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Subject:

TRADING STANDARDS: Supporting Evidence - Extra Supermarket, 187 High Street,

Erdington -

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Dear All,

Please see attached evidence to support Trading Standards objections to grant of new licence to Extra Supermarket 187 High St Birmingham.

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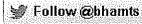
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- 4. Licensing sub-committee decision Extra Supermarket
- 5. Officers notebook extract M. Williams 24/05/18

Kind regards,

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Date ceased:

31/08/2016

Name:

JIGER PATEL

Authorisation

Authenticated

This form was authorised by one of the following:

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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

Birmingham Trading Standards were informed by the local neighbourhood police team that they had received intelligence from a member of the public that a shop known as Extra Supermarket, 187 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6SY was selling illicit cigarettes for £3.50 for a pack of 20 from under the counter. (This is in addition to a similar anonymous complaint received by Trading Standards earlier in the year)

On 24^{th} May 2018 officers from Trading Standards and West Midlands Police visited the shop to follow up this complaint,

On inspection of the counter area Trading Standards Officer Martin Williams found 6 bottles of Soplica, 2 bottles of Krupnik and 6 bottles Zubrowka vodka under the counter that did not have customs stamps attached as required by law. All alcohol over 30% ABV must have a duty stamp and the duty duly paid.

On display amongst other products Officer Williams also found the following items on offer for sale; these items also didn't have the required duty paid stamp;

- 14 bottles of Zoladkowa vodka
- 5 bottles of Wyborowa vodka
- 5 bottles of Zubrowka vodka
- 8 bottles of Soplica vodka
- 5 bottles of Krupnik vodka

It appeared to be no coincidence that all of these brands had special offer price stickers attached to the shelf edge.

During the inspection a police officer went into the office at the back of the shop and disturbed a member of staff stuffing a rucksack with illicit eigarettes from a desk drawer; all of these cigarettes were illegal as they did not comply with the tobacco legislation and were also non-duty smuggled eigarettes.

The rucksack had 80×20 packs of illegal L&M cigarettes and 50×20 packs of illegal Marlboro cigarettes inside.

The open drawer had a further 10×20 packs of L&M cigarettes, 20×20 packs of illegal Pect cigarettes and 10×20 packs of illegal Rothman cigarettes. On the floor in a white bag were a further 13×20 packs of Pect cigarettes.

Also stored in this office were a further 90 bottles of various illicit non—duty paid vodka of the above brands. In another store room a further 43 similar bottles were found

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

In total 183×20 packs of illegal cigarettes and 184 bottles of illicit alcohol were found in the shop. These were seized for further investigation as they are illegal for sale in this country.

Also under the counter were 4 bottles of 95% spirit, whilst bearing customs stamps, officers were concerned that it was such high strength alcohol; the explanation that it was for cooking purposes seemed implausible.

A major concern is that this shop has only been open for 2 years but already appears to be on a course of illicit trading.

The shop management clearly knew they were selling illegal produce and went to lengths to hide the tobacco. They cannot have any concern for those they are selling to and contribute little to making Erdington High Street a better place. Their activities not only contribute to health issues around alcohol and tobacco misuse which is a problem in the Erdington area but also undermine legitimate traders who operate within the law.

The only conclusion is that they are only concerned with making an excessive profit by selling smuggled items.

The person who was serving on first entry did little to assist officers and had no personal licence to sell alcohol. There was clearly no sense of accountability or understanding of the obligations in serving alcohol or assisting responsible bodies.

Officers had little confidence with the staff and particularly management they met at the shop and together with the items seized feel that this premise should have its licenced revoked.

It is also noteworthy that during the visit the police officer in charge called out the fire service as there were serious concerns with fire escapes being blocked and issues with the fire alarm system.



BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - B

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2018

EXTRA SUPERMARKET, 187 HIGH STREET, ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM, B23 6SY

That, having reviewed the premises licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 by Paromstor Ltd, in respect of EXTRA SUPERMARKET, 187 HIGH STREET, ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM B23 6SY, upon the application of the Chief Officer of Weights and Measures, this Sub-Committee hereby determines that the Licence be revoked, and that Mr Roman Koloda be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor, in order to promote the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety objectives in the Act.

The Sub-Committee's reasons for revoking the licence are due to concerns expressed by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures. A Trading Standards Officer attended the meeting and told the Members of the Sub-Committee about the bottles of illicit alcohol, and packets of illicit tobacco products, which had been discovered during an inspection of the premises carried out by Trading Standards Officers and West Midlands Police. The Sub-Committee was given full details of the illicit stock, which was found behind the counter and on the shop shelves. The details were as per the Report submitted. The alcohol products did not bear the 'duty paid' stamp as required by law, and were of entirely unknown provenance. The illicit cigarettes were being sold under the counter for £3.50 for a pack of 20.

Whilst Trading Standards Officers dealt with the discovery of items in the front of the shop, a Police Officer went to the back of the premises (as per the standard procedure), where he found a member of the shop staff stuffing further packets of illicit cigarettes into a rucksack. All in all, 183 packets of illicit cigarettes were discovered, and 184 bottles of illicit alcohol.

The Trading Standards officer observed that the shop had only been licensed to sell alcohol since 2016, yet in a very short time had slipped into entirely unlawful and unsafe practices. It was his recommendation that the licence should be revoked as the premises was incapable of upholding the licensing objectives.

West Midlands Police and Public Health made written representations supporting this proposed course, confirming that the sale of these illicit products was in direct contravention of the licensing objectives - in particular, it undermined the prevention of crime and disorder objective, but there were also general safety concerns about the consumption of illicit products by consumers.

The Sub-Committee had grave concerns about the manner in which this relatively new premises had been operating, and therefore paid close attention to the

submissions of Mr Roman Koloda, who attended the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee. Mr Koloda was both the Designated Premises Supervisor, and a Director of the company which held the Premises Licence.

Mr Koloda stated that he had not been aware of what was being sold in the shop, yet he was the Designated Premises Supervisor. He stated that there had been an inability to keep control of the staff; as a result of the inspection, those staff had been given notice and told to leave. The shop had employed eleven members of staff in total. Mr Koloda stated that he was at the shop for about two hours a week. He stated that he did walk around the shop when he visited, but that he had 'missed' the illicit stock due to 'negligence'.

When the business started in 2016, Mr Koloda had been responsible for buying the alcohol stock, and had bought it from a legitimate cash & carry premises. However, over time, the responsibility for dealing with the alcohol stock had been passed to a member of the staff. Mr Koloda stated that following the inspection by Trading Standards, he had called a meeting to ask how the illicit stock had come to be on the shelves; the staff had 'all blamed each other'.

After hearing all the evidence, Members of the Sub-Committee determined that the sale and storage of illicit alcohol and tobacco was indeed so serious that it could not be tolerated, and therefore resolved to revoke the licence as recommended by the Chief Officer of Weights & Measures. The Sub-Committee agreed with Trading Standards that the operation had been managed in a way that was not merely irresponsible, but also illegal. A determination to revoke would follow the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. There were no compelling reasons to depart from the Guidance on this occasion.

Mr Koloda's explanations did not inspire any confidence whatsoever that the management at the premises understood the licensing objectives. This warranted the removal of the Designated Premises Supervisor.

The Members of the Sub-Committee gave consideration as to whether they could modify the conditions of the licence, or suspend the licence for a specified period of not more than 3 months, but were not satisfied given the evidence submitted that the licensing objectives would be properly promoted following any such determination, for the reasons set out above.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State, the application for review, the written representations received and the submissions made at the hearing by the Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures, West Midlands Police, Birmingham City Council Public Health, and the Designated Premises Supervisor.

All parties are reminded that under the provisions contained within Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, there is the right of appeal against the decision of the Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court, such an appeal to be made within twenty-one days of the date of notification of the decision. The determination of the Sub-Committee does not have effect until the end of the twenty-one day period for appealing against the decision or, if the decision is appealed against, until the determination of the appeal.

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