

Responsible Authority:	Haringey Public Health, London Borough of Haringey
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We 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 regarding the premises license at: **Tiger Food and Wine, 20 Lordship Lane, Tottenham, London, N17 8NS.**

The representation is made under the following licensing objectives:

- Protecting Children from Harm

Local Context of the Premises

The premises is located within a residential area and surrounded by 1 college, 1 secondary school and 8 primary schools, and located within 0.5 mile of the premises (10 minutes walk).

London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (0.433 mile)

Duke's Aldridge Academy (0.525 mile)

Lancasterian Primary School (0.197 mile)

The Mulberry Primary School (0.281 mile)

St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant and Junior Schools (0.295 mile)

Risley Avenue Primary School (0.336 mile)

Bruce Grove Primary School (0.375 mile)

St Paul's and All Hallows CE Infant and Junior Schools (0.406 mile)

Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park (0.501 mile)

The Willow Primary School (0.534 mile)

Pembury House Nursery School & Children’s Centre (0.2 mile)

Public Health has specific concerns about the applicant’s ability to uphold the licensing objective (Protecting Children from Harm) following a failed underage test purchase from the licensed premises under the control of the Premise License Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Burcin Yurga on 1st September 2021.

Sales of alcohol to children under the age of 18 has serious consequences including anti-social behaviour and health issues such as liver damage. Children who drink even moderate amounts under the age of 15 are in danger of severe health problems. Likewise young people between the age of 15 and 18 who drink in unsupervised situations are in danger of becoming dependent on alcohol at a very early age.

Evidence shows that young people who start drinking at an early age are more likely to drink more frequently and in higher quantities than those who start later in life. In Haringey, 4.2% of 15-year-olds are regular

drinkers. Nationally, the rate of hospital admissions for alcohol of children and young people for conditions wholly related to alcohol is decreasing. However, in Haringey, there is no significant trend and we are still seeing younger patients displaying the effects of excessive consumption of alcohol. This is because we have made conservative efforts to both prevent and tackle the issue of alcohol consumption in children and young people, these include:

- Insight Platform is located 0.4 mile (7 min walk) away from the premises. The organisation, Insight Platform, supports Children, Young People and Families impacted by alcohol use or drugs, in Haringey. They provide 1:1 health and wellbeing support for children at risk of trying or using alcohol or drugs.
- Haringey's Anchor Approach Project supports emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people by supporting schools and the community. It also provides the wellbeing element to Haringey Children's Service and to two national pilots in Haringey: Trailblazer project for youth mental health and the Innovations Project to support children of alcohol dependant parents.

The failure to promote licensing objective undermines our efforts and goes against to support our holistic whole systems approach to protecting children from alcohol harms.

The premise license holder did not take all the reasonable steps and precautions to avoid committing the offence and did not have robust system in place to protect children and young people from accessing age restricted goods/alcohol. Underage sales constitute illegal activity in direct contradiction to a commitment to protecting children.

Recommendation

Due to the premises situated within a busy residential area and several schools located nearby, we have concerns over the safeguarding of children. Public Health is not confident in the licensee's ability to promote the licensing objectives going forward as a result of their poor management to prevent underage alcohol sales and therefore, we recommend the committee considers revoking the license.

If our representation is refused, then we recommend the additional conditions to be attached:

- The business adopts "Challenge 25" and joins the Responsible Retailers Scheme.
- The licence holder has to ensure all staff are given Challenge 25 training and the DPS must check frequently to ensure staff are requesting ID on all orders purchasing alcohol where applicable.
- A refusals log must be kept and made immediately available on request to the police or an authorised person. The refusal log shall record any actions that appear to be needed to protect young people from harm. The log must record all refused sales of alcohol and include the following:
 - a) the identity of the person who refused the sale;
 - b) the date and time of the refusal;
 - c) the alcohol requested and reason for refusal.