

Greater Manchester Police, Bury, BL9 0RD

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime / serious disorder / both serious crime and serious disorder¹.

*Premises*²:

Metro Off Licence, 66 Spring Lane, Radcliffe, Bury, M26 2SZ

Premises licence number (if known): PL0796

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Mr Mohammad Shafqat

I am a Chief Superintendent³ in the Greater Manchester police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because⁴:

These premises are associated with serious crime:

On Thursday 29th February 2024, a test purchase was carried out at Metro Off Licence, 66 Stand Lane, Radcliffe, M26 2SZ which had been organised by Bury Council Trading Standards Department. A successful purchase was made of a pack of 20 Lambert and Butler cigarettes in none standardised packaging for £7 as such it did not comply with the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016.

As a result of the test purchase, at 15:50 hours on Thursday 21st March 2024, PC Eccleston (Bury Divisional Licensing Officer), Kelly Haligan (Bury Council Trading Standards Unit Manager), Laura Jones (Bury Council Deputy Licensing Officer), Lucy Sutton (Dog Handler from DC Detection Dogs) and Immigration Officers, attended the same address as part of Greater Manchester Police's day

¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ Give a brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned.

of action, Operation Avro.

During the search of the premises, a quantity of illicit tobacco and vapes were recovered inside. Further to the above illegal activity, the most worrying aspect of this visit, was the recovery of what can only be described as a machette with a blade over 12inches long and a hockey stick which were stored under the shop serving counter.

There is no legitimate reason as to why these items would be kept on a licenced premises other than to cause serious harm to someone and considering the premises is open to members of the public, it is illegal to have such items under Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (possession of an offensive weapon).

It is for those reasons, that in my opinion an expedited review of the premises licence is necessary to impose interim steps such as the suspension of the premises licence and to allow the licensing authority to review the license at a full review hearing.

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