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

Executive Summary:

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

Recommendation(s)

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

1.0 BACKGROUND

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

2.0 INTRODUCTION

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 Where representations are made and not withdrawn Members are required to determine them.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

3.0 THE APPLICATION

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

Opening Times:

Monday to Sunday 08.00 to 22.00

Retail Sale of Alcohol (Off the premises):

Monday to Saturday 08.00 to 22.00

Sundays 10.00 to 22.00

4.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM AN INTERESTED PARTY

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

5.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

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

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

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

7.0 THE SECRETARY OF STATES GUIDANCE TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

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

8.0 CONCLUSION

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

- public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - the protection of children from harm.
- 8.2 In reaching the decision, regard must be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.
- 8.3 The Sub-Committee must consider what steps are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 8.4 In making its decision with regard to this grant hearing, the steps the Sub-Committee can take are:
- To grant the application in the terms requested
 - To grant the application subject to conditions
 - To amend or modify existing or proposed conditions
 - To refuse the application
- 8.5 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- 8.6 The Sub-Committee's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.
- 8.7 It is important that a licensing authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.
- 8.8 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine what steps, as set out in 8.4 above, are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Community impact/links with Community Strategy

Not Applicable

Equality Impact and considerations:

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

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

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

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

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

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

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

Consultation:

Not Applicable

Legal Implications:

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

Financial Implications:

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

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Background papers:

List of Background Papers: -
Application form
Representations received

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

Term	Meaning

Appendix One

**Operating Schedule submitted
by the applicant**

LICENSING ACT 2003

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANT OF THIS LICENCE

Conditions consist with the operating schedule

General

1. CCTV

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

The prevention of crime and disorder

2. Incident Register

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

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

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

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

Public safety

No risk has been assessed under the Licensing Act 2003

The prevention of public nuisance

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

The protection of children from harm

8. A written register of refusals will be kept including a brief description of the people who have been unable to provide required identification to prove their age. Such records shall be kept for a period of 12 months and will be produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by section 13 of the licensing act 2003) or an authorised trading standards officer the local authority/council on request.
- 8.1 The licence holder will ensure all refusals and incidents are recorded and logged. These records will be kept on site and made available to the authorities upon request.
9. Challenge 25
 - 9.1 The licence holder will operate a Challenge 25 policy with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence, citizen card or identification carrying a PASS logo.
 - 9.2 The Challenge 25 policy will be adopted and there will be documented training of all staff (paid or unpaid) before they are allowed to sell alcohol. These records will be made available to the authorities upon request.
10. Proxy signs will be displayed in prominent positions near alcohol warning customers that they cannot purchase alcohol for anyone under 18.

Appendix 2

Representation from Interested Parties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Licensing Team,

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

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

1st June 2026

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appendix 3

Representation from Trading Standards

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

Section 1 - Application Details

We object to the following Application:

Bubblegum City
Bubble Gum No1 Ltd
10 Bolton Road West
Ramsbottom
BL09ND

Type of application.

Application for a Premises Licence to be Granted

Application Number (if known):

Section 2 – Responsible Authority's Details

Responsible Authority's Details:

Please tick appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Health Service

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

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

Section 3A – The Objectives

To prevent crime and disorder

Please state your reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

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

Prevention of Public Nuisance

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

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The premises licence holder must ensure that:

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

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

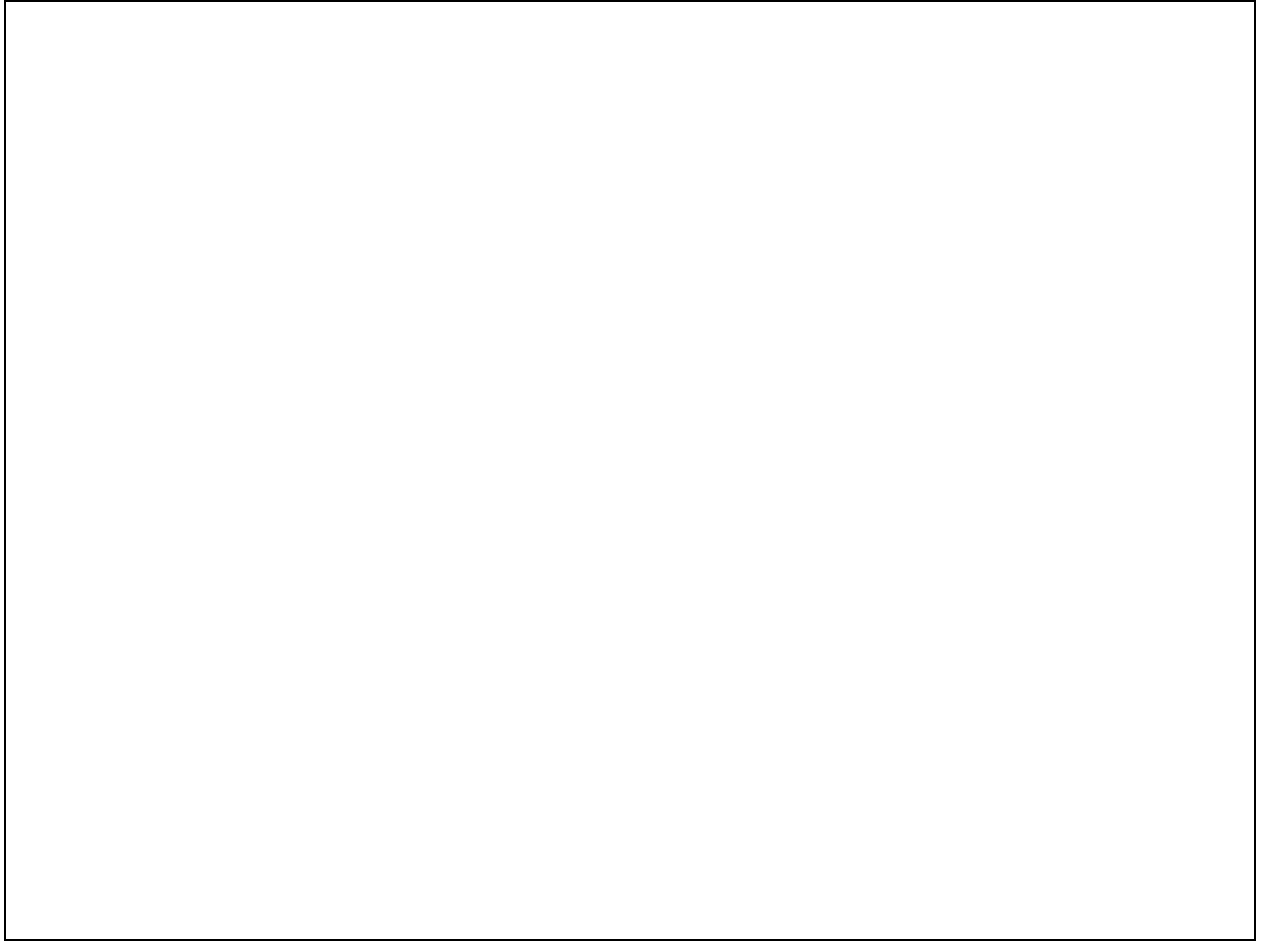
Training must include evidence that the trainee has gained knowledge and understanding of the training, which may consist of a test or quiz, completed and signed by the trainee.

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

Protection of Children from Harm

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

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



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

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

Appendix 4

Representation from Greater Manchester Police

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

The Licensing Act 2003

Responsible Authority Representation Form

Section 1 - Application Details

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Bubble Gum No1 Ltd
10 Bolton Road West
Ramsbottom
BL09ND

Type of application.

New Premises License Application

Application Number (if known):

Section 2 – Responsible Authority's Details

Responsible Authority's Details:

Please tick appropriate box:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety

	Environmental Health Service	
	Child Protection	
	Weights and Measures	
	Licensing Authority	
	Immigration	
	Public Health Department	
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Section 3 – Representations	
x	We object to the application being granted at all
	We object to the application being granted in its current form*
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Section 3A – The Objectives

To prevent crime and disorder

Please state your reasons:

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 (01/01/91) 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 includes 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 has received a complainant from a member of the community who family member had been into the store on the 23rd May 2026 and purchased a packet of Lambert and Butler cigarettes for £5. Considering the normal retail price for a packet of Lambert and Butler cigarettes in the UK is approximately £15 - £16, it is

	<p>obvious that this is not legitimate and upon checking, the packet is confirmed as counterfeit (photograph of Lambert & Butler cigarettes and corresponding till receipt included at appendix A)</p> <p>Under the circumstances, it is quite clear that is no regard for the licensing objectives nor the law and if granted there is a serious risk that the licensing objectives will be undermined certainly with regards the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm. As such GMP are asking that serious consideration be given to the refusal of the premises license application in its entirety.</p>
Public safety	Please state your reasons:
To prevent public nuisance	Please state your reasons:

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

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

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The premises licence holder must ensure that:

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8. There are members of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 or any replacement legislation.
9. The Designated Premises Supervisor will maintain a written record of all members of staff who are authorised to sell alcohol. This shall be kept on the premises and made available to authorised officers.
10. All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in:
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 - Preventing underage sales
 - Preventing proxy sales
 - Maintaining the refusals log
 - Entering sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
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17. The Proprietor will ensure that no exterior lighting will cause a nuisance to any nearby properties / neighbours.

Protection of Children from Harm

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

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

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

dated 02/06/2026

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