

**AGENDA FOR
LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE**



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To: All Members of Licensing Hearing Sub Committee

Councillors: B Ibrahim (Chair), D Quinn and M Walsh

Dear Member/Colleague

Licensing Hearing Sub Committee

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 2 July 2026
Place:	Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams
Time:	10.00 am
Notes:	To view the virtual meeting online, please email m.cunliffe@bury.gov.uk or phone 0161 253 5399 who will provide you with a link to view the meeting via MS Teams or telephone you into meeting with the option of audio only.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any matter on the agenda, and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING(S) *(Pages 3 - 18)*

The Minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee meetings held at 10.30am on the 14th April 2026 and 10.30am on the 24th April 2026 are attached.

4 AN APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF BUBBLE GUM CITY, 10 BOLTON ROAD WEST, RAMSBOTTOM, BL0 9ND *(Pages 19 - 52)*

A report from the Executive Director (Corporate Core) is attached:-

Minutes of:	LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	14 th April 2026
Present:	Councillor T Rafiq (in the Chair) Councillors A Booth and M Walsh
Also in attendance:	M. Bridge (Licensing Unit) M. Cunliffe (Democratic Services) C. Farrimond (Legal Services) L. Scully (Legal Services) S. Kostiuk J. Sarsfield H. Richardson (Manchester Evening News)
Public Attendance:	The Hearing was held virtually and interested members of the public were provided with a link to access the hearing online via Microsoft Teams or could be telephoned into the meeting via audio only. No members of the public were in virtual attendance.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by B. Thomson (Assistant Director of Public Protection & Resilience), A. Bucior (Public Protection) and one representor.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING(S)

The Minutes of the last Licensing Hearing Sub Committee meetings held at 10.30am on the 3rd March 2026, 10.30am on the 12th March 2026, 10.00am on the 16th March 2026, 11.30am on the 16th March 2026 and 10.30am on the 20th March 2026 were attached to the agenda..

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee held at 10.30am on the 3rd March 2026, 10.30am on the 12th March 2026, 10.00am on the 16th March 2026, 11.30am on the 16th March 2026 and 10.30am on the 20th March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF CENTRAL CAFÉ, 8 MARKET STREET, BURY. BL9 0AJ

The Licensing Authority received an application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Central Café, 8 Market Street, Bury. BL9 0AJ.

In making a decision, the steps the Sub-Committee can take are:-

- To grant the application in the terms requested
- To grant the application subject to conditions
- To amend or modify existing or proposed conditions
- To refuse the application

The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations are the relevant legislation.

The Panel would make a decision on the day of the hearing and the parties would be notified subsequently of the decision and the reasons for it by letter from the Licensing Office.

The Licensing Unit Manager presented the report and explained the applicant for the licence is S.K. Event Service Limited, 3rd Floor, 86-90 Paul Street, London EC2A 4NE. The proposed Designated Premises Supervisor is Mr Serhi Kostiuk, 8 Market Street, Bury BL9 0AJ.

The Applicant had complied with all the necessary procedural requirements laid down by the Act.

As part of the statutory process the Responsible Authorities and interested parties are entitled to make representations in relation to the grant of a licence. Where representations are made and not withdrawn Members are required to determine them.

Representations must be relevant to the licensing objectives defined within the Act. The objectives are:-

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- prevention of public nuisance and
- protection of children from harm

The application was for the grant of a Premises Licence under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Opening Times:

Monday to Sunday 09.00 to 23.30

Seasonal Variations

Bank Holiday Monday 09.00 to 01.30

Sundays prior to a Bank 09.00 to 01.30

Holiday

Christmas Eve 09.00 to 01.30

Boxing Day 09.00 to 01.30

New Years Eve 09.00 to 01.30

Retail Sale of Alcohol (On and off the premises):

Monday to Sunday 09.00 to 23.00

Bank Holiday Monday 09.00 to 01.30

Sundays prior to a Bank 09.00 to 01.30

Holiday

Christmas Eve 09.00 to 01.30

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New Years Eve 17.00 to 08.00

Performance of Dance (On and off the premises):

Bank Holiday Monday 09.00 to 01.30

Sundays prior to a Bank 09.00 to 01.30

Holiday	
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New Years Eve	09.00 to 08.00

Playing of Recorded Music (On and off the premises):

Bank Holiday Monday	09.00 to 01.30
Sundays prior to a Bank Holiday	09.00 to 01.30
Christmas Eve	09.00 to 01.30
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Provision of Live Music (On and off the premises):

Bank Holiday Monday	09.00 to 01.30
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New Years Eve	09.00 to 03.00

The conditions contained in the operating schedule submitted by the applicant were also attached at Appendix 1 in the agenda packs.

Two representations had been received from interested parties and this was attached at Appendix 2 in the agenda packs. The Licensing Unit Manager informed Members that one representor had confirmed they would not be attending the hearing.

After hearing the representations made and the evidence presented, Members are obliged to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and having regard to the Authority's Licensing Policy and National Guidance.

The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.

Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.

Departure from the Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

The Licensing Unit Manager commented that he had held discussions with both Mr S. Kostiuk and Mr Joe Sarsfield in relation to a condition they have agreed between themselves.

He drew attention to the fact the Live Music Act permits Live Music and Recorded Music at a licensed Premises between the hours of 8.00am to 23.00 hours for up to 500 people. The condition they have agreed can't be attached to the operating schedule as it details non licensing acts, although they could keep it amongst themselves.

The Licensing Unit Manager questioned Mr Kostiuk about the application including both 'on and off the premises' for the performance of dance, playing of recorded music and provision of live music.

Mr Kostiuk confirmed he only wanted all of the above to be listed as 'on the premises'.

The Licensing Unit Manager also stated that the mobile phone video produced by Mr Kostiuk had not been shared with the two representors, therefore it could not be played today as there was no opportunity for one of the representors to make comments.

Mr Kostiuk addressed the sub committee and explained between 9.00am-3.00pm the main focus on the business was food with alcohol available in a cosy lounge environment with low background music to not disturb the above office or produce outside noise. When the door to the venue was closed you could not hear loud music outside and he was happy to sign an agreement with Mr Sarsfield about music levels.

Mr Kostiuk added a lot of people who had read the application in the Bury Times supported him and the business would probably operate the later hours from 5.00pm to 11.00pm on Wednesday to Saturday.

The Licensing Unit Manager questioned three outside tables at the premises and a pavement licence would be required. Mr Kostiuk stated these had been left from the previous owner and that the business would only be operating from inside the premises.

A Member enquired if the extended hours would result in more employees and Mr Kostiuk confirmed one more member of staff would cover the later shift with a bar tender and a member of permanent staff. The day shift would run from 9.00am to 3.00pm with a 2-hour gap to prepare for the cocktail style lounge.

A Member asked if staff would be first aid trained and Mr Kostiuk stated there would be a first aid kit and staff would be taught first aid and age identification checking training whilst the venue had CCTV which was kept for 28 days as per the police conditions.

Mr Sarsfield addressed the sub committee and stated it would be beneficial to the local community for the extension in opening hours. His office was above the premises and if the noise levels were kept to the agreement and conditions abided to then he had no objections. He added that he had never heard noise at night from the café when working late in the office and any noise in the area seemed to come from the Bank Bar. The business he worked for had dealing with the USA and therefore later hours were conducted in the office due to the time difference involved. He could not see there being any massive disturbance to impact upon the business.

A Member asked about the nature of the business and it was explained that they deal with aeroplanes and helicopters in a similar nature to Autotrader.

The Licensing Unit Manager reminded Mr Sarsfield that the condition he had agreed with Mr Kostiuk could not be added to the operating schedule.

Mr Kostiuk added he was more than happy to sign an agreement with Mr Sarsfield if it made him happier. Music levels would not be heard during the operational hours in the office and he was a responsible person who wanted to grow a business for the community.

The Licensing Unit Manager clarified that there was also a process available for the representors to call in the licence for review should there be problems that arise.

The Sub-Committee then duly retired to consider the application. The Members of the Panel were advised by the Legal Officer as to their duties under Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 to at all times consider the promotion of the Licensing Objectives, these being:

- a) the prevention of crime and disorder
- b) public safety
- c) the prevention of public nuisance
- d) the protection of children from harm

The Members were also advised of their duties in carrying out those functions in relation to the relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.

In addition, Members were advised to give appropriate weight to the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives together with relevant representations presented by all parties.

Delegated decision

All of the evidence was considered with care, and it was established that having understood the application and equally noting and understanding the representations, the Sub-Committee found there were no causes for concern so far as the promotion of the licensing objectives were concerned. The local authority supported applications which are in line with the licensing objectives.

It was therefore agreed that the Sub-Committee unanimously **grant the application in the terms requested** subject to the amendment for the performance of dance, playing of recorded music and provision of live music to be on the premises only as clarified by the applicant.

The Chair advised of their right to appeal the decision to the Court within the relevant timescales upon receiving written notification.

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Conditions agreed with Greater Manchester Police

General

1. No licensable activity to be permitted outside the premises.

The prevention of crime and disorder

- 2.. The premises license holder must ensure that:
- (i) CCTV cameras are located within the premises to cover all public areas including all entrances and exits [The location of cameras could also be specified on the plan attached to the premises licence].
 - (ii) The system records clear images permitting the identification of individuals.
 - (iii) The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second and all recorded footage must be securely retained for a minimum of 28 days.
 - (iv) The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities [or specify timings]. The Premises Licence Holder or the Designated Premises Supervisor must notify the licensing office or the Police in the event of CCTV breakdown or malfunction as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 24hrs.
 - (v) All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.

- (vi) The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.
- (vii) There are members of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request by the police or authorised officer of the local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable or in any case within 12 hours of receiving the request whether that be verbal or written request.
3. An incident log (which may be electronically recorded) shall be kept at the premises for at least six months, and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority, which will record the following incidents including pertinent details:
- (i) All alleged crimes reported to the venue or by the venue to the police
 - (ii) All ejections of patrons
 - (iii) Any complaints received
 - (iv) Any incidents of disorder
 - (v) Seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items
 - (vi) Any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
 - (vii) Any visit by a responsible authority or emergency service
 - (viii) The times on duty, names and the licence numbers of all licensed door supervisors employed by the premises.
4. All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in:
- i. Relevant age restrictions in respect of products
 - ii. Prevent underage sales
 - iii. Prevent proxy sales
 - iv. Maintain the refusals log
 - v. Enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
 - vi. Recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability
 - vii. How overservice of alcohol impacts on the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003
 - viii. How to refuse service
 - ix. The premises' duty of care policy, understanding and dealing with situations involving vulnerable people, and incidents of harassment
 - x. Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including the preservation of a crime scene and reporting an incident to the emergency services
 - xi. The conditions in force under this licence.
5. Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 [or specify] monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Bury Council.
6. A minimum of two (2) door supervisors is to be employed when the premises remain open past midnight. The door supervisors should remain on duty until the premises are closed, and all the customers have left.
7. At any other times of the year, door supervisors shall be employed by the premises based upon a risk assessment carried out in relation to the following factors:
- (i) Size of the venue
 - (ii) Expected attendance
 - (iii) Type of event taking place
 - (iv) Location of the premises
 - (v) Time of year
 - (vi) Special occasion (New Year, Halloween, Local events etc.)
 - (vii) Premises Licence Conditions

8. Where SIA registered door supervisors are used at the premises, a record must be kept of their SIA registration number and the dates and times when they are on duty.
9. The premises must be linked to a system of communication with the Police and other licensed premises as agreed with the Police and Licensing Authority. The system shall be kept in good working order at all times. When the premises are open to the public, the communications link to the Police and other licensed premises shall be switched on and available to and monitored by the Designated Premises Supervisor or a nominated member of staff. The system to be used to report incidents and warn each other of the presence of potential trouble makers in the area.
10. No person in possession of a drink in a sealed or unsealed container shall be allowed to enter the premises except for the purposes of delivery or from moving from one part of the premises to another.
11. No drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container
12. There shall be a lockable 'drugs box' at the premises to which no member of staff, except the DPS and/or manager, shall have access. All controlled drugs (or items suspected to be, or containing controlled drugs) found at the premises must be placed in this box as soon as practicable. Whenever this box is emptied, all its contents must be given to Greater Manchester Police for appropriate disposal.

Public safety

13. The premises will be maintained in a safe condition at all times.
14. All emergency exits will be kept free from obstructions and will be clearly identified by signage.
15. A suitably stocked first aid kit will be maintained on the premises and be readily available to staff and customers.
16. Valid fire safety equipment, including extinguishers and smoke detectors, will be maintained and serviced annually.
17. All staff will be trained in emergency evacuation procedures.
18. Customers are to be prevented from leaving the premises with glasses or open bottles.
19. Empty bottles must be placed into secure storage or locked bins so as to prevent them from being used as weapons.

The prevention of public nuisance

20. Noise from the premises, including music and voices, will be kept at a level that does not cause a nuisance to nearby residents. Doors and windows will be kept closed (except for entry and exit) during any live or recorded music performances.
21. Prominent signs will be displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
22. The area immediately outside the premises will be kept clean and free from litter. Waste collections and bottle disposals will not take place between 21:00 and 08:00 to avoid noise disturbance.

The protection of children from harm

23. The premises will operate a 'Challenge 25' policy. Anyone who appears to be under 25 will be asked for photographic ID (Passport, Photo Driving Licence, or PASS-accredited card) to prove they are 18 or older before being served alcohol.

24. A refusals log (either paper or digital) will be maintained to record all instances where a sale of alcohol is refused. This log will be available for inspection by the Police or Council officers upon request.

25. Children will only be allowed on the premises when accompanied by a responsible adult. No children will be permitted on the premises after 21:00.

26. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that the Challenge 25 scheme is in operation.

COUNCILLOR T RAFIQ
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 10.30am and ended at 11.35am)

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Minutes of: LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 24 April 2026

Present: Councillor T Rafiq (in the Chair)
Councillors A Booth and M Walsh

Also in attendance: M. Bridge (Bury Council- Licensing Unit Manager)
M. Cunliffe (Bury Council- Democratic Services)
C. Farrimond (Legal Services)
L. Scully (Legal Services)

Councillor J. Harris (Observing)
Mr P. Craven (Reviewer)
Ms L. Goodfellow (Thwaites- Area Manager)
Ms J. Henfrey (Designated Premises Supervisor)
Mr S. Hutton (Representor)
Mr M. Ireland (Harrison Drury- Legal Services Partner)
Ms A. Johnson (Harrison Drury- Paralegal)
H. Richardson (Manchester Evening News)

Public Attendance: The Hearing was held virtually and interested members of the public were provided with a link to access the hearing online via Microsoft Teams or could be telephoned into the meeting via audio only. No members of the public were in virtual attendance.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by B. Thomson (Assistant Director of Public Protection & Resilience) and A. Bucior (Public Protection).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Licensing Hearing Sub Committee meeting held on the 8th April 2026 were attached to the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee held on the 8th April 2026 be approved as a correct record.

4 AN APPLICATION FROM AN INTERESTED PARTY FOR A REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF THE BLACK BULL, AINSWORTH ROAD, STARLING, BURY, BL8 2EY

The Executive Director for Corporate Core had submitted a report relating to an application pursuant to section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 from an Interested Party for a review of the premises licence in respect of Black Bull, Ainsworth Road, Starling, Bury, BL8 2EY.

The Licensing Unit Manager, Mr M. Bridge presented the report to Members of the Sub-Committee and consideration of the options available.

The Licensing Unit Manager also drew attention to the fact that car parking was not a consideration of the committee. Mr P. Craven commented that the car parking issue was being looked at by the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) team at the Council.

The Licensing Unit Manager confirmed that extra information submitted by Mr M. Ireland had been circulated to all parties and Mr Craven was happy for his original bundle of information to remain in place having sent another version to the Licensing department after publication of the agenda packs.

The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations are the relevant legislation.

The Panel will make a decision on the day of the hearing and the parties will be notified subsequently of the decision and the reasons for it by letter from the Licensing Office.

The Premises Licence in respect of Black Bull, Ainsworth Road, Starling, Bury, BL8 2EY, is held by Daniel Thwaites, Myerscough Road, Mellor Brook, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 7LB. Mrs Jill Henfrey, 67 Greenhill Road, Bury, BL8 2LL is the Designated Premises Supervisor.

The interested party had complied with all the necessary procedural requirements laid down by the Act. As part of the statutory process the Responsible Bodies and interested parties are entitled to make representations in relation to the review of a licence. The Licensing Authority has given Notice of the application by placing a Notice on the premises, at the Council Offices and on the Council website. Where further representations are made by either the Responsible Authorities or from local residents / businesses and not withdrawn, Members are required to determine them.

Representations must be relevant to the licensing objectives defined within the Act. The objectives are:-

- a) the prevention of crime and disorder
- b) public safety
- c) prevention of public nuisance and
- d) protection of children from harm

The current licensable activities were detailed in the report attached to the agenda pack.

Mr Craven, the Interested Party would shortly expand upon the reason(s) for their application to review the Premises Licence in relation to these premises. The review application was attached at appendix 1 in the agenda pack.

The Licensing Service had received 4 representations in favour of the premises licence. Each interested party have been invited to the hearing to make their representations to the Sub-Committee. Only one of these were in virtual attendance and that was Mr S. Hutton. These representations were contained at Appendix 2 in the agenda pack.

The conditions attached to the premises licence were contained at Appendix 3 in the agenda pack.

Section 182 Licensing Act Guidance was also included in the report attached to the agenda pack.

After hearing the representations made and the evidence presented, Members were obliged to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and having regard to the Authority's Licensing Policy and National Guidance.

Mr Craven addressed the hearing and explained his application was based on repeated acts of urination outside his home under the licensing objectives of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Around 12 months ago he was informed that he was not welcome anymore at the pub but that was a separate matter to this application. The evidence pack submitted documented a clear pattern at the same location which was a walking route used by local school children, families and patrons of the pub. He had met with the head teacher at a local primary school to discuss the matter and stated that school governors would be concerned for the safety and wellbeing of pupils. He asked for appropriate steps to stop the incidents happening.

A Member asked what had Mr Craven done with his compiled report as anti-social behaviour and prostitution are police related matters.

Mr Craven stated that he had reported 27 incidents directly to the ASB team and was advised by his housing association that it was a criminal matter if it was repeated by the same individual. He had insufficient evidence about the prostitution element and this was an assumption but stated the incident occurred on the August Bank Holiday and the vehicle was parked for over 3 days.

A Member questioned how he knew people were parking vehicles and then going to the pub as the evidence pack was based on presumption and not certain.

Mr Craven responded by saying vans park around 4.00pm and leave by 7.00pm. The pub only had 3 parking spaces but the Rose and Crown had around 20 parking bays but they were having a camera system installed to help manage parking so customers would enter their registration number at the bar. Mr Craven added that he recognised some people who frequent the pub and one such person who owned a small dog had slept in their van.

The Licensing Unit Manager reminded the meeting that neither Environmental Health nor Greater Manchester Police (GMP) had made any representations in support or objection for the hearing. The Licensing Unit Manager asked if the ASB team had communicated with the police and Mr Craven was not aware of this.

A Member questioned the evidence pack and information about security gates, road markings and clamping would have to be conducted on Council owned property and this was not under the pub's control. Mr Craven explained that Six Town Housing had placed resident parking signs up 10 to 15 years ago.

A Member also queried why a resident produced newsletter had a Council customer services email address included on the publication. Mr Craven apologised for this oversight as he was trying to keep local residents informed.

Mr M. Ireland added that the ASB team work with GMP and you would expect if there had been concerns then a representation would be submitted.

The Licensing Unit Manager asked why there had been no representations submitted by other local residents in relation to the issued highlighted which had also been published in the newsletters. Mr Craven stated many of his neighbours were aged over 50 and some were housebound with mobility issues, so they don't pass the pub and won't participate with licensing. Another neighbour did not want to become involved and would not put anything in writing.

A Member asked about the petition and how long he had lived in the area. Mr Craven said he had collated it and had sent it to the Council. He had lived in the area for over 9 years but had links to the area for many years before that.

A Member enquired why Mr Craven had been barred from the pub. Mr Craven responded questioning if he needed to provide an answer but the Council's legal advisor confirmed that Members would need to decide if the representations were vexatious so required the previous history between himself and the pub. Mr Craven stated it was over a year ago that he was told not to attend and this was after being sat the bar and asking staff to inform other customers to stop swearing. The staff responded by saying he should move to another location in the premises, so he left without paying but was not abusive. He returned the next day to settle his bill and then received a letter saying he was not welcome in the pub.

Mr Ireland addressed the hearing and stated that Daniel Thwaites were very experienced and held very high standards with a good track record. The DPS, Jill Henfrey and husband worked hard and set high standards whilst the pub was a community local with a food offering accounting to around 40% of the business. Customers are from an older demographic and a number of quotes were read out from positive reviews left on the trip advisor website.

Mr Ireland raised concerns about the use of a photograph on a newsletter from Mr Craven which pictured Linda Goodfellow, the area manager for the brewery. This had been taken from a personal social media account without her permission. He also commented on the inappropriate emails sent to the CEO of the brewery and communication with Mr Craven had not been easy or straight forward.

Mr Ireland repeated that parking was a highways matter and not for licensing and in relation to public urination nearby, signs in the pub asked patrons to be respectful of local residents. Conversations had also been held with a regular who could be a previous culprit of such an incident. Customers in pubs are grown ups and must take actions for their own responsibilities, and it was not the liability of the pub to police parking which had no residential parking scheme in operation or marked disabled bays.

The pub had met with the relevant authorities following the review being submitted to discuss if anything else could be done. The pub was well run which was at odds with the review document and the authorities had no causes for concern or grounds to support the review process and spoke in glowing terms of the premises. The review did not have a great deal of substance and limited weight should be given to it. The element of public urination was subjective with still cctv images displaying no time and date or indicating they were patrons of the pub.

Mr Ireland provided clarity on the allegations of prostitution and informed the meeting that a regular customer had slept in their van one night after drinking alcohol but the lady in question was his long-term partner and was a police officer. Whilst not condoning this behaviour, nothing illegal had occurred. They had listened to the causes of concern but the review had resulting in costs, time and stress to many parties involved. He requested that the committee take into account the substance of the review and the relevant legal framework to take no action on all the matters raised. Out of the 27 urination incidents logged by Mr Craven there was no evidence to associate them with the premises.

Mr Craven questioned how many local residents had been spoken to and Mr Ireland reported these had been conducted via the DPS and 4 representations submitted were from local residents. Jill Henfrey added one lived next door to the pub, one lived across in the flats and the other two were in the local area.

Mr Craven dismissed one of the representations as not being credible and asked about signs in the pub stating not to urinate outside. Mr Ireland stated that no such signage would ever be displayed in one of the brewery's pubs as it was not appropriate. Signs about respecting local residents were displayed and some of his emails had not been replied to by different people given a reluctance to engage with him.

A Member asked how long the urination issues had been taking place as the log only started in August 2025. Mr Craven said they started a year or so ago and came to light when he erected cameras to highlight the parking issues. When an England football game took place one night, there were over 13 incidents in one evening.

One representor was in virtual attendance at the meeting and Mr Hutton had nothing further to add in respect of his supporting statement submitted in appendix 2 of the agenda packs.

In summing up, Mr Ireland stated the premises could play their own cctv recordings to deny involvement, but it was not for them to disprove what had been submitted in the review. He referred to the points made earlier in the hearing and that any decision should be reasonable and justified.

Mr Craven, concluded in his summing up that the application was purely focused on not meeting the licensing objectives and there was a repeated pattern of behaviour occurring in an area used by families and children which had been captured on cctv. This impacted upon the local community with some incidents taking place before 8.00pm in the evening on a walking route to local schools. This highlighted a safeguarding issue and proportionate actions should be taken to uphold the licensing objectives of protecting children from harm and prevention of public nuisance.

The Sub-Committee then duly retired to consider the matter and all of the information provided.

The Members of the Sub-Committee were advised by the Legal Officer as to their duties under Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 to at all times consider the promotion of the Licensing Objectives, these being:

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

The Members were also advised of their duties in carrying out those functions in relation to:

- a) the Council's published Statement of Licensing Policy
- b) the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State as contained in section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

In addition, Members were advised to give appropriate weight to the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives and the representations presented at the meeting by all parties.

DELEGATED DECISION

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the representations along with the evidence provided and therefore unanimously decided **to take no action**.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that there was in-sufficient evidence to mean any actions were necessary and appropriate.

All of the information was considered with care and the Sub-Committee were satisfied that there were no causes for concern so far as the promotion of the Licensing Objectives were concerned.

The reasons by the sub-committee and evidence presented had demonstrated the following:-

- The public house was well run
- The application lacked substance, in that :
 - There was no strong causal link between the acts of public urination and the premises
 - Other than a reference made in the review application there was no further evidence presented to the Sub-Committee to suggest there were issues of anti-social behaviour and intoxicated behaviour linked to the premises
 - The parking issues were not a matter for the Licensing Sub-Committee.
 - No representations had been submitted by any relevant authorities
 - No remedies or conditions available would be appropriate to deal with issues of public urination in the local area

The Chair advised of a right to appeal the decision to the Court within the relevant timescales upon receiving written notification.

COUNCILLOR T RAFIQ
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 10.00am and ended at 12.20pm)



Classification	Item No.
Open / Closed	

Meeting:	Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee
Meeting date:	2 July 2026
Title of report:	Application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Bubble Gum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Core)
Decision Type:	Council
Ward(s) to which report relates	Ramsbottom

Executive Summary:

This report relates to an application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Bubble Gum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND

Recommendation(s)

- To grant the application in the terms requested
- To grant the application subject to conditions
- To amend or modify existing or proposed conditions
- To refuse the application

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations are the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 The Panel will make a decision on the day of the hearing and the parties will be notified subsequently of the decision and the reasons for it by letter from the Licensing Office.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The applicant for the licence is Bubble Gum No1 Limited, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND. The proposed Designated Premises Supervisor has not been specified at the time of the application.
- 2.2 The applicant has complied with all the necessary procedural requirements laid down by the Act.
- 2.3 As part of the statutory process the Responsible Authorities and interested parties are entitled to make representations in relation to the grant of a licence. Where representations are made and not withdrawn Members are required to determine them.
- 2.4 Representations must be relevant to the licensing objectives defined within the Act. The objectives are:-
- the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety
 - prevention of public nuisance and
 - protection of children from harm

3.0 THE APPLICATION

- 3.1 The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003:

Opening Times:

Monday to Sunday 08.00 to 22.00

Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the premises):

Monday to Saturday 08.00 to 22.00

Sundays 10.00 to 22.00

4.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM AN INTERESTED PARTY

- 4.1 Three representations have been made against this application. The Interested Parties will make their representations at the hearing.
- 4.2 These representations are attached at Appendix 2.

5.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

- 5.1 Trading Standards in their capacity as a responsible authority will shortly give their reasons for making a representation. The representation is attended at appendix 3
- 5.2 Greater Manchester Police in their capacity as a responsible authority will shortly give their reasons for making a representation. The representation is attended at appendix 4.

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

- 6.1 After hearing the representations made and the evidence presented, Members are obliged to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and having regard to the Authority's Licensing Policy and National Guidance.

7.0 THE SECRETARY OF STATES GUIDANCE TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

- 7.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.
- 7.2 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.
- 7.3 Departure from the Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 A licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act ("licensing functions") with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:
- the prevention of crime and disorder

- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

8.2 In reaching the decision, regard must be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.

8.3 The Sub-Committee must consider what steps are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

8.4 In making its decision with regard to this grant hearing, the steps the Sub-Committee can take are:

- To grant the application in the terms requested
- To grant the application subject to conditions
- To amend or modify existing or proposed conditions
- To refuse the application

8.5 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.

8.6 The Sub-Committee's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

8.7 It is important that a licensing authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.

8.8 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine what steps, as set out in 8.4 above, are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Community impact/links with Community Strategy

Not Applicable

Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) *eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) *advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) *foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The public sector equality duty requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Equality Analysis	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
<i>The Licensing Service have considered the Equality Act 2010 and due to each application being dealt with on its own merits there is no positive or negative on any of the protected characteristics.</i>	

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
There are no specific issues from the report other than potential costs/risks associated with legal appeals.	

Consultation:

Not Applicable

Legal Implications:

Yes, under the legislation the Council is required to determine representations. The report is in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

Financial Implications:

The cost of the licensing function are funded through the fees and charges levied by the Council. There may be additional costs if appeals are lodged with the Magistrates and Crown Courts.

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Background papers:

List of Background Papers: -
Application form
Representations received

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning

Appendix One

Operating Schedule submitted by the applicant

LICENSING ACT 2003

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANT OF THIS LICENCE

Conditions consist with the operating schedule

General

1. CCTV

- 1.1 The premises shall install and maintain a digital CCTV system
- 1.2 The CCTV system shall have sufficient hard drive storage capacity to store a minimum of 31 days.
- 1.3 The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises at each exit and entrance point.
- 1.5 A CCTV log will be completed on a weekly basis to record all elements of the CCTV System is maintained in good working order and recordings date and time stamped.
- 1.6 Only nominated staff shall be trained in the operation of the CCTV system to ensure rapid data retrieval & downloads of footage can be provided to the Police & the Local Authority Officer upon reasonable request in accordance with the Data Protection Act.
- 1.7 CCTV shall be continually recording during licensable hours.
- 1.8 In the event of a failure of the CCTV system for any reason, a record of the failure will be recorded in the premises log and immediate steps will be made to rectify the problem.

The prevention of crime and disorder

2. Incident Register

An incident log shall be kept on the premises, retained for a period of 12 months from the date of the incident and made available to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.

The incident log must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and record the following:

- (a) All crimes reported to the premises.
- (b) Any ejections of patrons.
- (c) Any complaints received concerning crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- (d) Any incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour inside, associated to the premises or immediately outside the premises.
- (e) Any faults in the CCTV system.

3. When the designated premises supervisor is not on duty, a contact telephone number will be available at all times.
- 4 All spirits will be stored and sold behind the counter.
- 5 Roller shutters have been installed at the front of the premises and security door at the rear.

Public safety

No risk has been assessed under the Licensing Act 2003

The prevention of public nuisance

6. Prominent, clear and legible signage shall be displayed at all exits to the premises requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quickly and quietly.
7. The licence holder shall take reasonable steps to prevent public nuisance being caused by customers outside the premises by displaying prominent Quiet notices requesting customers respect the needs of local residents.

The protection of children from harm

8. A written register of refusals will be kept including a brief description of the people who have been unable to provide required identification to prove their age. Such records shall be kept for a period of 12 months and will be produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by section 13 of the licensing act 2003) or an authorised trading standards officer the local authority/council on request.

8.1 The licence holder will ensure all refusals and incidents are recorded and logged. These records will be kept on site and made available to the authorities upon request.

9. Challenge 25

9.1 The licence holder will operate a Challenge 25 policy with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence, citizen card or identification carrying a PASS logo.

9.2 The Challenge 25 policy will be adopted and there will be documented training of all staff (paid or unpaid) before they are allowed to sell alcohol. These records will be made available to the authorities upon request.

10. Proxy signs will be displayed in prominent positions near alcohol warning customers that they cannot purchase alcohol for anyone under 18.

Appendix 2

Representation from Interested Parties

I'd like to formally object on the following grounds,

For context, there is a primary school across the road, two o□ licenses selling alcohol either side and a pub across the road.

I believe allowing another alcohol license to be issued here would go against our own alcohol licensing policy.

To briefly mention a couple of key issues which are material considerations for the licensing team:

There is already a good number of broken glass bottles in the area and cans which are being sold at bubblegum city, creating a public safety hazard - combined with a primary school in within 25m of the site, it would create additional harm to those children and in my opinion be at odds with the key considerations within the alcohol licensing objectives of 'preventing crime and disorder' and 'prevention of public nuisance'.

Residents have also complained to councillors about the noise and ASB from drunks in the area, allowing yet another shop to sell alcohol in that area would increase this and again be at odds with our current policies on alcohol licensing and our public health strategy.

It wasn't so long ago that Ramsbottom had a real issue with binge drinking culture and known for a bit of rough night out - this would be a backwards step.

The impact of another alcohol outlet in an already concentrated area would increase the existing street drinking culture, increase ASB, increase the litter from cans/bottles and broken glass.

The primary school and route of children to the school could mean more children or vulnerable children are put at risk and of course as I have already stated, there is already a high concentration of licensed premises (3) within 100m.

In addition, please can I be notified when this will be heard at a licensing committee?

Dear Licensing Team,

I write to formally object to the application for a new premises licence for **Bubblegum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BLO 9ND**, specifically in relation to the proposed **supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises**.

The addition of a further outlet selling alcohol risks exacerbating existing pressures associated with the availability of alcohol locally, including a greater likelihood of alcohol-related nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

1st June 2026

Licensing Department Bury Council 3 Knowsley Place, Duke Street Bury, BL9 0EJ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Objection to Alcohol Licence Application for Bubblegum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND

I am XXXX, and my family and I have operated an off-licence near Bubblegum City for the past 35 years. Please note that this objection is not based on trade competition. My concern is that the owners of Bubblegum City are unsuitable to become licensees due to their business practices.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder: Bubblegum City has been involved in selling fake and illegal cigarettes. A XXXXX, who is just 18, was served with counterfeit cigarettes without being asked for identification. This individual has previously assisted Trading Standards in test purchasing. Such practices indicate a blatant disregard for legal standards and increase the risk of crime.

The sale of fake cigarettes is particularly concerning due to the severe health risks involved. These products often contain harmful substances not found in genuine cigarettes, which pose significant dangers to public health and safety.

Public Safety: The shop sells energy drinks to individuals under 16, which, while not illegal, contradicts best practice recommendations and raises concerns about their commitment to public safety.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance: By failing to enforce recognised age verification process (challenge 25), the shop potentially encourages gatherings of underage individuals, which may lead to disturbances in the community.

The Protection of Children from Harm: The failure to ask for identification when selling age-restricted products, such as cigarettes, demonstrates an inability to protect young individuals from harm.

Public Health and Safety: An associated company, the barbers next door, has been prosecuted for employing illegal immigrants, highlighting a pattern of disregard for legal compliance. Furthermore, Bubblegum City has had issues with planning procedures undermining transparency and community involvement.

Given these factors, I strongly believe Bubblegum City is unsuitable for an alcohol licence. Their history of selling illegal products, lack of proper identification checks, association with illegal employment and non-compliance with planning regulations underscore their unfitness as licensees.

I respectfully urge the Licensing Department to refuse granting this licence to ensure the community's safety and well-being.

Thank you for considering my objections. Please contact me if further information is required.

Appendix 3

Representation from Trading Standards

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

<i>Section 1 - Application Details</i>	
We object to the following Application:	
Bubblegum City Bubble Gum No1 Ltd 10 Bolton Road West Ramsbottom BL09ND	
Type of application. Application for a Premises Licence to be Granted	
Application Number (if known):	

<i>Section 2 – Responsible Authority’s Details</i>	
Responsible Authority’s Details:	
Please tick appropriate box:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Health Service

	Child Protection
x	Weights and Measures
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Section 3 – Representations	
X	We object to the application being granted at all
	We object to the application being granted in its current form*
<p>*If you choose this option remember to tell us in section 3B what changes you would like to see.</p>	
<p>You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not then the Licensing Sub-Committee may not understand why you have made a representation (objection).</p>	

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary. Please number all extra pages and add the applicant's name and your name to each page.

Section 3A – The Objectives

To prevent crime and disorder

Please state your reasons:

On the 8th May 2026, an application was received for Bubble Gum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL09ND. The applicant was Bubble Gum No 1 Ltd, and the DPS is Mr. Mohammed Aref Mustafa, of 367 Tonge Moor Road, Bolton, BL22JR. Mohammed Mustafa has the lease on Bubblegum city, for 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL09ND, which commenced on the 1st December 2025, his name is spelt differently on the lease, as Muhammad Are Mustafa. The shop has been known as bubblegum city, since, July 2025, but was under different ownership until the 1st December 2025.

On the 9th December 2025, intelligence was received that Bubblegum city was selling illegal cigarettes, for £5 a packet.

On the 22nd December 2025, a Crimestoppers report was received stating that bubblegum city was selling illegal cigarettes and vapes. The information states that the vapes were pre-filled with additional substances, the cigarettes were £5 a packet, and they also give out free samples of cigarettes for people to try.

On the 31st December 2025 a consumer rang up to say they had been offered duty free cigarettes in bubblegum city.

On the 5th January 2026, a test purchase was carried out at Bubblegum City, 20 Lambert and Butler were purchased for £5. The cigarettes are counterfeit. The normal retail price of a packet of Lambert and Butler is between £15 and £16.

On the 19th January 2026, a complaint was received from the parent of a 14-year-old child, who between Christmas and new year their child had purchased a vape from Bubblegum City. The parent also stated that the vape was non-rechargeable and was disposable, so didn't comply with the current legislation.

	<p>On the 29th January 2026, a visit was carried out to Bubblegum City with partners from Greater Manchester Police, Licensing and Wagtails. Present in the shop was Khdir Shekha, dob 1.1.91 of 110 Eldon Street, Bolton, BL22HU. Seized where 31 unsafe toys were also breached the Trade Marks Act.</p> <p>On the 13th April 2026, further intel was received stating bubblegum city was selling illegal cigarettes. The person reporting stated that when in the shop, they ask if you smoke and then offer you a cheap packet of cigarettes (possible foreign).</p> <p>On the 20th May 2026, further intel was received, which suggested that bubblegum city was selling fake cigarettes, which are not legal.</p> <p>On the 20th May 2026, a test purchase was carried out at Bubblegum City, 20 Lambert and Butler was purchased for £5. The cigarettes are counterfeit.</p> <p>On the 1st June 2026, a further Crimestoppers report was received stating that bubblegum city was selling counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco. The information states that they sell Lambert and Butler for £5 a packet.</p> <p>Due to all the information given above, which undermines the crime and disorder objective, and protecting children from harm objective, the Weights and Measures Authority would request that the application is refused.</p>
Public safety	Please state your reasons:

<p>To prevent public nuisance</p>	<p>Please state your reasons:</p>
<p>The protection of children from harm</p>	<p>Please refer to the reasons mentioned under Crime and Disorder.</p>

Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

If Members are minded not to refuse the application, I would ask that the following are placed as conditions on the licence to promote the licensing objectives;

Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. Management and staff are to use their best endeavours to prevent persons loitering outside the premises.
2. Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting that customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly and to properly dispose of litter.
3. Staff will monitor the area immediately outside the premises on a regular basis to check for, and to properly dispose of any litter from the premises.
4. All deliveries or removal of trade waste will take place after 20.00 on any day.
5. The Proprietor will ensure that no exterior lighting will cause a nuisance to any nearby properties / neighbours.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The premises licence holder must ensure that:

6. CCTV cameras are located within the premises to cover all public areas including all entrances and exits (the location of cameras could also be specified on the plan attached to the premises licence).
7. The system records clear images.
8. The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second.
9. All recorded footage must be securely retained for a minimum of 28 days and to be made available to the Police/Authorised Officers of the Licensing Authority upon request. Copies of any requested footage must be produced within 12 hours of the request.
10. The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities or specify timings.
11. All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.
12. The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.
13. There are members of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 or any replacement legislation.

14. The Designated Premises Supervisor will maintain a written record of all members of staff who are authorised to sell alcohol. This shall be kept on the premises and made available to authorised officers.
15. All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in:
 - Relevant age restrictions in respect of products
 - Preventing underage sales
 - Preventing proxy sales
 - Maintaining the refusals log
 - Entering sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
 - Recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability
 - How to refuse service
 - The premises' duty of care policy, understanding and dealing with situations involving vulnerable people, and incidents of harassment
 - Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including the preservation of a crime scene and reporting an incident to the emergency services
 - The conditions in force under this licence.

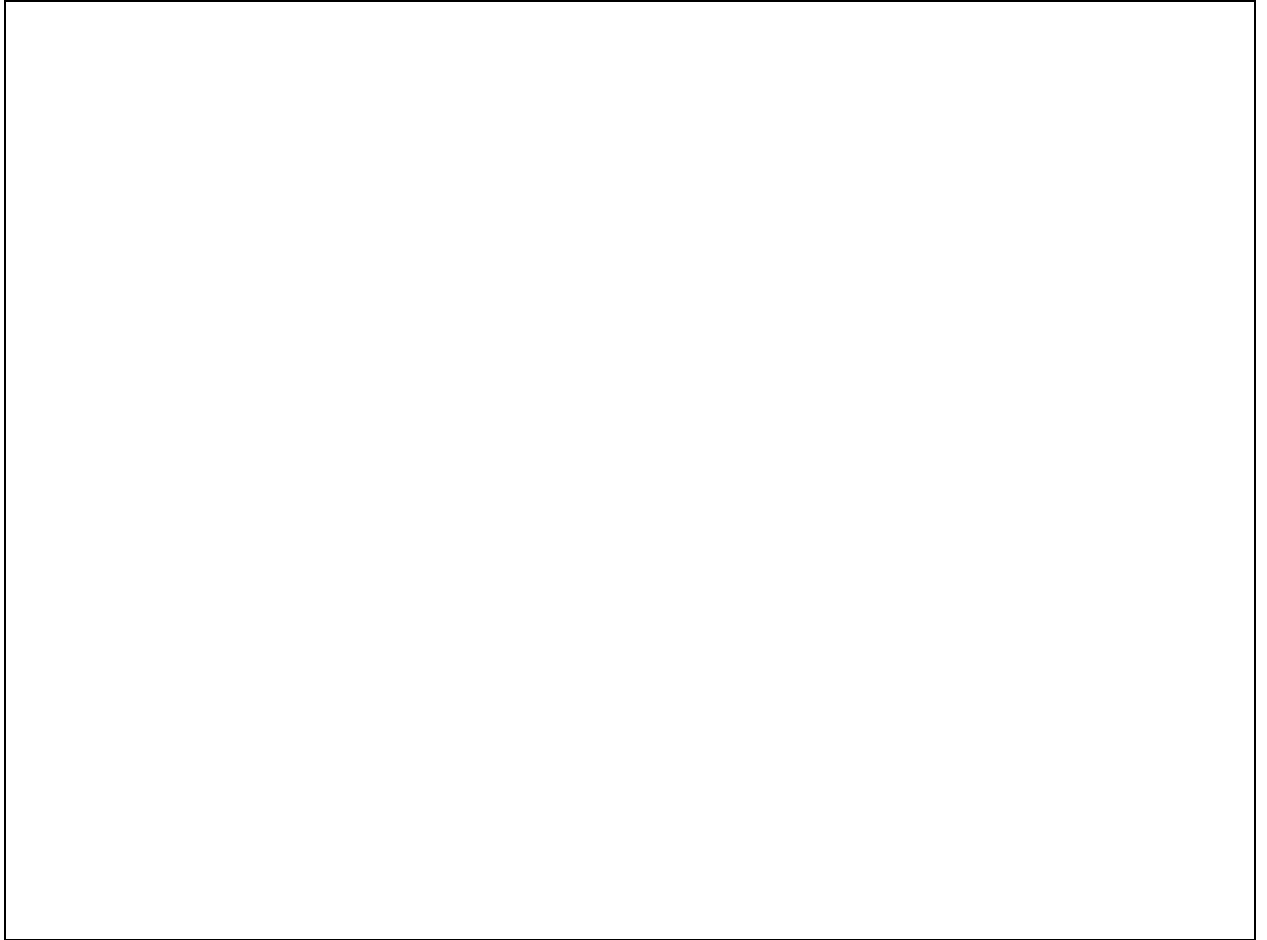
Training must include evidence that the trainee has gained knowledge and understanding of the training, which may consist of a test or quiz, completed and signed by the trainee.

Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Bury Council.

Protection of Children from Harm

16. The Challenge 25 scheme must be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an EU/EEA national ID card or similar document, an HM Forces warrant card, a card bearing the PASS hologram, or any electronic or biometric age verification technology approved by the licensing authority.
17. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating, at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that the Challenge 25 scheme is in operation.
18. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating, at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that it is an offence to buy or attempt to buy alcohol for a person who is under 18 and for a person under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol.
19. A refusals record must be kept at the premises which details all refusals to sell alcohol. This record must include the date and time of the incident, a description of the customer, the name of the staff member who refused the sale, and the reason the sale was refused. All entries must be made within 24 hours of the refusal. The record must be made available for inspection and copying upon request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.
20. An incident book shall be maintained to record all incidents of crime or disorder at the premises and details of any occasion when police are called to the premises. This book shall be made available for inspection by any authorised officer.
21. No alcoholic drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container.

22. That the following alcoholic drinks be kept behind the counter or in a place where customers do not have direct access to these products without the assistance of a member of staff, namely: all spirits.



Signed: *K. Horgan* ...Dated: 2/6/26

N.B if you do make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal proceedings.

Appendix 4

Representation from Greater Manchester Police

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

<i>Section 1 - Application Details</i>	
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Type of application.	
New Premises License Application	
Application Number (if known):	

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Section 3A – The Objectives

<p>To prevent crime and disorder</p>	<p>Please state your reasons:</p> <p>On the 8th May 2026, an application was received from Bubble Gum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom. The applicant is Bubble Gum No1 ltd which is registered to the same address. According to companies house, there is only one registered director; Mohammad Aref Mustafa who is also the proposed DPS, although the forename is spelt slightly differently on the license application as Mohammed.</p> <p>The shop has been known as Bubble Gum City since July 2025 and during this period several intelligence logs have been received by Greater Manchester Police however ownership changed in early December 2025.</p> <p>Since this date, Greater Manchester Police has conducted a joint visit with partners from Trading Standards, Licensing, and Wagtails on the 29th January 2026. Present in the store was Khdir Shekha (01/01/91) of 110 Eldon Street, Bolton. During the course of the visit, 31 unsafe toys which breached Trade Mark Act were seized.</p> <p>Further to the above, GMP have received intelligence logs relating to the premises the contents of which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2026 – information received which states that workers are selling Killa nicopods to underage children. • May 2026 – Workers of Bubblegum City are selling counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco. They are selling packets of Lambert and Butler silver for £5 per pack <p>To add further weight, PC Eccleston has received a complainant from a member of the community who family member had been into the store on the 23rd May 2026 and purchased a packet of Lambert and Butler cigarettes for £5. Considering the normal retail price for a packet of Lambert and Butler cigarettes in the UK is approximately £15 - £16, it is</p>
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	<p>obvious that this is not legitimate and upon checking, the packet is confirmed as counterfeit (photograph of Lambert & Butler cigarettes and corresponding till receipt included at appendix A)</p> <p>Under the circumstances, it is quite clear that is no regard for the licensing objectives nor the law and if granted there is a serious risk that the licensing objectives will be undermined certainly with regards the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm. As such GMP are asking that serious consideration be given to the refusal of the premises license application in its entirety.</p>
<p>Public safety</p>	<p>Please state your reasons:</p>
<p>To prevent public nuisance</p>	<p>Please state your reasons:</p>

<p>The protection of children from harm</p>	<p>Please state your reasons:</p> <p>Intelligence suggesting that prohibited items are being sold to children.</p>
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Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

As discussed above, Greater Manchester Police has serious concerns that should the license application be granted, the licensing objectives will be seriously undermined from the outset therefore if Members are minded not to refuse the application, I ask that the following are placed as conditions on the licence to promote the licensing objectives;

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The premises licence holder must ensure that:

1. CCTV cameras are located within the premises to cover all public areas including all entrances and exits (the location of cameras could also be specified on the plan attached to the premises licence).
2. The system records clear images.
3. The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second.
4. All recorded footage must be securely retained for a minimum of 28 days and to be made available to the Police/Authorised Officers of the Licensing Authority upon request. Copies of any requested footage must be produced within 12 hours of the request.
5. The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities or specify timings.
6. All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.
7. The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.
8. There are members of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 or any replacement legislation.
9. The Designated Premises Supervisor will maintain a written record of all members of staff who are authorised to sell alcohol. This shall be kept on the premises and made available to authorised officers.
10. All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in:
 - Relevant age restrictions in respect of products
 - Preventing underage sales
 - Preventing proxy sales
 - Maintaining the refusals log
 - Entering sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
 - Recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability
 - How to refuse service
 - The premises' duty of care policy, understanding and dealing with situations involving vulnerable people, and incidents of harassment
 - Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including the preservation of a crime scene and reporting an incident to the emergency services
 - The conditions in force under this licence.

11. Training must include evidence that the trainee has gained knowledge and understanding of the training, which may consist of a test or quiz, completed and signed by the trainee.
12. Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Bury Council.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

13. Management and staff are to use their best endeavours to prevent persons loitering outside the premises.
14. Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at all exits requesting that customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly and to properly dispose of litter.
15. Staff will monitor the area immediately outside the premises on a regular basis to check for, and to properly dispose of any litter from the premises.
16. All deliveries or removal of trade waste will take place after 20.00 on any day.
17. The Proprietor will ensure that no exterior lighting will cause a nuisance to any nearby properties / neighbours.

Protection of Children from Harm

18. The Challenge 25 scheme must be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an EU/EEA national ID card or similar document, an HM Forces warrant card, a card bearing the PASS hologram, or any electronic or biometric age verification technology approved by the licensing authority.
19. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating, at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that the Challenge 25 scheme is in operation.
20. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating, at any point of sale and at the entrance to the premises that it is an offence to buy or attempt to buy alcohol for a person who is under 18 and for a person under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol.
21. A refusals record must be kept at the premises which details all refusals to sell alcohol. This record must include the date and time of the incident, a description of the customer, the name of the staff member who refused the sale, and the reason the sale was refused. All entries must be made within 24 hours of the refusal. The record must be made available for inspection and copying upon request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.
22. An incident book shall be maintained to record all incidents of crime or disorder at the premises and details of any occasion when police are called to the premises. This book shall be made available for inspection by any authorised officer.
23. No alcoholic drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container.

24. That the following alcoholic drinks be kept behind the counter or in a place where customers do not have direct access to these products without the assistance of a member of staff, namely: all spirits.

Signed.....P. Eccleston.....

dated 02/06/2026

N.B if you do make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal proceedings.