

AGENDA FOR
LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE



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To: All Members of Licensing Hearing Sub Committee

Councillors: B Ibrahim (Chair), D Hill and K Simpson

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:	Monday, 17 th August 2026
Place:	Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams
Time:	11.00 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 - 10)*

The Minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee meetings held at 10.00am on the 2nd July 2026 and 10.00am on the 6th July 2026 are attached.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF AVA, 46 BOLTON STREET, BURY, BL9 0LL *(Pages 11 - 82)*

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

Minutes of: LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 2nd July 2026

Present: Councillor B Ibrahim (in the Chair)
Councillors D Quinn and M Walsh

Also in attendance: M. Bridge (Bury Council- Licensing Unit)
M. Cunliffe Bury Council- (Democratic Services)
PC P. Ecclestone (Greater Manchester Police)
K. Halligan (Bury Council- Trading Standards)
Shelagh Lyth – (Bury Council- Legal Advisor)

Councillor G. Staples- Jones
M. Mustafa (Applicant)
R. Reynolds (Representor)
J. Chittick (Bury Times)

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 other members of the public were in virtual attendance.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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 14th April 2026 and 10.30am on the 24th April 2026 were attached to the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee held on the 14th April 2026 and the 24th April 2026 be approved as a correct record.

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

The Licensing Authority received 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.

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 Bubble Gum No1 Limited, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND. The proposed Designated Premises Supervisor had not been specified at the time of the application.

At this stage of the hearing, Mr Mustafa reported that he had been granted a personal licence via Bolton Council.

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	08.00 to 22.00
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Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the premises):

Monday to Saturday	08.00 to 22.00
Sundays	10.00 to 22.00

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

Three representations had been received from interested parties and this was attached at Appendix 2 in the agenda packs.

Trading Standards in their capacity as a responsible authority would give their reasons for making a representation. The representation was attached at appendix 3 in the agenda packs.

Greater Manchester Police in their capacity as a responsible authority would give their reasons for making a representation. The representation was attached at appendix 4 in the agenda packs.

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

A Member asked had there been any reports in relation to this store prior to the current ownership taking control. The Licensing Unit Manager commented that there had only been reports since the application had been submitted.

Mr Mustafa commented that he had read many negative Facebook posts online and felt this was because there was a shop next door to his business. He was accompanied online at the meeting by a friend to help with any translation issues as he spoke better English than himself. He added there was another shop around 100 metres further down the road and he also worked in the next-door business which was a barbers shop.

Mr Mustafa was cutting a customer's hair yesterday and they were talking negatively about immigration issues and the application but they were unaware that Mr Mustafa ran that business as well. He had encountered one problem a few months ago which he had reported but felt the nice posts on Facebook got deleted from the Ramsbottom social media pages. He also informed the meeting that he had previously ran a business in Brighton for three years and wanted to work in this area.

Mr Reynolds questioned how the law would be upheld in relation to the sale of alcohol when rules were being broken with the current supply of tobacco products. Mr Mustafa stated he sold nothing wrong and if he was caught selling one wrong cigarette then the shop could be closed.

The Licensing Unit Manager questioned Mr Mustafa about the application and asked if he could confirm the four licensing objectives to the committee.

Mr Mustafa was unable to answer the question and upon further investigations by the Licensing Unit Manager it was revealed that he had not been granted a personal licence by Bolton Council as stated earlier in the meeting and to date had not submitted an application.

Councillor Staples- Jones reported that there had been a breach of two licensing objectives and felt the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold an alcohol licence. Lots of shop owners follow the law and all his further information was contained in the written representations submitted.

The Council's legal representative advised the Committee that a fit and proper person is not associated with the wording of the four licensing objectives as it's a premises related application.

K. Halligan from Bury Council's Trading Standards department reported:-

On the 8th May 2026, an application was received for Bubble Gum City, 10 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9ND. 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, BL0 9ND, 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 5th January 2026, a test purchase was carried out at Bubblegum City, 20 Lambert and Butler were purchased for £5. The cigarettes were counterfeit and the normal retail price of a packet was between £15 and £16.

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 of 110 Eldon Street, Bolton. Seized where 31 unsafe toys were also breached the Trade Marks Act.

On the 20th May 2026, further intel was received, which suggested that Bubblegum City was selling fake cigarettes, which are not legal.

Seven complaints had been filed against the premises in relation to illicit cigarettes and selling products to children.

A Member enquired that the spelling of the name was different between the stated owner and DPS. K. Halligan confirmed there was a difference between the spelling on the lease and the name via Companies House. The Licensing Unit Manager questioned this and it was a mistake by the licensing consultant when the application was submitted.

A Member asked if there had been any criminal activity at the store before December 2026. K. Halligan reported there had been the sale of illicit toys, tobacco and alcohol but Mr Mustafa was not the owner then.

A Member asked if the counterfeit vapes and cigarettes had been tested for danger levels. K. Halligan reported that vapes and cigarettes had not been chemically tested but the cigarette was counterfeit.

PC P. Ecclestone from Greater Manchester Police also reported that:-

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.

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.

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 of 110 Eldon Street, Bolton. During the course of the visit, 31 unsafe toys which breached Trade Mark Act were seized.

Further to the above, GMP have received intelligence logs relating to the premises the contents of which included the following:-

- 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

To add further weight, PC Eccleston had 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 obvious that this was not legitimate and upon checking, the packet was confirmed as counterfeit (photograph of Lambert & Butler cigarettes and corresponding till receipt included at appendix A in the agenda pack). This was shown on the screen during the meeting to Members of the Committee.

Under the circumstances, it was quite clear that there was no regard for the licensing objectives nor the law and if granted there was 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.

A Member asked if visits to the store had taken place prior to the change in ownership and it was reported that visits had occurred prior to December 2025 but these factors were not relevant to the hearing today.

Mr Mustafa in summing up stated it was easy to say someone has sold items to children, he would never do that and you would have to prove it.

K Halligan of Trading Standards in her closing remarks said that the activities breached 2 of the Licensing Objectives and would recommend refusal.

PC P. Ecclestone in his closing remarks stated that misinformation had been provided earlier in the hearing about having a personal licence which was untrue. There was a clear lack of knowledge about the licensing objectives and at least 2 of these had already been undermined and invited the Committee to give serious consideration to refusal.

At this stage Mr Mustafa was asked if he had any final comments and he said that he had not.

Upon questioning the Licensing Unit Manager clarified the Council did not have a culminative impact policy so that would not be a consideration of the committee. He further clarified that car parking issues are also not relevant.

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 all the representations, the Sub-Committee found there were causes for concern so far as the promotion of the licensing objectives were concerned in relation to:-

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

There was a lack of confidence, ability and knowledge that the licensing objectives could be upheld by the applicant which was evidenced by failure to recall any of the four relevant licensing objectives when questioned by the Licensing Unit Manager.

Confidence in the application was further questioned by evidence of the permitted sale of counterfeit goods which also undermined the licensing objectives.

It was therefore agreed unanimously that the Sub- Committee **refuse the application.**

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

COUNCILLOR B IBRAHIM
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 10.00am and ended at 11.20am)

Minutes of:	LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	6 th July 2026
Present:	Councillor B Ibrahim (in the Chair) Councillors M Hayes and M Walsh
Also in attendance:	M. Bridge (Bury Council- Licensing Unit) M. Cunliffe Bury Council- (Democratic Services) PC P. Ecclestone (Greater Manchester Police) Shelagh Lyth – (Bury Council- Legal Advisor) L. Shine (Personal Licence Holder) 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 Councillor T. Pilkington, B. Thomson (Assistant Director of Public Protection & Resilience), A. Bucior (Public Protection).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

Councillor M. Walsh placed on record that she heard about an incident taking place via a family relative who attended the school in question but had no further information on the matter and no involvement with any of the parties concerned.

3 CONSIDERATION TO SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF A PERSONAL LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had submitted a report for consideration to suspend/revoke a Personal Licence granted under the Licensing Act 2003, for a licence holder who had been convicted of a relevant offence.

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

- To revoke the personal licence if it is considered necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objective to do so; or
- To suspend the personal licence.
- Take no action

Before any reports were presented a discussion took place on the hearing being held in private and excluding the press (who were present) from the meeting. Ms H. Richardson from the MEN made representations that the report was already in the public domain and the hearing being open allowed the Personal Licence Holder to have their say on the matter. The matter of public interest was also considered and therefore the meeting would continue to be open to the press.

The Chair stated that the report related to a notice that had been given to a personal licence holder stating the intention to suspend or revoke the personal licence due to the licensing authority being notified of a relevant conviction.

Before deciding whether to suspend or revoke a licence the licensing authority must give consideration to;

- any representations made by the licence holder
- any decision of a court
- any other information which is considered relevant.

The Chair reported the Licensing Act 2003 and the Policing and Crime Act 2017 was the relevant legislation. However, due to the notice served (Appendix 2 in the report attached to the agenda pack) stating a 'Conditional Caution' and not a 'Conviction' a decision on this matter could not be made today until further legal representations were received from Greater Manchester Police.

Delegated decision

It was therefore agreed that Members of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee postpone the meeting until a future date to allow for further legal information to be received on the representations.

The Council's Legal Officer advised the Police representative and Ms L. Shine that they may both wish to seek their own independent legal advice ahead of any future meeting.

COUNCILLOR B IBRAHIM
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 10.15am and ended at 10.40am)



		Classification Open / Closed	Item No.
Meeting:	Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee		
Meeting date:	17 August 2026		
Title of report:	Application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of AVA, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL		
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Core)		
Decision Type:	Council		
Ward(s) to which report relates	East		

Executive Summary:

This report relates to an application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of AVA, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL

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 Mr. Alin-Mihai Zamfir, 13 Woodfield Street, Bolton, BL3 2HD. He is also the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor should the premises licence be granted.
- 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 07.00 to 23.00

Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the premises):

Monday to Sunday 07.00 to 23.00

The Operating Schedule is attached at Appendix 1.

Following discussions with Public Health, the applicant has agreed to amending the retail Sale of Alcohol hours to 08.00 to 23.00 Monday to Sunday.

4.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

- 4.1 Trading Standards in their capacity as a responsible authority will shortly give their reasons for making a representation. The representation is attended at appendix 2

- 4.2 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 3.

5.0 OBSERVATIONS

- 5.1 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.

6.0 THE SECRETARY OF STATES GUIDANCE TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 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.
- 7.4 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
- 7.5 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 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 consistent with the operating schedule

The prevention of crime and disorder

1. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital colour CCTV system.
2. All public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points.
3. The CCTV cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and recording shall be kept available and unedited for a minimum of 28 days with the date and time stamping.
4. A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce / download / burn CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.
5. Any footage must be in a format so it can be played back on a standard personal computer or standard DVD player.
6. Where the recording is on a removable medium (i.e. compact disc, flash card etc.), a secure storage system to store those recording mediums shall be provided.
7. 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:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue, or by the venue to the Police
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any incidents of disorder
 - (d) any faults in the CCTV system
 - (e) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service
8. The Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that a written notice of authority is kept at the premises for all staff who sell alcohol.
9. The notice shall be made available for inspection upon request of the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority and all staff selling alcohol must be in possession of formal identification to enable to verify their identity against the notice.

Public safety

1. The premise has illuminated exit signs Fire extinguishers

The prevention of public nuisance

1. The DPS at all times will ensure customers are not permitted to gather outside.
2. The area to the front of the premises shall be monitored for rubbish and litter. The outside will be Kept clean and tidy. Deliveries will not take place before 08:00 and no refuse collections before 08:00.

The protection of children from harm

1. 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.
2. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence a card bearing the PASS hologram, or any electronic or biometric age verification technology approved by the licensing authority.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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, 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.
6. The record must be made available for inspection and copying within 24 hours of a request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.
7. All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in: Relevant age restrictions in respect of products.
 - (a) Prevent underage sales
 - (b) Prevent proxy sales.
 - (c) Maintain the refusals log.
 - (d) Enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate.
 - (e) Recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability.
 - (f) How overservice of alcohol impacts on the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.
 - (g) How to refuse service.

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

Appendix 2

Representation from Trading Standards

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

Section 1 - Application Details	
We object to the following Application: Ava Market 46 Bolton Street Bury BL90LL	
Type of application. Review of current licence	
Licence Number (if known):	

Section 2 – Responsible Authority’s Details	
Responsible Authority’s Details: Please tick appropriate box:	
☐	Police
☐	Fire Authority
☐	Planning Authority
☐	Health and Safety
☐	Environmental Health Service
☐	Child Protection
☒	Weights and Measures

	Licensing Authority	
	Immigration	
	Public Health Department	
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Section 3 – Representations

☒	We object to the application being granted at all
☐	We object to the application being granted in its current form*

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).

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:

Ava Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury has been a mini market for a number of years. The business was previously called express mini market, and the applicant Alin Zamfir worked in the shop. The business rates for the premises is in the name of Express Mini Market Ltd and have been since the 19th December 2022. Express Mini Market Ltd, company number 14549110, is the previous company name for Ava Market Ltd, the name was changed on the 12th February 2026. The limited company has no current directors; the 2 resigned directors are the applicant Alin Zamfir and Faraydn Qasmpwr. The applicant Alin Zamfir was a director for 20 days, between the 9th and 20th April 2026. Mr Qasmpwr was a director between the 19th December 2022 and the 8th April 2026. I produce a copy of the company search as appendix 1.

Express Mini Market has previously held a Premises Licence from 23 November 2022. Faraydn Qasmpwr has been the Premises Licence Holder since that date and has been the Designated Premises Supervisor since 4 January 2023. The licence was revoked by the licensing panel on the 4th November 2025; I produce the minutes from the panel as appendix 2 to this representation. The Licensing Hearing subcommittee were satisfied that the licensing objects had not been met and failed on the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and on the protection of children from harm.

On the 18th December, a follow up visit was carried out to Express Mini Market, illicit tobacco and counterfeit headphones were seized by me, PC Eccleston seized 16 cans of alcohol as the premises had no alcohol licence, on the premises was Faraydn Qasmpwr.

On the 27th January 2026, I hand delivered a letter to the director Mr Qasmpwr, to advise him that this authority was seeking a closure order against the premises. Whilst in the shop I had to advise them to remove the counterfeit labubu dolls and headphones.

On the 3rd February 2026, I issued a further letter indicating the intention to close the premises and served it in the shop by handing it to Alin Zamfir.

On the 9th February 2026, with PC Eccleston I closed the shop, present in the shop was Alin Zamfir and Faraydn Qasmpwr. We served a closure Notice, (Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014), the shop was closed and we affixed closure orders to relevant entry points. Notices were served on Mr Qasmpwr on the premises.

On the 10th February 2026, I attended Manchester and Salford Magistrates Court with PC Eccleston, where the court granted the closure order, and the premises was closed for 2 months.

The shop re-opened on 10th April 2026, and the landlord said the business was now owned by Alin Zamfir a copy for the lease that the landlord sent is attached, as appendix 3. The landlord claimed Faraydn Qasmpwr, had contacted him claiming to have sold the shop to Alin Zamfir, and therefore asking him to change the lease to his name.

On the 29th April 2026, companies house shows that Alin Zamfir resigned as director after 20 days, and that Hazhar Mohamedi took over as a person with significant control of Ava Market. Further checks on companies' house give a correspondence address for Mr Mohamedi as 1 Cherry Gardens, Rhodes Street, Hull, HU35RQ. Hazhar Mohamedi, is the director of City Road Vape CF24 Ltd, company number 16327763, which has a registered office address of 169 City Road, Cardiff, CF243JB. Intelligence checks show that the shop at 169 City Road, Cardiff, CF243JB, has been subject to enforcement activity by regulatory services. Three test purchase of illicit cigarettes or hand rolling tobacco have been made, all 3 items purchase for £5 an item, well below the retail value of genuine cigarettes and tobacco. In December 2025, an intel report was received saying the shop was selling counterfeit cigarettes. Same allegation was received in December 2025, and a similar allegation in May 2026, but this time the allegation said the shop had smuggled vapes and drugs as well. In June 2026 the shop had seized 21

	packets of cigarettes, 1 pouch of hand rolling and wraps of cannabis. Given that the limited company has no directors, and the person with significant control has a premises in another area, of which he is the director, which has been subject to enforcement action for illegal activity, and the history associated with these premises for which the applicant has been present on numerous occasions, cause Trading Standards to have significant concerns over the granting of a premises license and believe that it wouldn't be long before the licensing objectives are undermined once again.
Public safety	Please state your reasons:
To prevent public nuisance	Please state your reasons:

The protection of children from harm	Please state your reasons.
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Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

Trading Standards are asking the Sub-Committee to give serious consideration with regards refusing the Premises License Application in its entirety however should the committee be minded to grant the license, Trading Standards would like to suggest the following additions to the license conditions:

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;

Condition 3 -11 replace similar that have been volunteered on the operating schedule

Conditions 1,2, 12 are extra to those volunteered on the operating schedule

Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. 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.
2. 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:

3. 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).
4. The system records clear images.
5. The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second.
6. 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.
7. The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities or specify timings.

- 8 All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.
- 9 The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.
- 10 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.
- 11 A Personal Licence holder must be on the premises at all times when open to the public. Personal license holders MUST have their personal license in their possession at all times they are working in the store
- 12 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.

13 The premises shall be closed to customers 30 minutes after licensable activity has ceased.

14 All individual alcohol containers (e.g. bottles/cans/cartons) before going on display for sale are to be uniquely and indelibly marked in a manner approved by Greater Manchester Police.

15 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.

- All alleged crimes reported to the venue or by the venue to the police
- Any complaints received
- Seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items
- Any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
- Any visit by a responsible authority or emergency service

16 No alcoholic beverages to be displayed in the window of the premises or in close proximity to the front entrance.

17 All refrigerated alcoholic beverages to be located next to premises serving counter.

18 No window stickers, wraps, stacking of stock or other displays will be used in the front window. The windows at the front of the shop are to be kept clear and free from obstruction so the internal shop is visible from the kerb side.

Protection of Children from Harm

19. No alcoholic drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container. 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
- flavoured spirits

Signed:



...Dated: 22/7/26

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

Trading Standards

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Registered office address

46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL

Company status

Active

Company type

Private limited Company

Incorporated on

19 December 2022

Accounts

Next accounts made up to **31 December 2025**
due by **30 September 2026**

Last accounts made up to **31 December 2024**

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Confirmation statement

Next statement date **18 December 2026**
due by **1 January 2027**

Last statement dated **18 December 2025**

Nature of business (SIC)

- 47190 - Other retail sale in non-specialised stores

Previous company names

Name

Period

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		• NM01 - Change of name by resolution • RES15 - Change company name resolution on 2026-02-11		
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QASMPWR, Faraydn

Correspondence address 46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL

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Role Resigned **Director**Date of birth **January 1999**Appointed on **19 December 2022**Resigned on **8 April 2026**Nationality **British**Country of residence **United Kingdom**Identity verification status **Verification requirements complete****Identity verified by an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP)**

MORGAN MENZIES LIMITED ACSP has confirmed that they have verified the identity of Faraydn Qasmpwr to the standard set by Companies House and is satisfied that the required personal information is true.

The verification checks were completed on 11 February 2026.

MORGAN MENZIES LIMITED ACSP is supervised by: HMRC.

[ZAMFIR, Alin Mihaela](#)Correspondence address **46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL**Role Resigned **Director**Date of birth **May 2003**Appointed on **9 April 2026**

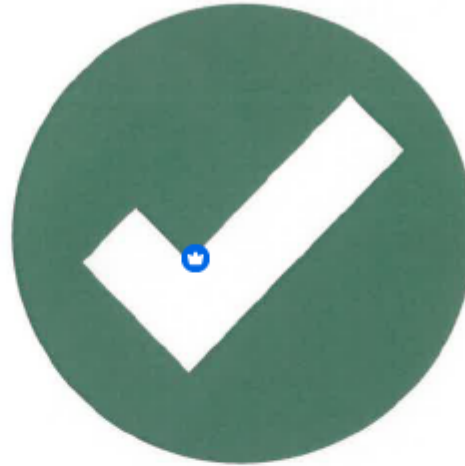
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Resigned on **29 April 2026**

Nationality **Romanian**

Country of residence **England**



Identity verification status **Verification requirements complete**

Identity verified by an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP)

MORGAN MENZIES LIMITED ACSP has confirmed that they have verified the identity of Alin-Mihai Zamfir to the standard set by Companies House and is satisfied that the required personal information is true.

The verification checks were completed on 9 April 2026.

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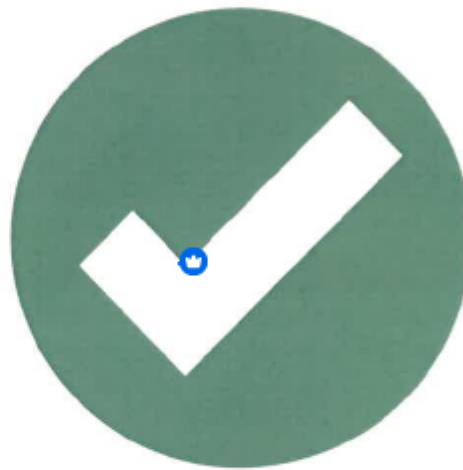
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Mr Hazhar Mohammadi ActiveCorrespondence address **46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL**Notified on **29 April 2026**Date of birth **August 1998**Nationality **Iranian**Country of residence **England**Identity verification due from **1 May 2026**Identity verification due by **14 May 2026**<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/14549110/persons-with-significant-control>

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Nature of control **Has significant influence or control****Mr Alin Mihai Zamfir Ceased**Correspondence address **46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL**Notified on **9 April 2026**Ceased on **29 April 2026**Date of birth **May 2003**Nationality **Romanian**Country of residence **England**Identity verification status **Verification requirements complete****Identity verified by an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP)**

MORGAN MENZIES LIMITED ACSP has confirmed that they have verified the identity of Alin-Mihai Zamfir to the standard set by Companies House and is satisfied that the required personal information is true.

The verification checks were completed on 9 April 2026.

MORGAN MENZIES LIMITED ACSP is supervised by: HMRC

Nature of control **Ownership of shares – 75% or more**
Ownership of voting rights - 75% or more
Right to appoint or remove directors

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Mr Farayon Qasmpwr Ceased

Correspondence address **46 Bolton Street, Bury, England, BL9 0LL**

Notified on **19 December 2022**

Ceased on **29 April 2026**

Date of birth **January 1999**

Nationality **British**

Country of residence **United Kingdom**

Identity verification due from **19 December 2025**

Identity verification due by **1 January 2026**

Nature of control **Ownership of shares – 75% or more**

Ownership of voting rights - 75% or more

Right to appoint or remove directors

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Trading Standards Appendix 2

Minutes of: LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 4th November 2025, 10.30am

Present: Councillor T. Rafiq (in the Chair)
Councillors L. McBriar and M. Walsh

M. Bridge (Bury Council- Licensing Unit Manager)
M. Cunliffe (Bury Council- Democratic Services)
K. Halligan (Bury Council- Trading Standards)
L. Bell (Bury Council- Licensing Unit)
D. Rice (Bury Council- Legal Services)
PC P. Ecclestone (Greater Manchester Police)
G Sherratt (PLH Legal representative)
F. Qasmpur (Premises Licence Holder)
T. Heatley (Observer)
R. Everitt (Bury Council- Observer)

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 or press 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 23rd September 2025 and 3rd October 2025 were attached to the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee held on the 23rd September 2025 and 3rd October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

4 AN APPLICATION FROM AN RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY FOR A REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF EXPRESS MINI MARKET, 46 BOLTON STREET, BURY, BL9 0LL

The Executive Director for Corporate Core had submitted a report relating to an application pursuant to section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 from a Responsible Authority for a review of the premises licence in respect of Express Mini Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL.

Before any discussions took place, G. Sherratt, the legal representative on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder requested a 10 minute adjournment to cross reference additional

paperwork and documents which had recently been made available via GMP. The panel granted this request and the meeting started again after this short period of time.

Upon reconvening the meeting, K. Halligan from Bury Council's Trading Standards Department made an application for all of the representations to be made in private excluding members of the public.

The Panel duly considered the application and passed a resolution excluding members of the public from part of the hearing under regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighed the public interest in the hearing taking place in public, in view of the information to be discussed.

Therefore, the two observers in attendance at the hearing left the virtual meeting at this stage.

The Licensing Unit Manager, Mr M. Bridge presented the report to Members of the Sub-Committee and consideration of the options available which also included a recommendation to revoke the licence detailed in the report. The panel were reminded that three documents of additional information had been circulated to them from Democratic Services ahead of the hearing from the Licensing Department, Trading Standards and GMP.

The Licensing Unit Manager also drew attention to page 19 of the report and the paragraph titled section 11.27. This paragraph should be disregarded and the following information should replace it:-

Section 11.27 states the following.

There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

- For the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
- For the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

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

At the time of the submission of this review application, the Premises Licence in respect of Express Mini Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL. The Premises Licence holder is Mr Faraydn Qasmpwr, 156 Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5DL. He is also the designated Premises Supervisor.

The Responsible Authority has 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 web site. 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 are as follows:

- a. Opening Hours
Monday to Sunday 06.00 to 23.00
- b. Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the Premises)
Monday to Sunday 06.00 to 23.00

The review application was attached at appendix 1 within the agenda pack. Trading Standards would expand upon the reason(s) for their application to review the Premises Licence in relation to the premises. The representation was attached at appendix 2 within the agenda pack.

Greater Manchester Police would expand upon the reason(s) for their representation in relation to the premises. The representation was attached at appendix 3 within the agenda pack.

The conditions attached to the premises licence were contained within Appendix 4 of the agenda pack.

Section 182 Licensing Act Guidance was included in the report with the amendment previously stated in relation to section 11.27.

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.

The Deputy Licensing Officer, Laura Bell reported she had visited the premises on a number of occasions alongside Trading Standards and Greater Manchester Police on multi agency visits and operations, when seizures for illegal vapes and illicit cigarettes have taken place. Many of these visits have been as a result of complaints made to Trading Standards regarding the underage sale of vapes and cigarettes.

As a Licensing Enforcement Officer, she had identified a number of issues during visits to the premises and these were included within a chart on page 28 of the agenda packs. One amendment was made to the last entry on the chart with the date stating the 13th August 2025 when this should in fact be the 6th August 2025.

The Deputy Licensing Officer presented details as per the report:-

Most recently a complaint was received by the Licensing Department on 28/8/25 from the Stepdad of a 14-year-old girl who had been found by her parents inebriated through the consumption of alcohol, the previous evening. She informed her parents that she had purchased a litre bottle of vodka, and 2 disposable vapes from Express Mini Market in Bury Town Centre. She stated that she had purchased it herself without any ID.

I visited the premises on 1/9/25 and left a CCTV request for Mr Qasmpwr, for him to download footage from the 27/8/25 covering the hours 12.00-16.00 for all cameras. The request stated that I would collect the footage on the following day, and the accompanying letter reminded Mr Qasmpwr of the conditions of his licence in relation to CCTV stating;

- Your CCTV system should be in a good working order and images retained for a minimum of 28 days.

- CCTV should be made available to the Police or Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority upon request.
- Copies of recorded data should be made available on request within no more than 12 hours from the time of the request.

The letter also informed him that viewing the CCTV on his mobile phone was not acceptable and it must be downloaded to a CD or memory stick. It informed him that if he had any difficulties he should contact me by email before 12pm on 2/9/25, he did not contact me. I attach the CCTV request and accompanying letter as Appendix 2.

On 2/9/25 I visited the premises alongside PC Eccleston to collect the requested CCTV. Mr Qasmpwr was present, but he had not downloaded the CCTV saying it was too much to do and he didn't know how to do it. He told us we could view it on his iPad. We informed him that this was not acceptable and that as DPS it is his responsibility, and a condition on the licence, that he knows how to operate the system. PC Eccleston obtained a memory stick for him, but Mr Qasmpwr claimed that he could not remember the password to access the system. He was advised to ring the engineer who had installed the CCTV and obtain the password and that we would return the following day to collect the downloaded footage.

On 3/9/25 I again visited the premises alongside PC Eccleston. On this occasion Mr Qasmpwr was not present. PC Eccleston accessed the CCTV system, and it was found to be unlocked of a password. However, the hard drive had been wiped and there were no recordings on the system for the whole of August. The system had started recording again at 8pm on 2/9/25.

Due to this I am unable to further investigate the complaint I had received. This goes against the objectives of protection of children from harm and prevention of crime and disorder.

Mr Qasmpwr has been given numerous warnings and advice on previous occasions with regards to his responsibilities as a licence holder. Despite this he continues to breach the conditions of his licence showing no regard for the objectives of the Licensing Act. Therefore, this leaves no option but to now seek the revocation of his alcohol licence through this review application.

A Member of the Committee asked if the hard drive containing CCTV recordings had been wiped manually or was a technical fault.

The Deputy Licensing Officer stated she could not say but the days previous footage was not available when she returned on a visit.

A Member of the Committee asked had the letter dated the 1st September been hand delivered and it was reported this had been given to a member of staff in the shop named Jade.

Kelly Halligan, Trading Standards Unit Manager reported Express Mini Market has held a Premises Licence since the 23rd November 2022. Faraydn Qasmpwr had been the Premises Licence Holder since that date and has been the Designated Premises Supervisor since the 4th January 2023. Express Mini Market is a limited company, incorporated on the 22nd January 2022, company number 14549110, the sole director is Faraydn Qasmpwr.

She had visited the premises on a number of occasions alongside Bury Council Licensing and Greater Manchester Police on multi agency visits and operations, when

seizures for illegal vapes and illicit cigarettes have taken place. Many of these visits have been as a result of complaints made to Trading Standards regarding the underage sale of vapes and cigarettes.

Included in the agenda pack was a timeline chart in reverse date order of visits, enforcement actions and seizures in relation to the premises.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager added they had received the same complaint that licensing investigated on the 28th August, where no cctv was recoverable. Mr Qasmpwr had been given numerous warnings, guidance and advice on previous occasions with regards to his responsibilities as a licence holder and the owner/director of the business. Despite this the business continues to breach legislation and the conditions of his licence, showing no regard for the objectives of the Licensing Act, or the law in general. The above timelines evidence this. Therefore, this leaves no option but to now seek the revocation of his alcohol licence through this review application.

A Member of the Committee enquired why are the toys being sold unsafe. It was reported that these are fake La Boo Boo dolls and they eyes come off resulting in chocking hazard.

Gill Sherratt acting a legal representative on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Qasmpwr questioned who determines the goods are counterfeit. It was reported the brand holders were sent items which included toys, cigarettes, headphones and ear buds that had been seized. Full details were contained in a case file as part of the on-going investigations.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager explained why goods can be counterfeit following a request by Gill Sherratt and confirmed there was no time limit in relation to the trademark act. Goods had been found around the store with the tobacco dog finding hidden items. Gill Sherratt questioned if Officers had talked to Mr Qasmpwr after searches and seizures and it was reported that time had been taken to issue guidance to him.

Gill Sherratt questioned Officers on the alleged under age sales allegations and again advice had been issued with over 10 letters sent plus test purchase for vapes had been conducted following the required guidelines.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager commented that the licensing objectives were being undermined.

A Member of the Committee enquired about incorrect labelling on food and drink products.

PC Peter Ecclestone, Bury District Licensing Officer for Greater Manchester Police reported:-

Since the granting of the license, joint visits have been conducted on several occasions by Greater Manchester Police, Bury Council Licensing Department and Trading Standards. As a result of these visits there have been numerous seizures and other actions taken by Trading Standards which to date, has resulted in 3010 vapes, 6100 cigarettes (305 packets) and 1.65kgs (33 x 50g) of HRT being seized along with a quantity of unsafe toys. Further to the above, non-English labelled food and drink including alcoholic beverages have been found. Again, numerous warnings and advice have been given in relation to the potential implications of a customer eating / drinking those items who may have allergies etc however this advice has repeatedly been ignored.

In addition to the seizures by Trading Standards, Greater Manchester Police and Bury Council Licensing Department have also identified a number of licensing infringements in contravention of the current premises license.

Those infringements were included in the report attached to the agenda packs spanning dates from the 21st October 2022 to the 13th August 2025 which included:-

No refusals register or written authority for staff to sell alcohol

- CCTV footage was not downloaded as per a request
- A male who appeared to be under 18yrs old was seen leaving the premises with a bottle of Vodka.
- The CCTV system had not been recording for over 2 weeks.
- Groups of (12-14yrs) loitering / vaping directly outside the premises
- Premises still open at 23:37hrs although the license states that the premises should be closed by 23:00hrs.

Since the opening of the premises Greater Manchester Police has received a steady stream of incidents and intelligence reports which suggests that the Premises License Holder and DPS has very little regard to the licensing objectives and time after time those objectives have been undermined. A summary of those incidents and intelligence logs were included in the report attached to the agenda pack.

One of the most recent complaints regarding Express Mini-Market was received by Bury Council Licensing Department on the 26th August 2025. On the 2nd September 2025, Laura Bell from Bury Council Licensing Department and PC Eccleston, conducted a joint visit with a view to collecting the CCTV which had previously been requested. On attending, the PLH / DPS was present however the requested footage had not been downloaded with the PLH / DPS claimed that it was too much to do and didn't know how to do it. The PLH / DPS did pass us his IPAD asking us to review the footage whilst in the premises. Given this was 4hrs worth of footage over multiple cameras, this request was impractical and as such we made it very clear how unacceptable this course of action was and that it is his responsibility to comply with all aspects of the premises license.

Not satisfied with the response from the PLH / DPS, PC Eccleston and Laura Bell returned to the Police Station to obtain permission with a view to returning to the store and downloading the footage themselves with PC Eccleston having experience of various CCTV systems throughout the course of his career. On returning to the premises, the PLH / DPS then claimed that he couldn't remember the password to get onto the main CCTV system although PC Eccleston had witnessed him operate the system previously. As such, the PLH / DPS was advised to ring the company who installed the CCTV system, obtain the password and download the footage as requested. Prior to leaving, he was informed that the footage would be collected the following day.

On the following day (03/08/25), Laura Bell and PC Eccleston returned to the premises. The PLH / DPS wasn't present on this occasion however PC Eccleston was allowed access to the premises CCTV system and discovered that the whole system had been reset which had removed all password protection and all previous CCTV recordings from the system. The system had started recording again at 20:00hrs on the 2nd September 25.

Over the last couple of years, the premises has had numerous visits by responsible authorities which has resulted in a significant quantity of illegal and illicit products being recovered along with numerous licenses breaches being uncovered. Enforcement action has resulted in verbal advice through to formal written warnings however the PLH / DPS has continued to ignore that advice and direction regardless of the consequences. Despite numerous opportunities to rectify the issues outlined, it quite clearly demonstrates that the PLH / DPS has very little regard for the licensing objectives or the responsibilities of a license holder and continues to undermine the objectives. Therefore, Greater Manchester Police would ask the sub-committee to seriously consider the revocation of the premises license.

Members of the Committee asked questions in relation to why CCTV footage was not provided and PC Ecclestone could not confirm if an engineer had been to the store to fix the alleged problems with the system. He believed it had been wiped deliberately as they had been able to access footage in the past to review any incidents.

PC Ecclestone stated that they had never found any nitrous oxide canisters at the store upon questioning. Although if Mr Qasmpwr had not knowing sold illicit products then why upon a search of the premises, products had been found hidden and on one occasion cigarettes were being thrown out into a bin bag at the rear door.

Gill Sherratt reported that decisions should be evidence based than on the balance of probabilities. She provided background information on Mr Qasmpwr and how he came to own the store and that he was a young man experiencing teething problems with running the business. He worked 7 days a week at the store doing over 90 hours and this was his only source of income. He had been too slow to take required actions and had now found two trusted employees to work with him. The seized products came via wholesalers and he was told they were lawful. Whilst he was given advice at the time of visits he had not received any education or training on the matters. More details were required as evidence if products were deemed counterfeit. Little weight should be given to under age sales as complaints may not be true.

Gill Sherratt added that the conditions on the licence could all be met via improved e-learning and CCTV technical issues being resolved. Mr Qasmpwr fully understood the situation and accepted the slow reaction to failings. There would be a financial impact to him if the licence was revoked and she referred to case law Hope and Glory. Revoking the licence would not be proportionate as there are no issues with the alcohol element of the licence.

Gill Sherratt presented to the Committee an offer to close the doors to the store for one month which would send a strong message and allow time to resolve any problems for Mr Qasmpwr.

A Member asked did Mr Qasmpwr understand why the CCTV footage had not been saved and would a one month closure be ignored. Gill Sherratt stated that he accepted the CCTV failings and the closure would be voluntarily but she gave her word.

The Council's legal representative clarified that Mr Qasmpwr was responsible for the purchase and ordering of all stock that could include counterfeit goods. Gill Sherratt confirmed this was the case.

The Licensing Unit Manager asked if Mr Qasmpwr had read and understood the conditions of his licence. Gill Sherratt stated that yes he had but English was his second language. A Member commented that when toys had been removed they had been placed back soon afterwards following advice. No evidence had been provided that an engineer had been contacted to resolve the CCTV issue.

A Member questioned if the one month closure was being undertaken or using best endeavours. Gill Sherratt confirmed she was not a solicitor and was representing Mr Qasmpwr on behalf of the law firm she was employed with.

The Deputy Licensing Officer commented on advice not being provided but a number of letters had been issued and never once had Mr Qasmpwr contacted the Licensing Department for help or advice.

In summing up, PC Ecclestone without malice stated that there had been ample opportunities to put things right and there was a large amount of evidence to revoke the licence under the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Gill Sherratt felt the allegations lacked evidence and could have been proxy sales. Mr Qasmpwr wanted to correct any matters and was willing to close for one month.

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 and evidence provided and therefore unanimously **resolved to revoke the licence** due to the multiple breaches and the consequent risk to the public, including the safety of Children in order to promote the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee was therefore satisfied that there was sufficient evidence to mean this action was necessary.

All of the evidence was considered with care and the Sub-Committee was satisfied that there were causes for concern so far as the promotion of the Licensing Objectives were concerned.

The evidence presented had demonstrated the following licensing objectives had not been met and failed the:-

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

The reasons by the sub-committee, included:-

- Continued evidence of conditions being breached and not promoting the Licensing Objectives.
- The Licensing Objective of Public Safety was not being promoted at the premises by the Premises Licence Holder with failure to save and produce CCTV Footage upon request .
- The Premises Licence Holder was breaching conditions of the licence in relation to a breach of Licensing conditions with the requirement to maintain a refusals book for the challenge 25 scheme to record incidents/descriptions of individuals whenever a member of staff has refused to sell alcohol to a person suspected of being under the age of 18. This book must be made available to the police / authorised officers of the Council upon on request.
- The Sub-Committee found credible evidence of the failure to protect children from harm with single/illegal cigarettes and illicit vapes being found in various locations of the store.

The Sub-Committee found the situation very serious and concerning with the premises operating in such a way to undermine the licensing objectives. The evidence and supporting documents presented were deemed sufficient evidence to revoke the licence.

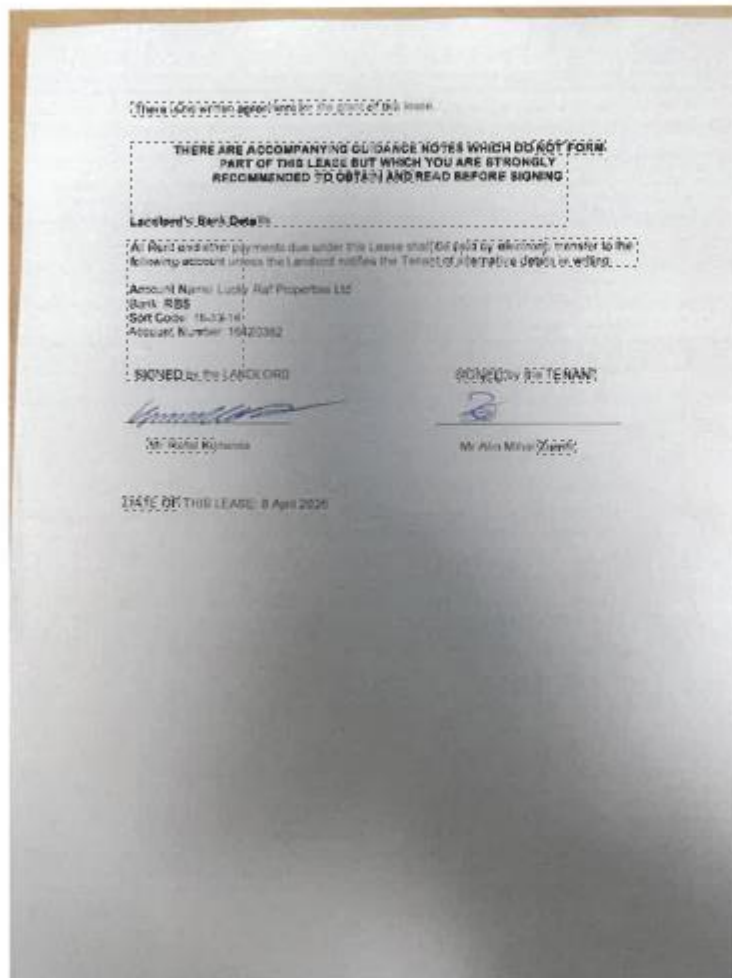
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Chair

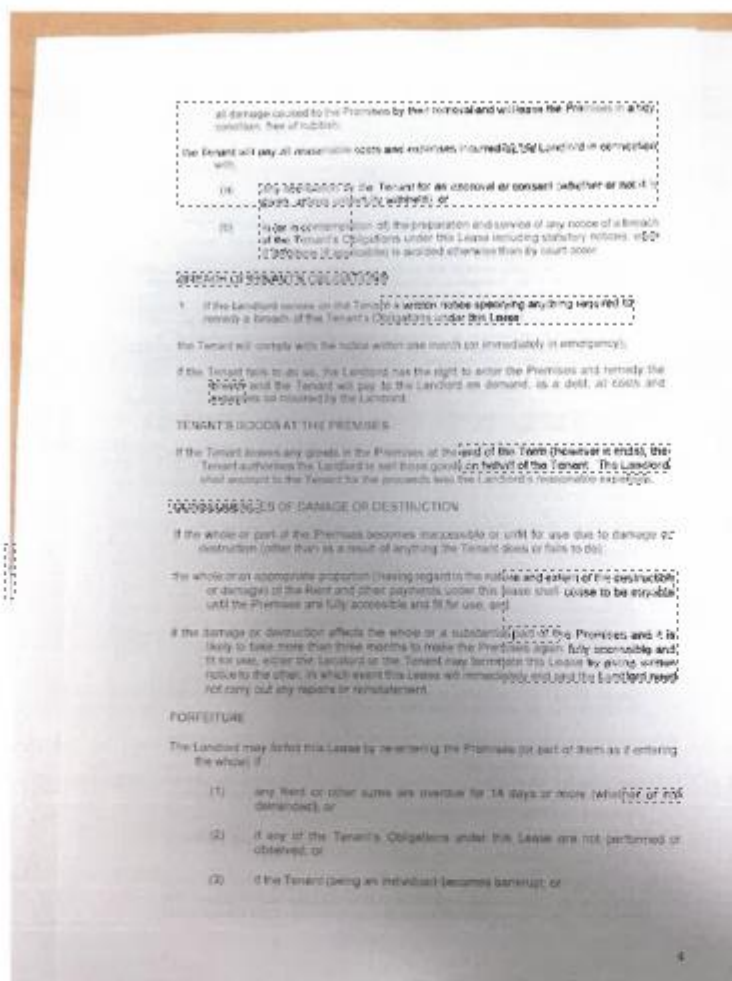
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Trading Standards Appendix 3

Halligan, Kelly J

From: Sklep <sklep.bury@gmail.com>
Sent: 09 April 2026 16:12
To: Halligan, Kelly J
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lease





(and repair, alter or renew any Service Media in the Premises which causes other premises).

The Landlord also reserves the right to enter the Premises for the purposes and on the terms set out elsewhere in this Lease. The right of entry will only be exercised following reasonable notice, except in the case of an emergency.

LANDLORD'S OBLIGATIONS

The Landlord's Obligations to be observed throughout the Term are:

As long as the Tenant pays the Rent and complies with the Tenant's Obligations, the Landlord will give exclusive possession of the Premises to the Tenant during the Term without interference by the Landlord or any superior landlord or any other person or in trust for either of them.

The Landlord will use reasonable endeavours to provide the following Landlord's Services:

- (1) keeping the Premises in tenable condition;
- (2) keeping in tenable condition the Common Parts and the structure of the building of which the Premises form part;
- (3) keeping Service Media in working order;
- (4) providing:
 - hot water to fixtures in the Premises, heating of the Premises, heating of Common Parts, lighting of Premises and Common Parts

but the Landlord is not obliged to:

- (a) remedy damage caused by the Tenant; or
- (b) remedy for wear and tear; or
- (c) put the Premises or any Common Parts or any Service Media into better condition than at the date of this Lease as described or shown in the attached Schedule of Condition.

and the Landlord is not responsible for interruptions to any of the Landlord's Services due to matters beyond the Landlord's control.

TENANT'S OBLIGATIONS

The Tenant's Obligations to be observed throughout the Term are:

The Tenant will pay the Rent immediately it falls due without any deduction or set off and (if required) by bank standing order or credit transfer to the Landlord's bank account.

The Tenant will pay any value added tax chargeable to the Rent and any other sums payable under this Lease, at the same time as the sum in which it is charged.

The Tenant will pay interest on any Rent or other sum payable under this Lease which is overdue for 7 days after its due date, calculated (both before and after any court judgment) at 4% per year above the Bank of England base rate for the period from the due date until payment.

COMMERCIAL LEASE**MAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Landlord is Lundy Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "Lundy Ltd") of 10, Westfield Way, Lancashire, United Kingdom, BLA 1027 and whose company number is 13401597.

The Tenant is Mr. Abu Matar, Zamil whose home address is 10, Westfield Way, Lancashire, United Kingdom, BLA 1027.

The Premises are ground floor shop at 45 Bolton Road, Bolton, BLA 1027.

The Term of the lease begins on 8 April 2020 and ends on 7 April 2021.

The Rent is £11,000 per year (inclusive of Value Added Tax) and is payable by instalments (payments) on 8th day of the month.

The Rent shall be payable on 8th April 2020 and the first instalment shall be £900.000 (900.000) (900.000).

The Rent payment stated in this agreement will be including utility charges (including water meter). The Landlord may adjust the rent by providing the Tenant with prior notice in accordance with the notice period required by law.

The Tenant has paid a Deposit of £40 to the Landlord.

The Permitted Use of the Premises is as a shop.

LETTER AND RIGHTS

That the Landlord grants the Premises to the Tenant at the Rent to the Tenant.

The Landlord grants to the Tenant the following right and makes the following reservations.

The Premises form any part of a Building. They do not include any part of the main structure, foundations, roof or exterior of that Building but they do include window frames and glass, doors and door frames, internal floors and suspended ceilings and the works above and below them, light fittings and other landlord's fixtures and fittings.

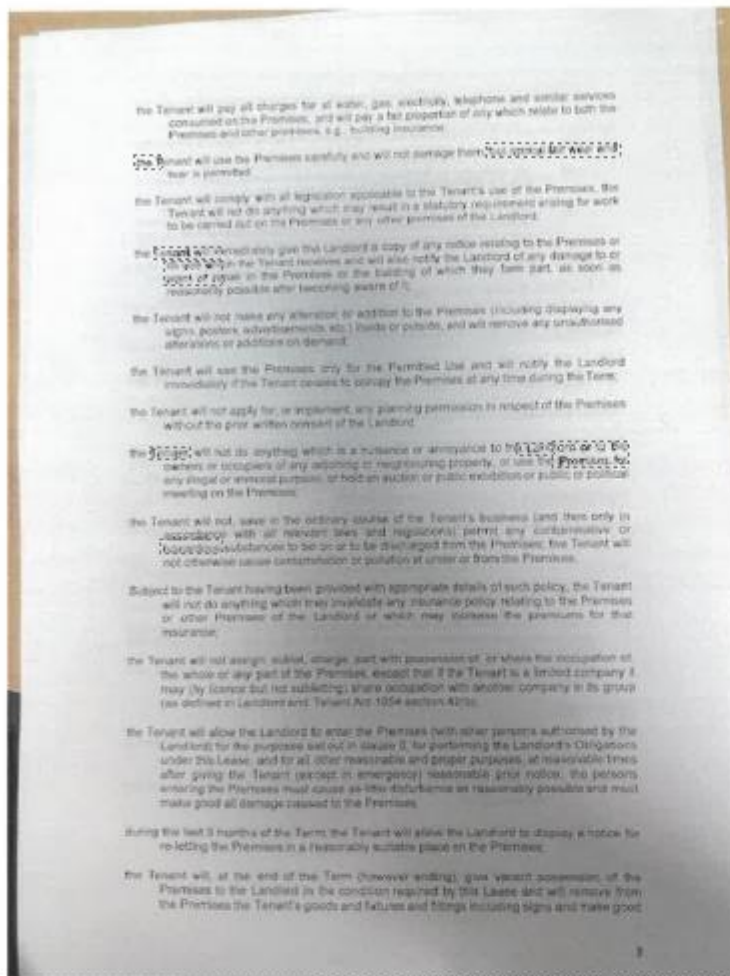
The Tenant is granted the shared use of the following Control Parts:

Main building entrance, hallway, passages, staircases.

but must use them in a reasonable and proper manner in accordance with any regulations imposed from time to time by the Landlord.

The Tenant is granted the non-exclusive use of Service Mains (including any ducts, pipes, gutters, pipes, drains, sewers, cables, conduits, wires or other means for conducting water, gas, gas, electricity and telecommunications) which serve the Premises and which may serve other premises, but must use them in a reasonable and proper manner in accordance with any regulations imposed from time to time by the Landlord.

The Landlord reserves the right to alter or close any Control Parts subject to providing (except in emergencies) reasonably suitable alternative services, and reserves the right to use



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Appendix 4

Representation from Greater Manchester Police

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

Section 1 - Application Details

We object to the following Application:

Ava Market
46 Bolton Street
Bury
BL90LL

Type of application.

New Premises License (Alcohol)

Application Number (if known):

Section 2 – Responsible Authority's Details

Responsible Authority's Details:

Please tick appropriate box:

☒	Police
☐	Fire Authority
☐	Planning Authority
☐	Health and Safety

	Environmental Health Service	
	Child Protection	
	Weights and Measures	
	Licensing Authority	
	Immigration	
	Public Health Department	
Full name:	Peter Eccleston	
Job Title:	Bury District Licensing Officer	
Tele number:	07774219071 / 0161 856 2256	
Email:	peter.eccleston@gmp.police.uk	
Address:		
Bury Police Station Dunster Road Bury BL9 0RD		

Section 3 – Representations	
☒	We object to the application being granted at all
☐	We object to the application being granted in its current form*
*If you choose this option remember to tell us in section 3B what changes you would like to see.	
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).	

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:

Please accept this as a formal representation from Greater Manchester Police with regards to the new premises license application for Ava Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury.

Ava Market was previously Express Mini Market where the applicant and proposed DPS; Alin-Mihai ZAMFIR worked. Since December 2022, the business rates for the premises was and still is, in the name of Express Mini Market Ltd however the company name was changed to Ava Market Ltd on the 12th February 2026. Following enquiries, on Companies House, it would appear that Ava Market Ltd is operating but with no registered directors listed. There have been two previous directors, one of which is the applicant, who was registered for a matter of 20 days between 9th April 2026 and 29 April 2026. The other resigned director was Faraydn QASMPWR who was the previous license holder and designated premises supervisor. Mr QASMPWR was the registered director between the 19th December 2022 and 8th April 2026.

Going back through the history of the premises, it opened as Express Mini Market in November 2022 and on the 23rd November 2022, a premises license was granted for Express Mini Market. Mr QASMPWR was the license holder and became the designated premises supervisor (DPS) on 4th January 2023 where he remained in position up until the premises license was revoked by the Licensing Sub-Committee on the 4th November 2025 after they were satisfied that all four licensing objectives were undermined significantly. A copy of the minutes from the hearing are attached at appendix A.

Following the revocation and the appeal period had passed, a follow up visit was conducted on the 18th December 2025 where illicit tobacco and counterfeit headphones were seized by Kelly Halligan from Trading Standards and I seized 16 cans of alcohol which were still on the premises. At the time, Mr QASMPWR was present in the store.

	On the 9th February 2026, Kelly Halligan (Trading Standards) and I attended Express Mini Market and served a Closure Notice (Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) on Mr QASMPWR. At the time of serving, Mr ZAMFIR was present at the premises. Prior to leaving, copies of the notice were fixed to all relevant entry / exit points. The following day on the 10th February 2026, Kelly Halligan and I attended Manchester and Salford Magistrates Court where a Closure Order was granted for 2 months and the premises was subsequently closed until the 10th April 2026 during which time Mr QASMPWR had asked for the lease to be transferred over to Mr ZAMFIR following the sale of the business. Since then, Greater Manchester Police received a piece of intelligence stating that there was a male working illegally (under the Immigration Act) at the premises. As previously mentioned, Mr ZAMFIR resigned as director of Ava Market Ltd after 20 days on the 29th April 2026. According to Companies House, that same day a Mr Hazhar MOHAMEDI became a 'person with significant control' over Ava Market. Further checks show that Mr MOHAMEDI has a correspondent's address in Hull whilst being the director of City Road Vapes which is located in Cardiff. Information and intelligence have been shared by Trading Standards with regards to the store in Cardiff and the seizures of illicit /counterfeit cigarettes, illegal vapes and a quantity of drugs. Given that all directors have resigned from Ava Market Ltd, the fact that the individual who is listed as having significant control has three varying addresses, (if you include the one in Bury) and the information and intelligence with regards to the illegal activity at the business premises where this individual is listed as a director, Greater Manchester Police have significant concerns over the granting of a premises license and believe that should the license be granted, it wouldn't be long before the four licensing objectives are undermined once again.
Public safety	Please state your reasons:

To prevent public nuisance	Please state your reasons:
The protection of children from harm	Please state your reasons:

Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

Greater Manchester Police are asking the Sub-Committee to give serious consideration with regards refusing the Premises License Application in its entirety however should the committee be minded to grant the license, Greater Manchester Police would like to suggest the additional conditions to those already proposed.

Condition 3 -11 replace similar that have been volunteered on the operating schedule

Conditions 1,2, 12 are extra to those volunteered on the operating schedule

Prevention of Public Nuisance

7. 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.
8. 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:

9. 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).
10. The system records clear images.
11. The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second.
12. 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.
13. The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities or specify timings.
14. All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.
15. The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.

16. 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.
17. A Personal Licence holder must be on the premises at all times when open to the public. Personal licence holders **MUST** have their personal licence in their possession at all times they are working in the store.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. The premises shall be closed to customers 30 minutes after licensable activity has ceased.
22. All individual alcohol containers (e.g. bottles/cans/cartons) before going on display for sale are to be uniquely and indelibly marked in a manner approved by Greater Manchester Police.
23. 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.
 - All alleged crimes reported to the venue or by the venue to the police

- Any complaints received
- Seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items
- Any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
- Any visit by a responsible authority or emergency service

24. No alcoholic beverages to be displayed in the window of the premises or in close proximity to the front entrance.
25. All refrigerated alcoholic beverages to be located next to premises serving counter.
26. No window stickers, wraps, stacking of stock or other displays will be used in the front window. The windows at the front of the shop are to be kept clear and free from obstruction so the internal shop is visible from the kerb side.

Protection of Children from Harm

27. No alcoholic drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container. 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
 - flavoured spirits

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

dated 24/07/2026

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

Greater Manchester Police

Appendix A

Minutes of: LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 4th November 2025, 10.30am

Present: Councillor T. Rafiq (in the Chair)
Councillors L. McBriar and M. Walsh

M. Bridge (Bury Council- Licensing Unit Manager)
M. Cunliffe (Bury Council- Democratic Services)
K. Halligan (Bury Council- Trading Standards)
L. Bell (Bury Council- Licensing Unit)
D. Rice (Bury Council- Legal Services)
PC P. Ecclestone (Greater Manchester Police)
G Sherratt (PLH Legal representative)
F. Qasmpur (Premises Licence Holder)
T. Heatley (Observer)
R. Everitt (Bury Council- Observer)

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 or press were in virtual attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Licensing Hearing Sub Committee meeting held on the 23rd September 2025 and 3rd October 2025 were attached to the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Licensing Hearing Sub Committee held on the 23rd September 2025 and 3rd October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AN APPLICATION FROM AN RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY FOR A REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF EXPRESS MINI MARKET, 46 BOLTON STREET, BURY, BL9 0LL

The Executive Director for Corporate Core had submitted a report relating to an application pursuant to section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 from a Responsible Authority for a review of the premises licence in respect of Express Mini Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL.

Before any discussions took place, G, Sheratt, the legal representative on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder requested a 10 minute adjournment to cross reference additional paperwork and documents which had recently been made available via GMP. The panel granted this request and the meeting started again after this short period of time.

Upon reconvening the meeting, K. Halligan from Bury Council's Trading Standards Department made an application for all of the representations to be made in private excluding members of the public.

The Panel duly considered the application and passed a resolution excluding members of the public from part of the hearing under regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighed the public interest in the hearing taking place in public, in view of the information to be discussed.

Therefore, the two observers in attendance at the hearing left the virtual meeting at this stage.

The Licensing Unit Manager, Mr M. Bridge presented the report to Members of the Sub-Committee and consideration of the options available which also included a recommendation to revoke the licence detailed in the report. The panel were reminded that three documents of additional information had been circulated to them from Democratic Services ahead of the hearing from the Licensing Department, Trading Standards and GMP.

The Licensing Unit Manager also drew attention to page 19 of the report and the paragraph titled section 11.27. This paragraph should be disregarded and the following information should replace it:-

Section 11.27 states the following.

There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

- For the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
- For the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

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

At the time of the submission of this review application, the Premises Licence in respect of Express Mini Market, 46 Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0LL. The Premises Licence holder is Mr Faraydn Qasmpwr, 156 Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5DL. He is also the designated Premises Supervisor.

The Responsible Authority has 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 web site. 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 are as follows:

a. Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday	06.00 to 23.00
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b. Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the Premises)

Monday to Sunday	06.00 to 23.00
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The review application was attached at appendix 1 within the agenda pack. Trading Standards would expand upon the reason(s) for their application to review the Premises Licence in relation to the premises. The representation was attached at appendix 2 within the agenda pack.

Greater Manchester Police would expand upon the reason(s) for their representation in relation to the premises. The representation was attached at appendix 3 within the agenda pack.

The conditions attached to the premises licence were contained within Appendix 4 of the agenda pack.

Section 182 Licensing Act Guidance was included in the report with the amendment previously stated in relation to section 11.27.

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.

The Deputy Licensing Officer, Laura Bell reported she had visited the premises on a number of occasions alongside Trading Standards and Greater Manchester Police on multi agency visits and operations, when seizures for illegal vapes and illicit cigarettes have taken place. Many of these

visits have been as a result of complaints made to Trading Standards regarding the underage sale of vapes and cigarettes.

As a Licensing Enforcement Officer, she had identified a number of issues during visits to the premises and these were included within a chart on page 28 of the agenda packs. One amendment was made to the last entry on the chart with the date stating the 13th August 2025 when this should in fact be the 6th August 2025.

The Deputy Licensing Officer presented details as per the report:-

Most recently a complaint was received by the Licensing Department on 28/8/25 from the Stepdad of a 14-year-old girl who had been found by her parents inebriated through the consumption of alcohol, the previous evening. She informed her parents that she had purchased a litre bottle of vodka, and 2 disposable vapes from Express Mini Market in Bury Town Centre. She stated that she had purchased it herself without any ID.

I visited the premises on 1/9/25 and left a CCTV request for Mr Qasmpwr, for him to download footage from the 27/8/25 covering the hours 12.00-16.00 for all cameras. The request stated that I would collect the footage on the following day, and the accompanying letter reminded Mr Qasmpwr of the conditions of his licence in relation to CCTV stating;

- Your CCTV system should be in a good working order and images retained for a minimum of 28 days.*
- CCTV should be made available to the Police or Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority upon request.*
- Copies of recorded data should be made available on request within no more than 12 hours from the time of the request.*

The letter also informed him that viewing the CCTV on his mobile phone was not acceptable and it must be downloaded to a CD or memory stick. It informed him that if he had any difficulties he should contact me by email before 12pm on 2/9/25, he did not contact me. I attach the CCTV request and accompanying letter as Appendix 2.

On 2/9/25 I visited the premises alongside PC Eccleston to collect the requested CCTV. Mr Qasmpwr was present, but he had not downloaded the CCTV saying it was too much to do and he didn't know how to do it. He told us we could view it on his iPad. We informed him that this was not acceptable and that as DPS it is his responsibility, and a condition on the licence, that he knows how to operate the system. PC Eccleston obtained a memory stick for him, but Mr Qasmpwr claimed that he could not remember the password to access the system. He was advised to ring the engineer who had installed the CCTV and obtain the password and that we would return the following day to collect the downloaded footage.

On 3/9/25 I again visited the premises alongside PC Eccleston. On this occasion Mr Qasmpwr was not present. PC Eccleston accessed the CCTV system, and it was found to be unlocked of a password. However, the hard drive had been wiped and there were no recordings on the system for the whole of August. The system had started recording again at 8pm on 2/9/25.

Due to this I am unable to further investigate the complaint I had received. This goes against the objectives of protection of children from harm and prevention of crime and disorder.

Mr Qasmpwr has been given numerous warnings and advice on previous occasions with regards to his responsibilities as a licence holder. Despite this he continues to breach the conditions of his licence showing no regard for the objectives of the Licensing Act. Therefore, this leaves no option but to now seek the revocation of his alcohol licence through this review application.

A Member of the Committee asked if the hard drive containing CCTV recordings had been wiped manually or was a technical fault.

The Deputy Licensing Officer stated she could not say but the days previous footage was not available when she returned on a visit.

A Member of the Committee asked had the letter dated the 1st September been hand delivered and it was reported this had been given to a member of staff in the shop named Jade.

Kelly Halligan, Trading Standards Unit Manager reported Express Mini Market has held a Premises Licence since the 23rd November 2022. Faraydn Qasmpwr had been the Premises Licence Holder since that date and has been the Designated Premises Supervisor since the 4th January 2023. Express Mini Market is a limited company, incorporated on the 22nd January 2022, company number 14549110, the sole director is Faraydn Qasmpwr.

She had visited the premises on a number of occasions alongside Bury Council Licensing and Greater Manchester Police on multi agency visits and operations, when seizures for illegal vapes and illicit cigarettes have taken place. Many of these visits have been as a result of complaints made to Trading Standards regarding the underage sale of vapes and cigarettes.

Included in the agenda pack was a timeline chart in reverse date order of visits, enforcement actions and seizures in relation to the premises.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager added they had received the same complaint that licensing investigated on the 28th August, where no cctv was recoverable. Mr Qasmpwr had been given numerous warnings, guidance and advice on previous occasions with regards to his responsibilities as a licence holder and the owner/director of the business. Despite this the business continues to breach legislation and the conditions of his licence, showing no regard for the objectives of the Licensing Act, or the law in general. The above timelines evidence this. Therefore, this leaves no option but to now seek the revocation of his alcohol licence through this review application.

A Member of the Committee enquired why are the toys being sold unsafe.

It was reported that these are fake La Boo Boo dolls and they eyes come off resulting in choking hazard.

Gill Sherratt acting a legal representative on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Qasmpwr questioned who determines the goods are counterfeit. It was reported the brand holders were sent items which included toys, cigarettes, headphones and ear buds that had been seized. Full details were contained in a case file as part of the on-going investigations.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager explained why goods can be counterfeit following a request by Gill Sherratt and confirmed there was no time limit in relation to the trademark act. Goods had been found around the store with the tobacco dog finding hidden items.

Gill Sherratt questioned if Officers had talked to Mr Qasmpwr after searches and seizures and it was reported that time had been taken to issue guidance to him.

Gill Sherratt questioned Officers on the alleged under age sales allegations and again advice had been issued with over 10 letters sent plus test purchase for vapes had been conducted following the required guidelines.

The Trading Standards Unit Manager commented that the licensing objectives were being undermined.

A Member of the Committee enquired about incorrect labelling on food and drink products.

PC Peter Ecclestone, Bury District Licensing Officer for Greater Manchester Police reported:-

Since the granting of the license, joint visits have been conducted on several occasions by Greater Manchester Police, Bury Council Licensing Department and Trading Standards. As a result of these visits there have been numerous seizures and other actions taken by Trading Standards which to date, has resulted in 3010 vapes, 6100 cigarettes (305 packets) and 1.65kgs (33 x 50g) of HRT being seized along with a quantity of unsafe toys. Further to the above, non-English labelled food and drink including alcoholic beverages have been found. Again, numerous warnings and advice have been given in relation to the potential implications of a customer eating /

drinking those items who may have allergies etc however this advice has repeatedly been ignored.

In addition to the seizures by Trading Standards, Greater Manchester Police and Bury Council Licensing Department have also identified a number of licensing infringements in contravention of the current premises license.

Those infringements were included in the report attached to the agenda packs spanning dates from the 21st October 2022 to the 13th August 2025 which included:-

No refusals register or written authority for staff to sell alcohol

- CCTV footage was not downloaded as per a request
- A male who appeared to be under 18yrs old was seen leaving the premises with a bottle of Vodka.
- The CCTV system had not been recording for over 2 weeks.
- Groups of (12-14yrs) loitering / vaping directly outside the premises
- Premises still open at 23:37hrs although the license states that the premises should be closed by 23:00hrs.

Since the opening of the premises Greater Manchester Police has received a steady stream of incidents and intelligence reports which suggests that the Premises License Holder and DPS has very little regard to the licensing objectives and time after time those objectives have been undermined. A summary of those incidents and intelligence logs were included in the report attached to the agenda pack.

One of the most recent complaints regarding Express Mini-Market was received by Bury Council Licensing Department on the 28th August 2025. On the 2nd September 2025, Laura Bell from Bury Council Licensing Department and PC Ecclestone, conducted a joint visit with a view to collecting the CCTV which had previously been requested. On attending, the PLH / DPS was present however the requested footage had not been downloaded with the PLH / DPS claimed that it was too much to do and didn't know how to do it. The PLH / DPS did pass us his IPAD asking us to review the footage whilst in the premises. Given this was 4hrs worth of footage over multiple cameras, this request was impractical and as such we made it very clear how unacceptable this course of action was and that it is his responsibility to comply with all aspects of the premises license.

Not satisfied with the response from the PLH / DPS, PC Eccleston and Laura Bell returned to the Police Station to obtain pen drive with a view to returning to the store and downloading the footage themselves with PC Eccleston having experience of various CCTV systems throughout the course of his career. On returning to the premises, the PLH / DPS then claimed that he couldn't remember the password to get onto the main CCTV system although PC Eccleston had witnessed him operate the system previously. As

such, the PLH / DPS was advised to ring the company who installed the CCTV system, obtain the password and download the footage as requested. Prior to leaving, he was informed that the footage would be collected the following day.

On the following day (03/08/25), Laura Bell and PC Eccleston returned to the premises. The PLH / DPS wasn't present on this occasion however PC Eccleston was allowed access to the premises CCTV system and discovered that the whole system had been reset which had removed all password protection and all previous CCTV recordings from the system. The system had started recording again at 20:00hrs on the 2nd September 25.

Over the last couple of years, the premises has had numerous visits by responsible authorities which has resulted in a significant quantity of illegal and illicit products being recovered along with numerous licenses breaches being uncovered. Enforcement action has resulted in verbal advice through to formal written warnings however the PLH / DPS has continued to ignore that advice and direction regardless of the consequences. Despite numerous opportunities to rectify the issues outlined, it quite clearly demonstrates that the PLH / DPS has very little regard for the licensing objectives or the responsibilities of a license holder and continues to undermine the objectives. Therefore, Greater Manchester Police would ask the sub-committee to seriously consider the revocation of the premises license.

Members of the Committee asked questions in relation to why CCTV footage was not provided and PC Ecclestone could not confirm if an engineer had been to the store to fix the alleged problems with the system. He believed it had been wiped deliberately as they had been able to access footage in the past to review any incidents.

PC Ecclestone stated that they had never found any nitrous oxide cannisters at the store upon questioning. Although if Mr Qasmpwr had not knowing sold illicit products then why upon a search of the premises, products had been found hidden and on one occasion cigarettes were being thrown out into a bin bag at the rear door.

Gill Sherratt reported that decisions should be evidence based than on the balance of probabilities. She provided background information on Mr Qasmpwr and how he came to own the store and that he was a young man experiencing teething problems with running the business. He worked 7 days a week at the store doing over 90 hours and this was his only source of income. He had been too slow to take required actions and had now found two trusted employees to work with him. The seized products came via wholesalers and he was told they were lawful. Whilst he was given advice at the time of visits he had not received any education or training on the matters. More details were required as evidence if products were deemed counterfeit. Little weight should be given to under age sales as complaints may not be true.

Gill Sherratt added that the conditions on the licence could all be met via improved e-learning and CCTV technical issues being resolved. Mr Qasmpwr fully understood the situation and accepted the slow reaction to failings. There would be a financial impact to him if the licence was revoked

and she referred to case law Hope and Glory. Revoking the licence would not be proportionate as there are no issues with the alcohol element of the licence.

Gill Sherratt presented to the Committee an offer to close the doors to the store for one month which would send a strong message and allow time to resolve any problems for Mr Qasmpwr.

A Member asked did Mr Qasmpwr understand why the CCTV footage had not been saved and would a one month closure be ignored. Gill Sherratt stated that he accepted the CCTV failings and the closure would be voluntarily but she gave her word.

The Council's legal representative clarified that Mr Qasmpwr was responsible for the purchase and ordering of all stock that could include counterfeit goods. Gill Sherratt confirmed this was the case.

The Licensing Unit Manager asked if Mr Qasmpwr had read and understood the conditions of his licence. Gill Sherratt stated that yes he had but English was his second language.

A Member commented that when toys had been removed they had been placed back soon afterwards following advice. No evidence had been provided that an engineer had been contacted to resolve the CCTV issue.

A Member questioned if the one month closure was being undertaken or using best endeavours. Gill Sherratt confirmed she was not a solicitor and was representing Mr Qasmpwr on behalf of the law firm she was employed with.

The Deputy Licensing Officer commented on advice not being provided but a number of letters had been issued and never once had Mr Qasmpwr contacted the Licensing Department for help or advice.

In summing up, PC Ecclestone without malice stated that there had been ample opportunities to put things right and there was a large amount of evidence to revoke the licence under the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Gill Sherratt felt the allegations lacked evidence and could have been proxy sales. Mr Qasmpwr wanted to correct any matters and was willing to close for one month.

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 and evidence provided and therefore unanimously **resolved to revoke the licence** due to the multiple breaches and the consequent risk to the public, including the safety of Children in order to promote the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee was therefore satisfied that there was sufficient evidence to mean this action was necessary.

All of the evidence was considered with care and the Sub-Committee was satisfied that there were causes for concern so far as the promotion of the Licensing Objectives were concerned.

The evidence presented had demonstrated the following licensing objectives had not been met and failed the:-

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

The reasons by the sub-committee, included:-

- Continued evidence of conditions being breached and not promoting the Licensing Objectives.
- The Licensing Objective of Public Safety was not being promoted at the premises by the Premises Licence Holder with failure to save and produce CCTV Footage upon request .
- The Premises Licence Holder was breaching conditions of the licence in relation to a breach of Licensing conditions with the requirement to maintain a refusals book for the challenge 25 scheme to record incidents/descriptions of individuals whenever a member of staff has refused to sell alcohol to a person suspected of being under the age of 18. This book must be made available to the police / authorised officers of the Council upon on request.
- The Sub-Committee found credible evidence of the failure to protect children from harm with single/illegal cigarettes and illicit vapes being found in various locations of the store.

The Sub-Committee found the situation very serious and concerning with the premises operating in such a way to undermine the licensing objectives. The evidence and supporting documents presented were deemed sufficient evidence to revoke the licence .

COUNCILLOR T. RAFIQ
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 10.45am and ended at 1.25pm)

