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Bury Town Centre
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From: Diane [mailto:diburdaky@gmail.com]
Sent: 04 August 2020 19:05
To: Licensing <Licensing@bury.gov.uk>
Subject: APPLICATION 065529, 2A THE PARADE, RUFFORD DRIVE, WHITEFIELD. M45 8PL

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to raise a number of concerns that I have regarding the alcohol licence application for the above.

I live across the road from Rufford Drive Post Office.

It changed hands a couple of years ago, shut down for refurbishments and since it reopened the service, reliability & general operation has been very, very poor.

It (the shop) has quite frankly gone to the wall. It is no longer the essential Post Office and community hub it used to be.

It used to open at 7am. It offered a great service not only as a Post Office but as a newsagent, stationers, greeting card seller & sweet shop, whilst also selling essential groceries such as bread, milk, tea, coffee, sugar etc. This was great for the local community, especially the elderly who would pop in for their morning paper & a pint of milk before 9am.

They no longer act as a newsagent, they no longer sell greeting cards. The very things that they were known for & that local people depended on them for has disappeared. Instead they appeared to diversify by turning the shop into a mobile phone repair & accessory business.

This didn't last long.

The shop became empty again apart from the Post Office service.

As a Post Office it has been closed down at least twice whilst internal Post office investigations took place. The Police were also involved.

I believe that the owners of this shop are also the same owners of the Post Office / Bargain Booze on Manchester Road, which was also temporarily closed down pending internal & police investigations.

This may be one of the reasons that their licence as a National Lottery operator was taken away.

As a Post Office it frequently opens late & closes early. I have put in official complaints about this.

The staffing is inadequate. There is one person serving and queues are often through the door.

A few months ago a friend of mine deposited some money into his bank account via this Post Office & it didn't reach his bank account. Two weeks ago there were some complaints from local people whose debit cards had been cloned. All of them were regular users of this shop to withdraw money.

The accommodation above the shop is currently empty. Until recently it was occupied by upto eight people. It has been raided by the police (whilst under the current owners) and charges were brought for criminal activities.

The application by Mr L. Thomas / Myles Trading is suspicious as the shop is operated by Asians, none of whom have the surname of Thomas.

I would also like to point out that there is a general store / off licence / tobacconist operating two doors away, which is run by Mr & Mrs Singh, who are a much loved & integral part of our local community. Their well established family owned store has served our local community for over 16 years. I can speak from personal experience when I say that the family have been exceptional in their efforts to help the local's, especially the elderly during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. They have gone far beyond their roles as shopkeepers and have, at their own personal expense, supported and helped the local people with disability & health problems.

Granting an alcohol licence that is in direct competition to them could be fatal to their business, which has already suffered from the opening of local supermarkets.

Mr & Mrs Singhs shop is open from 9am until 10pm 365 days a year.

There is no need for another shop selling alcohol, especially at the proposed opening hours, 7am until 11pm. 7am is too early, 11pm is too late. These opening hours could cause disruption, and anti-social behaviour from alcohol dependent people.

Whilst I feel we should support and encourage our local businesses, the granting of the above licence is not of any benefit to the residents of Rufford Drive and the surrounding community.

I am concerned by the prior criminal investigations and suspicious ongoing activities within the shop & its residential premises.

I therefore urge you in the strongest terms to deny the above licence application.

Yours faithfully,

D. Buurdaky.

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Bridge, Michael

From: Jones, Laura J (Licensing)
Sent: 20 August 2020 14:16
To: Bridge, Michael
Subject: Fw: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - MYLES TRADING, 2A THE PARADE, RUFFORD DRIVE

From: Ian Rushton <ijrushy@hotmail.com>
Sent: 20 August 2020 13:13:28
To: Diane
Cc: Jones, Laura J (Licensing)
Subject: RE: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - MYLES TRADING, 2A THE PARADE, RUFFORD DRIVE

Dear Mrs Buurkady

Thanks for your email, all noted.

In answer to your queries;

1. Yes, Mr Thomas will be working in the shop full time as the designated premises supervisor. Of course, there will be times when he isn't there – for example going to the wholesalers, holidays, etc. He will be the responsible person in terms of alcohol sales from the shop.
2. The post office part is separate to Mr Thomas, the post office will continue to be run by the same person independent from Mr Thomas. Mr Thomas is responsible for the general convenience part of the business including the proposed alcohol sales.
3. I can reiterate that Mr Thomas has only taken on the lease for the shop part of the business. He has absolutely no involvement with the flat above.
4. The shop will continue to be a general convenience store selling a range of goods – alcohol sales would just be a part of the overall business.
5. People who have confirmed that they support the shop/licence application are from a number of streets in the area including Rufford Drive. The Council have advised that the only objection that they have received from a local resident is your letter. I am not aware of any petition.
6. Mr Thomas is a genuine and responsible person and will make sure that the shop – with alcohol sales – would run well. The licence conditions we have proposed are comprehensive and would promote the licensing objectives. These include CCTV, a refusals register and a strict alcohol refusals policy, etc. The Police are satisfied that a licence can be issued, as are all of the other responsible authorities including the Licensing Authority, Trading Standards, etc.

Hope this helps.

Regards, Ian

Ian Rushton
JL Licence and Retail
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Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Diane
Sent: 20 August 2020 06:24
To: Ian Rushton
Cc: Jones, Laura J (Licensing)
Subject: Re: APPLICATIN FOR A PREMSIES LICENCE - MYLES TRADING, 2A THE PARADE, RUFFORD DRIVE

39 Rufford Drive
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Manchester
M45 8PN
20th August 2020

Dear Mr Rushton,

RE: APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE
2A THE PARADE, RUFFORD DRIVE, WHITEFIELD.

Thank you for your letter of 19th August 2020 regarding the above.

I would like to address some of your points as follows:

The applicant, Mr Lijo Thomas is the personal licence holder and the designated premises supervisor. Please can you clarify the extent of Mr Thomas's involvement in the shop. Will he be there every day to fulfil his role as licence holder / premises supervisor?

The Post Office is still being operated by the same person that has been there for the last couple of years. Is this person independent & not employed by Mr Thomas as the proprietor of the shop?

The landlord of the building leases it as a whole, including the flat above. I have personally witnessed anti-social activities from the flat, which have involved the police. Can you categorically confirm that Mr Thomas and / or his business partners do not have any responsibility or business interests for the flat?

The feedback you mention from the local community consists of 77 signatures, all of whom I suspect are Post Office customers and not local residents from The Elms Estate. I would be interested to see the postal addresses of these people.

I believe that there are over 200 signatures from LOCAL people objecting to the proposed licence.

I am well aware of the regulations and conditions attached to granting an alcohol licence, however there are other factors that must be considered.

Within our local community there are a number of one-bedroom flats, many of which are occupied by alcohol / drug dependent / mentally ill people. Some of these residents are known by the police for their anti-social behaviour.

The off licence two doors from the Post Office have a zero-tolerance policy. They have been very successful in ridding the community of some of these awful people by their vigilance, refusals to sell & banning troublesome people from their shop.

I am greatly concerned that the introduction of a new off licence will be frequented by some of these anti-social people and cause distress to myself and my neighbour's.

I live directly opposite the shop and have been a customer for many years. It will be nice to finally see it back as the thriving business it once was, as a Post Office & Newsagent.

But it will not be a newsagent.

Instead, if the licence application is granted it will become an off licence, which is of no benefit to the local community & is potentially a troublesome tinder box for myself and my neighbours.

Yours sincerely
D Burdaky

On Wed, 19 Aug 2020 at 12:17, Ian Rushton <ijrushy@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mrs Buurdaky

Hope you are well.

I'm contacting you on behalf of Mr Lijo Thomas, the new owner of the above shop

Please see attached letter and operating schedule for your consideration.

I'd be grateful to hear from you asap and if you have any queries please let me know.

Thanks, Ian

Ian Rushton

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