BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B

TUESDAY, 01 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:00 HOURS IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS

Please note a short break will be taken approximately 90 minutes from the start of the meeting and a 30 minute break will be taken at 1300 hours.

AGENDA

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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3 APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS

4 MINUTES

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To note the public part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 at 1000 hours.

9 - 38 LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – REVIEW G & G WINES, 16 CHURCH ROAD, NECHELLS, BIRMINGHAM, B6 5UP

Report of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement. N.B. Application scheduled to be heard at 10:00am.

6 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

7 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3

PRIVATE AGENDA

1 MINUTES

To note the private part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2023 at 1000 hours and to confirm and sign the Minutes as a whole.

2 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING
SUB-COMMITTEE B
20 JUNE 2023

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, COMMITTEE ROOM 2.

PRESENT: - Councillor Sam Forsyth in the Chair;

Councillors Narinder Kooner and Penny Wagg.

ALSO PRESENT

Shaid Yasser – Licensing Section Joanne Swampillai – Legal Services Katy Townshend – Committee Services

(Other officers were also present for web streaming purposes but were not actively participating in the meeting)

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APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS

3/200623

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Diane Donaldson, Saddak Miah and Adam Higgs and the nominated substitute Members were Councillors Sam Forsyth, Narinder Kooner and Penny Wagg respectively.

MINUTES

4/200623

That the public part of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 at 1000 hours were noted and the Minutes as a whole were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023 at 1000 hours were circulated and confirmed and signed by the Chair.

<u>CONTROL OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS – SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE</u> – THE ROCKET CLUB, 258 BROAD STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B1 2HF.

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Please note the meeting was delayed due to issues with attendance.

On Behalf of the Applicant

Richard Williams - Solicitor

On Behalf of The Premises Licence Holder (PLH)

Sarah Lavender – Licensing Enforcement Officer (LEO)

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The Chair introduced the Members and officers present and the Chair asked if there were any preliminary points for the Sub-Committee to consider.

At this stage, the Chair outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing and invited the Licensing Officer to present his report. Bhapinder Nandhra, Licensing Section, outlined the report.

At this stage the chair invited the applicant to make their presentation and Richard Williams, on behalf of the applicant made the following points: -

- a) That it is a relatively straight forward application, a renewal and transfer.
- b) The premises is no longer trading.
- c) This application is simply to allow the Landlord to preserve the licence that is already in force. It is easier to keep the licence going than to re-apply.

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- d) The Landlord wants the commercial space occupied and a tenant has been found. The tenant is an experienced Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) operator. However, the lease is not yet complete, but the proposal is that Spearmint Rhino will take over this site and then the licence can be transferred to them
- e) They have agreed all the conditions request from the LEO. The conditions are normal expected things in this scenario.
- f) That it is a temporary measure and is a completely reasonable measure.
- g) Approval will have to be sought from the Council prior to the premises being able to operate as an SEV with the new tenant.
- h) There are no concerns about policy of the number of SEV's in the area.
- i) The licence is valuable.

At this stage the chair invited the LEO to make her presentation and Sarah Lavender made the following points: -

- a) That she received the application but as the premises is not currently trading, she had put forward conditions to ensure that they were agreed. (She read on the conditions which are detailed in the agenda pack)
- b) The conditions requested were just for this application today.

The Chair invited all parties to make a closing submission. But neither party had anything further to add.

The Members, Committee Lawyer and Committee Manager conducted the deliberations in a separate private session and the full written decision was sent to all parties as follows;

5/200623 **RESOLVED**:-

That the application under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009, by Broad Street Birmingham Limited (company number 14737350), 37 Warren Street, London W1T 6AD, for the Transfer and Simultaneous Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue licence granted to The Rocket Club Gentlemen's Entertainment Limited in respect of premises known as The Rocket Club, 258 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HF, be granted subject to the Birmingham City Council Standard Conditions for Sexual Entertainment Venues as modified in the terms agreed (in advance of the meeting) between Broad Street Birmingham Limited and Licensing Enforcement of Birmingham City Council.

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The agreed modification of the Standard Conditions is as follows:

The premises will not open for the provision of sexual entertainment at any time until all relevant information has been submitted and considered by the Licensing Authority, to include but not limited to the following –

- Details of the person who is to be responsible for the management of the premises in the absence of the licence holder
- A plan showing the interior layout of the premises and where relevant entertainment will take place for consideration by the Licensing Authority
- A copy of the "club rules", such club rules to contain the required conduct of performers which shall include, for example, no sex acts, no giving or taking of phone numbers (including exchange of business cards)
- A scheme showing the exterior design for consideration by the Licensing Authority
- The premises will not open for the provision of sexual entertainment until a full inspection has been conducted by the Licensing Authority. The premises must contact the Licensing Authority a minimum of 14 days before the premises intends to trade to enable an inspection to be arranged to ensure compliance with the conditions of licence

A Sexual Entertainment Venue licence had been held at the site since 2012; such licences required renewal annually. The applicant company (Broad Street Birmingham Limited) was the landlord of the site, and was represented by its solicitor at the meeting.

The solicitor explained that the lease of the premises had been disclaimed and the premises was no longer trading. The applicant company was therefore keen that a new commercial tenant should be found as soon as possible to take on the venue. The company was in talks with a national operator in this regard. The application was therefore to bring the licence under the control of the applicant company, such that the licence could then be transferred on to a new tenant in due course. The applicant company was not a sexual entertainment operator and had no intention of operating the licence itself.

The solicitor reminded the Sub-Committee that the mandatory and discretionary grounds for refusal were shown in the Committee Report, and observed that none of the mandatory grounds were applicable to the instant application. Licensing Enforcement sent its enforcement officer annually to inspect the premises, and before the meeting she had suggested a modification of the standard conditions. The applicant company had agreed all of these suggested conditions. There had been no other objection from any other party.

The enforcement officer also addressed the Sub-Committee to confirm that the premises was not currently trading, her suggested conditions

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had all been agreed, and that the premises could not open as a Sexual Entertainment Venue until a full inspection had been conducted to check compliance.

Members carefully considered the submissions and found all to be in order. The Sub-Committee considers the modification of the Standard Conditions to be necessary, reasonable and proportionate to address concerns raised by Licensing Enforcement.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy, the information contained in the application, the written representations received and the submissions made at the hearing by the applicant company via its solicitor, and by Licensing Enforcement.

The time for appeal is contained in paragraph 27 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and should be made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the decision.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

6/200623 **RESOLVED**:-

That in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing) Regulations 2005, the public be excluded from the hearing due to the sensitive nature of the evidence to be presented.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Licensing Sub Committee B
Report of:	Director of Regulation & Enforcement
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 1 st August 2023
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence – Review
Premises:	G & G Wines, 16 Church Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B6 5UP
Ward affected:	Nechells
Contact Officer:	Bhapinder Nandhra, Senior Licensing Officer, licensing@birmingham.gov.uk

1. Purpose of report:

To consider an application to review a Premises Licence.

2. Recommendation:

To consider the review application received and to determine this matter, having regard to:

- The submissions made by all parties
- The Statement of Licensing Policy
- The Public Sector Equality Duty
- The s182 Guidance

3. Brief Summary of Report:

Review application received on 8th June 2023 from West Midlands Police in respect of G & G Wines, 16 Church Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B6 5UP.

4. Compliance Issues:

4.1 Consistency with relevant Council Policies, Plans or Strategies:

The report complies with the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Council's Corporate Plan to improve the standard of all licensed persons, premises and vehicles in the City.

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

West Midlands Police applied on 8th June 2023 for a review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for G & G Wines, 16 Church Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B6 5UP.

The Review application is attached. See Appendix 1.

The Premises Licence is attached at Appendix 2.

Site location plans are attached at Appendix 3.

When carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must have regard to Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Authority is also required to take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are: -

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder;
- b. Public safety;
- c. The prevention of public nuisance; and
- d. The protection of children from harm.

6. List of background documents:

Review Application Form, Appendix 1 Copy of Premises Licence, Appendix 2 Site location plans, Appendix 3

7. Options available

Modify the conditions of Licence Exclude a Licensable activity from the scope of the Licence Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor Suspend the Licence for a period not exceeding 3 months Revoke the Licence No Action

Where the authority takes a step to modify conditions or exclude a licensable activity, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

Birmingham City Council, PO Box 17013, Birmingham, B6 9ES

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

The premises is a small off licence in a row of shops in a residential area in Aston.

West Midlanda Police were made aware that this premises had made multiple sales of Vapes, an age restricted product, to a 13 year old child.

This caused concern due to the protection of children from harm, and an urgent licensing visit was planned to liaise with the licence holder and to begin the 4 E process. (Engage, Explain, Encourage, Enforce)

During the visit, a number of other licensing breaches were uncovered, which were so significant that the only option for WMP is to move to the enforcement stage.

WMP had no confidence that the person working in the premises was a proper person to be in charge of the premises and he admitted he had not been trained.

Licensing officers found evidence of cigarettes being sold as singles, this means that they have no health warning on them, which is a concern for public safety and normally targets children which is again not safeguarding children.

There was also suspected weapons behind the counter (namely a hockey stick and a kitchen knife) which were seized as did not appear to be a lawful reason for them being there.

The premises had multiple 3500 puff vapes in a drawer under the counter, which clearly breach the 600 limit. This is a crime and disorder issue, as well as public safety due to the significant size of the vapes.

The premises were also offering cannabis grinders and items that appear to be crack pipes for sale.

The premises are failing to promote three of the licensing objectives to such an extent that they are committing offences and breaching them. This gives WMP no confidence in the way that the promises are operating and need to bring this to the attention of the licensing subcommittee.

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•	I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate,	
	as appropriate -	
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected	

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 - Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature				
Date	06 (06	12023.	
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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

West Midlands Police Central Licensing Team Lloyd House

Post town	Post Code
Birmingham	B4 6AT
Telephone number (if any)	

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

- A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
- 2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 4. The application form must be signed.
- An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

LICENSING ACT 2003

PREMISES LICENCE

Premises Licence Number:	1070
Part 1 - Premises details:	
Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnane	ce survey map reference or description
G & G Wines	
16 Church Road	
Aston	
Post town:	Post Code:
Birmingham	B6 5UP
Telephone Number:	
Where the licence is time limited the dates	
N/A	
Licensable activities authorised by the licence	
M2 Sale of alcohol by retail (off the	e premises)
The times the licence authorises the carrying of	ut of licensable activities
Monday – Saturday	08:00 - 23:00 All
Sunday	10:00 - 22:30 All
Good Friday	08:00 - 22:30 All
Christmas Day	12:00 - 15:00 All
	19:00 - 22:30 All
The opening hours of the premises	
Not specified	
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Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

Off Supplies

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence					
Mr Gurnaik Singh Randhawa					
Post town:	Po	st Code:			
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:				
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Name, address, telephone number of desi authorises for the supply of alcohol	Name, address, telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence				
Mrs Gursharan Kaur Randhawa					
Post town:	Ро	st Code:			
Telephone Number:					
Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol					
Licence Number		Issuing Authority			
1268		BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL			

Dated 06/11/2005

David Kennedy Senior Licensing Officer For Senior Assistant Director, Regulatory Services

Annex 1 - Mandatory Conditions

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence or (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every retail sale or supply of alcohol made under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Embedded Restriction:

Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours. In this condition, permitted hours means: a. On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, 8 am. to 11 pm. b. On Sundays, other than Christmas Day, 10 am. to 10.30 pm. c. On Christmas Day, 12 noon to 3 pm. and 7 pm. to 10.30 pm. d. On Good Friday, 8 am. to 10.30 p.m. The above restrictions do not prohibit: (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises, unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel; (b) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered; (c) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club; (d) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces.

Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with operating schedule

2a) General conditions consistent with the operating schedule

No enforceable conditions identified from operating schedule.

2b) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

No enforceable conditions identified from operating schedule.

2c) Conditions consistent with, and to promote, public safety

No enforceable conditions identified from operating schedule.

2d) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the prevention of public nuisance

No enforceable conditions identified from operating schedule.

2e) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the protection of children from harm

No enforceable conditions identified from operating schedule.

3a) General committee conditions N/A 3b) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of crime and disorder N/A 3c) Committee conditions to promote public safety N/A 3d) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of public nuisance N/A 3e) Committee conditions to promote the protection of children from harm

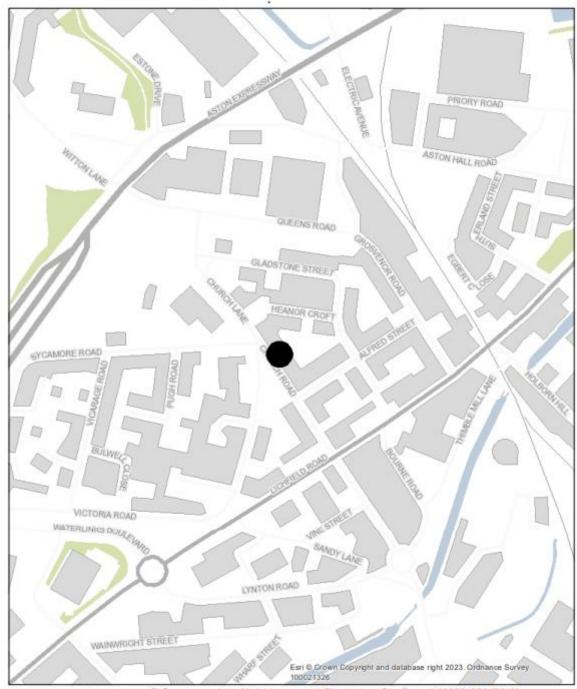
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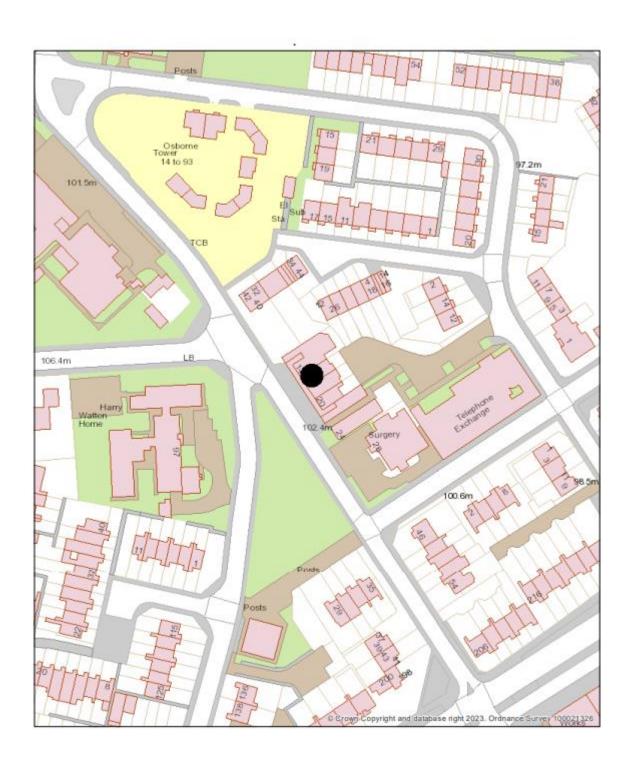
Annex 3 - Conditions attached after hearing by licensing authority

Annex 4 - Plans

The plan of the premises with reference number **31072-1070/1** which is retained with the public register kept by Birmingham City Council and available free of charge for inspection between the hours of 9am – 4pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 4pm Wednesday and 9am – 3.30pm Friday (excluding Bank Holidays etc) at the Licensing Service, Crystal Court, Aston Cross Business Village, 50 Rocky Lane, Aston, Birmingham B6 5RQ.

Appendix 3







CERTIFICATE OF

TO BEING A RESPONSIBLE RETAILER

Congratulations to

G & G WINES

who passed their mystery shopper visit on

JUNE 2002

by correctly refusing the sale and asking for proof of age

This store abides by the following recommended safeguards:

- Staff are trained on selling age-restricted products
- Have a system in place to ensure all staff ask for ID
- Only accept approved forms of identity No ID, No Sale
 - Use a Refusal Register for all refused sales



Acceptable forms of identification:

- Passport Photo Driving Licence Military ID Card
- Or any ID which has the PASS logo, e.g. CitizenCard



TOP TIPS

Continue Being a Responsible Retailer

- Make sure everyone is trained to request proof of age
 Always look at the customer and ask for ID if unsure of age
- Ensure your staff feel supported in challenging customers for ID.



Congratulations to

G& G FOGO AND WINE

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2300 NOVEMBER 2021

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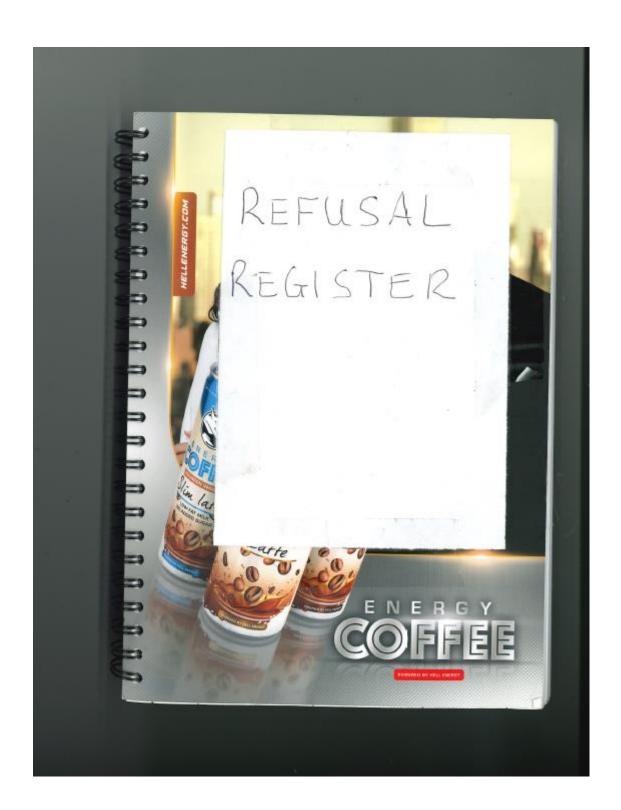
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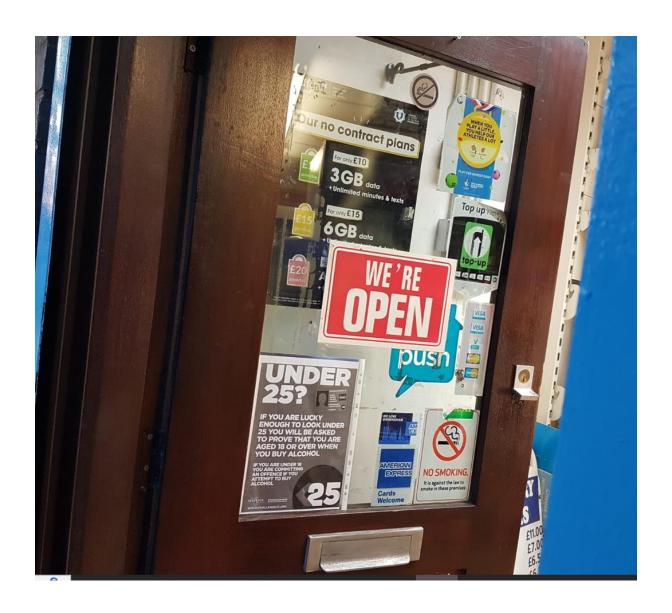
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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of Ben READER				
Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation Police Constable 2413				
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true. Signature: (witness) Date 2 nd June 2023				
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)				
I am PC 2413 Reader, a specialist licensing officer based at Lloyd House, Police Headquarters in Birmingham.				
Today, Friday 2nd June, I attended GNG Food and Wine, 16 Church Road, Nechells, Birmingham B6 5UP.				
I attended with Chris Jones, from the licensing team and we met two local uniformed officers, PC 23776 Sykes and PC 24187 Tandy, from a local NHT.				
We arrived at the premises at just after midday. PC Sykes turned on her bodycam and began to record. I explained that we were attending as the licensing team had been made aware that the premises had been selling vapes to underage persons, a 13 year old girl had stated she had been served vapes at this location.				
Inside the premises was one member of staff, Rohit SADHARWHAN.				
He said he was working in the shop for his Uncle and Aunt.				
His Uncle, Gurnaik Singh Randhawa was the licence holder and his Aunt, Gursharan Randhawa Kaur was the DPS. They were away at a wedding, so he was looking after the shop.				
Rohit had not been trained to be working in a licensed premises.				
It was clear he did not know much about the operation of the premises and I was disappointed to find a man with so little knowledge working behind the counter.				
As I was speaking to him I could see boxes of Vapes on display. These were all within the 600 puff limit and appeared legitimate products.				
Under the counter I noticed a transparent plastic tub, like a take away food container. This container has loose cigarettes inside it. This raised concerns with me as cigarettes should not be sold as singles.				
Rohit had no answer as to why they were under the counter in a plastic tub. Signature				

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As I looked further, there was another tub with more singles in it.

Next to the tub I saw a large kitchen knife which was clearly out of place. There were multiple Stanley knives and box cutters under the counter, which would make sense in a shop where boxes were opened on a daily basis. The large kitchen knife did not appear to be there for a lawful purpose so it was seized by PC 24187 Tandy. There was also a hockey stick behind the counter, which again was out of place and I had concerns that these two items were there as weapons behind the counter so PC Tandy also seized the hockey stick.

There were empty boxes under the counter for vapes with a capacity of 3500 puffs.

In a plain box, under the counter were a number of 3500 puff vapes. In my opinion, these had been knowingly concealed and stored under the counter as they are illegal vapes. These were also seized by PC Tandy.

The premises also had a supply of disposable plastic cups, these caused me concern, as they are usually given to customers purchasing alcohol who drink it on the street instead of taking it home.

The premises also had cannabis grinders for sale, as well as smoking pipes.

The premises is clearly not promoting the licensing objectives, in fact it is the exact opposite, they are going against the licensing objectives and are prepared to sell illegal products to children in order to make profit.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Signature: (witness)	Date 7th June 2023
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear) I am PC 2413 Reader, a specialist licensing officer based at Lloyd House, F Birmingham.	Police Headquarters in
Today, Wednesday 7th June, I attended GNG Food and Wine, 16 Church F5UP.	toad, Nechells, Birmingham B6
I attended with Chris Jones, from the licensing team, in order to serve the relicence holder.	eview paperwork upon the
The licence holder, Mr Gurnaik Singh Randhawa was present, as was his www. who is the DPS.	rife, Gursharan Randhawa Kaur,
At 15:55 hours I handed Mr Randhawa the paperwork and he began to look defensive and providing excuses for the matters that had been raised in the	
Both Chris Jones and myself advised Mr Randhawa to seek some legal or sconsultant.	specialist advice from a licensing
Neither the licence holder or the DPS could tell me any of the four licensing	objectives.
They just said that they would not sell to under 18s and that "we know what	common sense is"
They stated that they had not been trained in a long time, several years.	
Mr Randhawa said he could not operate the CCTV system and he had 'no is son did that for him.	dea' how long it saved for as his
There was no signange in place around any form of 'Challenge' policy for a said that they operated a 'Challenge 18' policy in the premises and asked for person was 18. I asked about Challenge 21 and Challenge 25 but they state Signature.	or ID if they didn't think the ed they used Challenge 18.

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As a licenisng officer I did not have confidence that the licence holder or the DPS were competent people to promote the licensing objectives.

This is further compounded by the fact that there were a number of concerning breaches found on the first visit to the premises.

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