prices undermines the public health message.
- Supplying alcohol to underage persons without challenge or asking for ID undermines the Licensing objective of the Prevention of Children from Harm

The business are not members of the Councils Responsible Trader Scheme.

Section 13(4) of Licensing Act 2003 and Regulation 7 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 makes a local weights and measures authority a responsible authority for the purposes of the legislation. The London Borough of Haringey is a local weights and measures authority, and that function is carried out by the Trading Standards team.

Recommendations:

This licensee has clearly demonstrated that there has been a major breakdown in due diligence in respect to the control of the premises. They also failed to source legitimate products to be sold by the business and failed to pay Duty to HMRC. In addition, there has been a disregard for legal requirements for standardised packaging, health warnings and legal requirements not to store non Duty paid products on a Licenced premises.

Trading Standards do not accept the DPS's explanation for the events, particularly as intelligence received indicates the cigarettes were likely to be for sale and casts severe doubt on his explanation that the cigarettes were for the sole personal use of shop workers.

It does not seem logical for the sole Director of the business not to keep the key to the safe on his person whilst in the shop as he would in all likelihood require access to cash to pay suppliers and use of the safe to store shop takings. Even his own explanation that the cigarettes were for shop workers would require the key to be available to him to distribute these items.

Overall, the Duty Evasion and concealment of illicit goods by Mr AVCI gives Trading Standards severely reduced confidence in the Designated Premises Supervisor.

Trading Standards, therefore, recommend that the Committee seriously consider suspending the Licence for a period to allow for additional controls to be implemented at the licenced Premises as detailed below.

Additional Conditions Proposed by Trading Standards

- 1. The business shall adopt a "Challenge 25" policy.
- 2. A refusals register shall be maintained to record instances where age restricted product sales are refused. These records shall be made available for inspection by Police and Authorised Council officers on request.
- 3. All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive regular training in the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and all other age restricted products stocked on the premises. Written records of this training signed and dated by the person receiving the training and the trainer shall be retained and made available to Police and authorised council officers on request.
- 4. Posters shall be displayed in prominent positions around the till advising customers of the "proof of age" required under the "Challenge 25" policy at the premises.
- 5. Only Employees of the business who have been formally trained on licensing requirements and age restricted sales may serve behind the counter.
- 6. The refusals register shall be kept at the premises to record details of all refusals to sell alcohol and age restricted products. This register shall contain:

The date and time of the incident,

The product which was the subject of the refusal

A description of the customer.

The name of the staff member who refused the sale

The reason the sale was refused.

- 7. The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Licence Holder shall ensure alcohol is only purchased from a wholesaler registered with HMRC under the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme (AWRS).and shall produce receipts for the same upon request for inspection.
- 8. The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure persons responsible for purchasing alcohol do not take part in any stock swaps or lend or borrow any alcohol goods from any other source unless the source is another venue owned and operated by the same company who also purchase their stock from an authorised wholesaler.
- 9. The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure all receipts for alcohol goods purchased include the following details:
- I. Seller's name and address
- II. Seller's company details, if applicable
- III. Seller's VAT details, if applicable
- IV. AWRS registration number
- V. Vehicle registration detail, if applicable

Legible copies of receipts for alcohol purchases shall be retained on the premises for six months and made available to Authorised Officers on request.

- 10. The Designated Premises Supervisor shall regularly check the refusals book to ensure it is being consistently used by all staff. They shall sign and date when inspected.
- 11. An ultraviolet light shall be purchased and used at the store to check the authenticity of all stock purchased which bears a UK Duty Paid stamp.
- 12. Where the trader becomes aware that any alcohol may be not duty paid, they shall inform the Council of this immediately.
- 13. Only alcohol which is available for retail sale shall be stored at the licensed premises.
- 14. All tobacco products which are not on the covered tobacco display cabinet or on the under counter shelf marked for 'Tobacco Stock' shall be stored in a container clearly marked 'Tobacco Stock'. This container shall be kept within the storeroom or behind the sales counter.
- 15. Tobacco shall only be taken from the covered tobacco display cabinet behind the sales counter <u>or</u> the undercounter shelf marked for 'Tobacco Stock' in order to make a sale.
- 16. Only tobacco which is available for retail sale can be stored at the licensed premises.
- 17. After evidence of any legal non-compliance relevant to the promotion of the Licensing Objectives is found, the licensee shall attend a meeting, upon reasonable request, with appropriate Responsible Authorities at the Council Offices or other suitable location. This condition does not require the licensee to say anything while under caution.
- 18. A CCTV system should be installed and maintained which should be able to record colour footage for a period of 31 days and be able to capture clear video of persons faces and shoulders when they enter the premises and cover the area of the sales counter. These images should be able to be loaded onto disc or other electronic media should a Police Officer or Authorised Council Officer require a copy. Where copies of recordings are

requested, they should be provided in a reasonable time and in a format which can be viewed without specialist software. Any malfunction in the operation of the CCTV system shall be reported to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours.

- 19. All Staff left in charge of the premises should be trained in the operation of CCTV and the production of copies of recordings.
- 21. Where a locked safe, cupboard or stock storage area is maintained at the licenced premises. Immediate access to these locked areas shall be provided on request to any Police or an Authorised Council officer who wishes to carry out an inspection during licensable hours. Where keys or codes necessary to access these locked areas are not immediately available to staff on the premises they shall be provided by a responsible person/keyholder within 20 minutes of a request for access or within a reasonable time as agreed at the discretion of the Authorised officer.

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

Attached Documents

Annex 1: Code B Notice Annex 2: Receipt for Safe

Annex 3: Receipt for Cigarettes Removed from Safe

Annex 4: Photographs of Seized Cigarettes

Annex 5:Letter to Kemal AVCI

Annex 6: Reply Received from Kemal AVCI

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Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

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

Signature M Squire	
Date	16 th June 2022
Capacity	Trading Standards Specialist Officer

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

Michael Squire

Trading Standards Specialist Officer

Regulatory Services

River Park House

Level 1 (North)

225 High Road

Wood Green

Post town Post Code London N22 8HQ

Telephone number (if any) 0208 489 5158 or 07870 157819

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk

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.



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REGULATORY SERVICES: INFORMATION TO THE OCCUPIER

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Annex 4

Photographs of Seized Cigarettes and Safe















Environment & Neighbourhoods

Regulatory Services Manager: Gavin Douglas



Kemal Avci Hunter Supermarket Ltd 23 Westbury Avenue London N22 6BS Your ref:

Date:8th April 2022

Our ref: WK 531560

Dear Sir,

Re: Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016: The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco products Regulations 2015: The Licensing Act 2003:

I write further to my visit to your shop premises trading as Star Food and Wine from 23 Westbury Avenue, London N22 6BS on 22/03/2022.

During the visit a locked safe was seized following an indication by a tobacco detection dog. At the time you indicated you did not have the key to the safe on the premises. When the safe was opened, tobacco and cash was found in the safe. A total of 1,040 cigarettes were seized. The Duty Value of these products was approximately £305. These products did not carry the correct UK health warnings, were not Duty paid and were not in standardised packaging as required for the UK market. These facts can constitute offences under the above-mentioned legislation.

Keeping tobacco on a Licensed Premises which is not Duty paid can also be an offence under the Licensing Act 2003.

In order to complete my investigation I wish to put some questions to you as the Premises Supervisor and as the Director of Hunter Supermarket Limited. When replying please ensure that this letter is answered by you and you sign and date it to approve its content. Before I ask any questions I must caution you that is, You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in Court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence. You are also advised that you may wish to seek legal advice or consult a solicitor before replying to this letter.

- 1. Can you state your full name?
- 2. What is your date and place of birth?
- 3. What is your home address?
- 4. Were you the Director of Hunter Supermarket Limited trading from 23 Westbury Avenue N22 6BS on 22nd March 2022?
- 5. Is the Business run through the company Hunter Supermarket Limited?
- 6. Would you agree you are active in the management of the business?

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 7. How long have you been trading as Star Food and Wine from that address?
- 8. Do you agree that you had tobacco which was not Duty paid and not packaged in UK standardised packaging in your shop safe on 22nd March 2022?
- 9. How much were you selling these tobacco products for?
- 10. Where did you buy these tobacco products?
- 11. Do you have any invoices for them? If yes, please enclose a copy with your reply?
- 12. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco without payment of UK Duty?
- 13. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco in the UK in non-standardised packaging?
- 14. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco with non UK approved health warnings?
- 15. Do you know it is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to keep non Duty Paid tobacco a Licenced Premises?
- 16. How much time do you spend at the business in an average week and what hours do you normally work there?
- 17. Who has access to the safe in which the tobacco products were stored?
- 18. Why were the cigarettes concealed in the safe?
- 19. Why did you not provide officers with access to the safe during their inspection despite the fact you were told at a previous inspection on 19th January 2022 that officers would require access to the safe on future visits to ensure that it did not contain illegal tobacco?
- 20. Do you agree you deliberately stored illegal tobacco in the safe to prevent officers from discovering these products during an inspection?
- 21. Do you have anything you would like to say in respect of the large quantity of non Duty Paid tobacco found at the Licensed Premises?
- 22. Is there anything you want to say in respect of this matter or to clarify anything you have already said in this letter in response to other questions?

I would be grateful if you could respond to my questions within 14 days so that I can complete my investigation. Please respond by post and sign and date your reply. You may also provide a copy of your response by E Mail to Michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk which will assist me.

I thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully



M Sauire Trading Standards Specialist Officer

Commercial Environmental Health & **Trading Standards** Level 1, River Park House 225 High Road, London N22 8HQ T 020 8489 5158 E michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk www.haringey.gov.uk

Environment & Neighbourhoods

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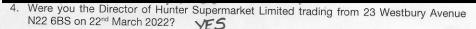
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1. Can you state your full name? KEMAL AVCI



5. Is the Business run through the company Hunter Supermarket Limited? YES

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- 7. How long have you been trading as Star Food and Wine from that address? 22.07.2021
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I AM VERY SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Application for the review of a Premises Licence.

Notice is given that application has been made to the Licensing Authority for a review of the premises license under s.51 and 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the following premises:

STAR FOOD & WINE
23 WESTBURY AVENUE
WOOD GREEN
LONDON N22 6BS

The application for review has been made on the following grounds:

THE OPERATION OF THE PREMISES HAS FAILED TO UPHOLD THE LICENSING OBJECTIVE OF:

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

In relation to the sale and supply of illicit/ smuggled goods on licensed premises.

Interested parties or responsible authorities wishing to make representations must give notice in writing to:

Lead Officer - licensing@haringey.gov.uk

By: 13th July 2022

The grounds for review and Haringey Councils Licensing register may be viewed by emailing licensing@haringey.gov.uk

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE (£5000), UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION



Appendix 2



PREMISES LICENCE

Receipt: FO0103074307 Premises Licence Number: LN/00001474

LN/000003539

This Premises Licence has been issued by:

The Licensing Authority, London Borough of Haringey, 1st Floor-North, River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ

Signature: Date: 24th November 2005

Minor Variation: 2nd August 2021

Part 1 - PREMISES DETAILS

<u>Postal Address of Premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description:</u>

STAR FOOD & WINE 23 WESTBURY AVENUE LONDON N22 6BS

Telephone: 020 8829 9191

Where the Licence is time limited, the dates:

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the Licence:

Supply of Alcohol

The times the Licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday 0000 to 0000

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Sunday 0000 to 0000

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

Supply of alcohol for consumption **OFF** the premise.

LICENSING ACT 2003 Sec 24

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of Premises Licence:

Hunter Supermarket Ltd 23 Westbury Avenue London N22 6BS

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

10103567

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the Premises Licence authorises the supply of alcohol:

Kemal Avci Flat 1 Howard Park House Perry Hill London SE6 4LZ

<u>Personal Licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the Premises Licence authorises for the supply of alcohol:</u>

Personal Licence Number LEW5740

Issued by: London Borough of Lewisham

Annex 1 - Mandatory Conditions

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.

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

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.

A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

Minimum Drinks Pricing

- 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1
 - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979
 - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula –

$$P = D + (DxV)$$

Where -

- (i)P is the permitted price
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence
 - (i) The holder of the premises licence
 - (ii) The designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) The personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

Annex 1 - Mandatory Conditions

- 3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from the paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
 - (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

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Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

Staff to be trained regularly on Licensing Provisions and all of this is to be documented Minimum of 2 staff to be on the premises after 23:00

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

CCTV coverage inside & outside the premises.

Red care alarm system connected directly to the Police.

A General alarm system.

A CCTV system should be installed and maintained which should be able to record colour footage for a period of 31 days and be able to capture clear video of persons faces and shoulders when they enter the premises and cover the area of the sales counter. These images should be able to be loaded onto disc or other electronic media should a Police Officer or Authorised Council Officer require a copy in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Where copies of recordings are requested, they should be provided in a reasonable time and in a format which can be viewed without specialist software. Any malfunction in the operation of the CCTV system shall be reported to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours.

Appropriate Staff left in charge of the premises will be trained in the operation of CCTV and the production of copies of recordings.

A refusals register shall be maintained to record instances where age restricted product sales are refused. These records shall be made available for inspection by Police and Authorised Council officers on request.

All staff responsible for selling alcohol shall receive regular training in the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and all other age restricted products stocked on the premises. Written records of this training signed and dated by the person receiving the training and the trainer shall be retained and made available to Police and authorised council officers on request.

Only Employees of the business who have been formally trained on licensing requirements and age restricted sales may serve behind the counter.

A refusals book shall be kept at the premises to record details of all refusals to sell alcohol and age restricted products. This book shall contain:

- a) The date and time of the incident;
- b) The product which was the subject of the refusal;
- c) A description of the customer;
- d)The name of the staff member who refused the sale;
- e) The reason the sale was refused;

This book shall be made available to Police and all authorised council officers on request.

The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Licence Holder will ensure alcohol is only purchased from a wholesaler registered with HMRC under the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme (AWRS) and shall produce receipts for the same upon request for inspection.

The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure persons responsible for purchasing alcohol do not take part in any stock swaps or lend or borrow any alcohol goods from any other source unless the source is another venue owned and operated by the same company who also purchase their stock from an authorised wholesaler.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

The Premises Licence Holder will ensure all receipts for alcohol goods purchased include the following details:

- I. Seller's name and address
- II. Seller's company details, if applicable
- III. Seller's VAT details, if applicable
- IV. AWRS registration number
- V. Vehicle registration detail, if applicable

Legible copies of receipts for alcohol purchases will be retained on the premises for six months and made available to Authorised Officers on request.

An ultraviolet light will be purchased and used at the store to check the authenticity of all stock purchased which bears a UK Duty Paid stamp.

Where the trader becomes aware that any alcohol may be not duty paid, they shall inform the Council of this immediately.

Only alcohol which is available for retail sale shall be stored at the licensed premises.

The Designated Premises Supervisor shall regularly check the refusals book to ensure it is being consistently used by all staff. They shall sign and date when inspected.

After evidence of any legal non-compliance relevant to the promotion of the Licensing Objectives is found, the licensee shall attend a meeting, upon reasonable request, with appropriate Responsible Authorities at the Council Offices or other suitable location.

This condition does not require the licensee to say anything while under caution.

PUBLIC SAFETY

To comply with Fire Regulations and the provisions of the management regulations.

Maintain and check systems in place, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, emergency safety lighting and fire alarms.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

Discourage noise from patrons arriving, queuing or departing the premises by displaying polite notices, encouraging them to keep the noise down.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The business will adopt a "Challenge 25" policy.

Posters will be displayed in prominent positions around the till advising customers of the "proof of age" required under the "Challenge 25" policy at the premises.

Alcohol may only be sold to individuals over the age of 18 with valid proof of identification with one of the following:

- A valid passport
- A photo driving license issued in a European Union Country
- A proof of age standard card system
- A citizen card, supported by the Home Office

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Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

All tobacco products which are not on the covered tobacco display cabinet shall be stored in a container clearly marked 'Tobacco Stock'. This container will be kept within the storeroom or behind the sales counter.

Tobacco will only be taken from the covered tobacco display cabinet behind the sales counter in order to make a sale.

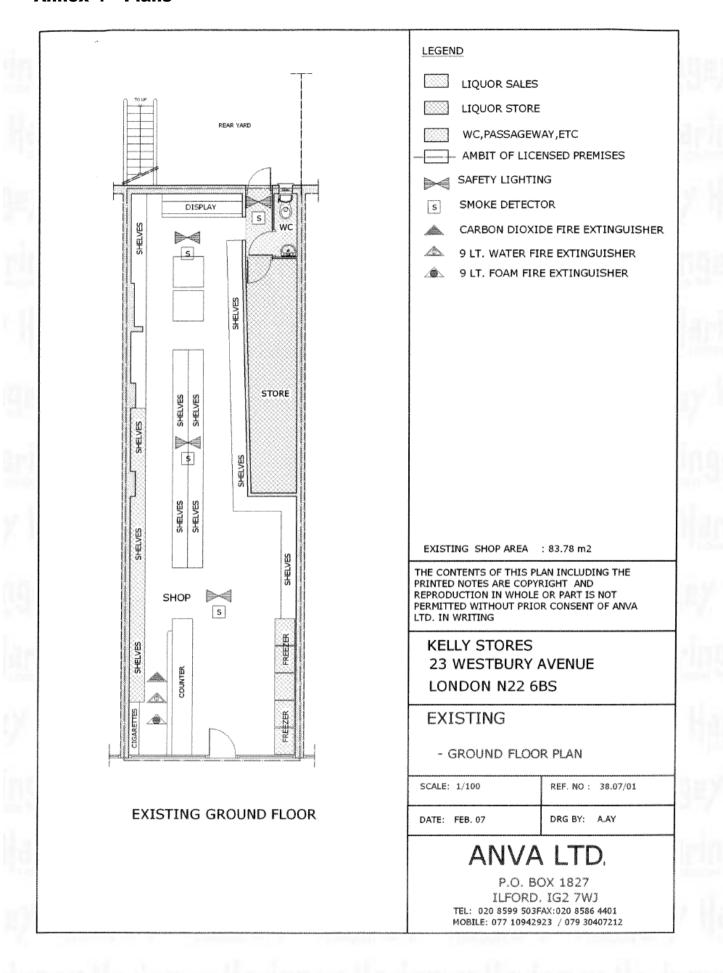
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The Licensee will join the Council's Responsible Trader Scheme.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable

Annex 4 - Plans





Appendix 3





Responsible	Haringey Public Health, London Borough of Haringey
Authority:	
Date:	13/07/2022
Name:	Maria Ahmad, Health Improvement Officer
	Marlene D'Aguilar, Health In All Policies Officer
Contact:	Maria.Ahmad@Haringey.gov.uk
	Marlene.DAguilar@haringey.gov.uk

Public Health representation relation to:

STAR FOOD & WINE
23 WESTBURY AVENUE
WOOD GREEN
LONDON N22 6BS

The Public Health Team as a representative of the Director of Public Health act as the responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and would like to make a representation in support of the review.

The representation is made under the following licensing objectives:

- Crime and disorder
- Protecting Children from Harm

Local Context of the Premises

The premises is located within a busy residential area and surrounded by 5 primary schools located within 0.5 miles of the premises.

Noel Park Primary School (0.303 miles)
North Harringay Primary School (0.358 miles)
Belmont Infant School (0.373 miles)
Belmont Junior School (0.373 miles)
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School (0.446 miles)

There are 13 on licences and off licences within the LSOA.

Public Health has specific concerns about the applicant's ability to uphold the licensing objectives following seizures of illicit tobacco from the licensed premises under the control of the Designated Premises Supervisor, Kemal AVCI, on 22nd March 2022.

Crime and disorder and Protecting Children from Harm

The sale of illicit tobacco constitutes illegal activity in direct contradiction to a commitment to the prevention of crime and disorder and has likely exacerbated issues in the area.

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There were 14 alcohol related ambulance callouts within close proximity to the premises in 2019/20 and 12 alcohol related ambulance callouts in 2020/21. The rate of alcohol related ambulance call outs per resident in LSOA is higher than Haringey Average.

Due to the premises situated within a busy residential area and schools located nearby, we have concerns over the safeguarding of children. Illicit tobacco affects the community and brings crime and nuisance, potentially impacting children, and young people to get hold of cheap tobacco. The premises has not adequately demonstrated their commitment to uphold the licensing objectives, particularly relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and possible impact on protecting children from harm. The Licensing Authorities approach to the supply of illicit goods is set out in Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-26 at paragraph 19.8. It states that where illicit goods have been found it is considered as poor management, which has the potential to undermine the licensing objectives.

Recommendation

Public health is not confident in licensee's ability to promote the four licensing objectives going forward and therefore, we recommend the committee considers revoking the license.

If the committee does not revoke the license, we recommend the following conditions to be proposed.

1. The applicant to join the Responsible Retailers Scheme