

Dear Brian,

I am replying on behalf of my client Mr Gungor Karaaslan. As the previous licence holder lost the licence, at least the Licensing authority did what was necessary, even you would expect more from other responsible authorities. However, I understand you very well and I will share what I know about my client with you. Then, the rest is of course your appreciation.

First of all, 4 licensing objectives; **the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm** are also my responsibility as a member of CIEH, and a food safety and personal licence tutor. I do my best to do what is ethically appropriate in my business.

I don't know what happened in the premises in the past, but whatever happened, I would not want to cause it to happen again. I believe that if the licence is granted and any problems occur, I think that the responsible authorities will intervene more quickly due to the problems experienced in the past. Despite this, we certainly do not want to put the authorities in a difficult situation.

There are many conditions we agreed with the licensing authority, and Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison. I listed all those conditions for you in a separate document.

The new owner Mr Gungor Karaaslan has no connection with the previous owner and the management. Since he took over the shop, he reorganized its interior and I can say that he is a responsible and a very attentive business owner.

Also, I truly believe that the new owner and the premises cannot be held responsible for the problems of another person caused in the past. It is quite normal for a standard off-licence to be open until 23:00 or 00:00.

However, in our negotiations with the licensing authority, the police licensing officers, and Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison, my client decided to amend the hours

Opening hours: 8am -11pm

Sale of alcohol hours: 8am -11pm

I want to point out that according to the **Licensing Act 2003**, "late night" hours are between 11pm-5am.

Thus, we eliminate a "late night" application.

Mr Gungor Karaaslan operates Black Lion Express with his own company **Karaaslan Ltd**, company number is **16098872**. You can check this information; [KARAASLAN LTD overview - Find and update company information - GOV.UK](#)

He also proposed to join **Public Watch Scheme** within a month of premises licence granted.

Black Lion Express is not a big grocery store, it is a small shop. I kindly ask you to reconsider your objection with the agreed licensable hours in its current form, with the conditions we have accepted and added, and my explanation about the new owner.

Going to hearing will be more costly for a small business that is currently not making much profit, as I am aware my client is already struggling. I sincerely can say that my client is a nice, quiet and approachable person, and I do not believe he will create problems to the residents in the area. Despite all my explanation, as I stated at the start of my email, it is your appreciation to withdraw or not withdraw your objection.

We are waiting to hear from you.

Best regards,

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