

Representation made by a responsible Authority in support of an application for the review of an existing Premises Licence

Responsible Authority making representation

Lancashire Police

PS Jason Middleton

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Name of Applicant who requested a review of this licence

Rick Wilson of Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service

Premises Details

Lifestyle Express (Anglesey Off Licence)

5 Anglesey Avenue

Burnley

BB12 6AY

Details of your representation in support of the review application

This supporting representation is brought on behalf of the Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary.

The information provided in the application is agreed by Lancashire Police and we fully support the application and the reasoning for it. We share the concerns regarding the apparent disregard of both the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm licensing objectives.

Further information provided by the Police is detailed below.

On the 22nd October 2016 Lancashire Police were informed of a 14 year old girl being admitted into the Royal Blackburn Hospital after consuming a £13 bottle of Vodka (Incident reference LC-20161022-0913 refers). The 14 year had consumed the vodka over a short period of time and as a result had fallen over and banged her head which resulted in a few days in hospital. Police investigation led to establishing the vodka had been purchased by the 14 year old girl from Anglesey Off Licence and the seller was Humera ZAFAR. ZAFAR was issued a Penalty Notice for the offence of

the sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 18. This is a fine of £90 and the matter was not contested by ZAFAR. This incident featured heavily in the local press.

Also on the 22nd October 2016 a member of the community phoned the police and passed the following information regarding Anglesey Off Licence - *'The Shop Keeper is selling beer and cigarettes to kids from all over Burnley. They are coming over for it and they end up kicking the cars and stuff. Informant has seen them walking out of the shop with it. They are around 14-15 years and it happens a lot'*. Incident reference LC-20161022-1193 refers and it's not known if this information is linked to the incident with the 14 year old girl.

Since these incidents the premises have been visited and checked on a number of occasions. These visits consist of compliance checks and the reiteration of the importance of not selling alcohol and cigarettes to under 18's and the consequences of doing so. During these visits concerns regarding inadequate staff training and the CCTV not working as it should have been highlighted. The last such visit was on the 29th November 2017 when the premises appeared to be closed. Local enquiries revealed that apparently Humera ZAFAR hadn't been seen at the shop for a while. This is concerning because she's the designated premises supervisor for the premises and should be responsible for the day to day running of the premises.

Submitted for consideration.

Jason Middleton

Licensing Sergeant

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