BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Licensing Sub Committee A	
Report of:	Interim Assistant Director of Regulation	
-	& Enforcement	
Date of Meeting:	Monday 24 th February 2020	
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003	
	Premises Licence – Review	
Premises:	La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 ORE	
Ward affected:	Soho and Jewellery Quarter	
Contact Officer:	Shaid Yasser, Senior Licensing Officer,	
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1. Purpose of report:

To consider an application to review a Premises Licence.

2. Recommendation:

To consider and determine the review application.

3. Brief Summary of Report:

Review application received on 9^{th} January 2020 from the Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures in respect of La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE.

Representations have been received from both West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council Licensing Enforcement as responsible authorities.

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:

The Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures applied on 9th January 2020 for a review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE

Representations have been received from West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council Licensing Enforcement, as responsible authorities. See Appendices 1 and 2.

Review application is attached. See Appendix 3.

The Premises Licence is attached at Appendix 4.

Site location plans are attached at Appendix 5.

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:

Copy of the representations as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.

Review Application Form, Appendix 3.

Copy of Premises Licence, Appendix 4.

Site location plans, Appendix 5.

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.

Entered 16/1/20

From: bw licensing

Sent: 16 January 2020 10:00

To: Licensing Cc: Paul Ellson

Subject: WMP Representation - La Bufet - 136 Boulton Rd - Licence no 5092

Importance: High

Good Morning Licensing,

West Midlands Police support the representation made by Birmingham Trading Standards regarding La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Soho B21 0RE – premises licence number 5092.

The representation is supported under public safety and prevention of crime & disorder licensing objectives.

Trading standards visited the premises on 31st July 2019 due to a complaint from a member of the public that the premises were selling alcohol – (without a licence.) At the visit they found both illicit alcohol and cigarettes for sale at the premises.

From the representation made by Trading Standards it is obvious that Mr Mustatea who is both the premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor is either incapable or unwilling to promote the licensing objectives despite being given advice and a warning by Trading Standards regarding illicit tobacco and alcohol on 31st July 2019 less than 3 months prior to the visit on 7th October which has led to this review. This is compounded by the fact the first visit in July 2019 to the premises by Trading Standards where the original advice and traders notice were given was while Mr Mustatea was in the process of applying for a premises licence.

The premises licence was granted 6th August 2019 after West Midlands Police had objected to the application due to concerns about the premises supplying illicit medication and the negative impact the premises would have on the street drinking as associated ASB issues within the area. The committee at the time decided to give Mr Mustatea the benefit of the doubt and grant the licence. It was only 2 months after the granting of this premises licence that the visit took place which has prompted this review.

In the experience of West Midlands Police the trade in illicit cigarettes helps fund other criminal activity. Mr Mustatea would have no idea whether these illicit cigarettes were fit for human consumption, what harmful toxins may be present or what health implications it may have for anyone smoking these cigarettes. One thing for certain is the fact that there would have been no duty paid on these cigarettes and more often than not all the transactions for these cigarettes would be in cash with no tax paid. Mr Mustatea has put profit over promoting the licensing objectives of public safety and prevention of crime and disorder.

The licensing committee of 6th August 2019 put their faith in Mr Mustatea by granting him a premises licence with the expectation he would promote the licensing objectives. Bearing in mind the advice and warring given, (while his premises licence application was being processed) and the extremely short period of time between the granting of the licence and this review Mr Mustatea has definitely not repaid the committee's confidence in him.

Trading Standards have worked with Mr Mustatea and given him clear advice which he seemingly has decided to totally ignore. Even before the premises licence was granted Mr Mustatea was not only selling alcohol from the premises but selling home-made 'hooch' again having no regard for public safety. Again it is highly unlikely that tax or duty would be paid on any of this alcohol taking into account it had been decanted from the original container(s).

West Midlands Police have no confidence that Mr Mustatea has any intention of meeting or promoting the licensing objectives. It is obvious that Mr Mustatea has no intention of working alongside the responsible authorities as he was he blatantly lied to Trading Standards Officers on 7th October 2019 and therefore fully agree with Trading Standards that the premises licence should be revoked.

Regards

Chris Jones 55410

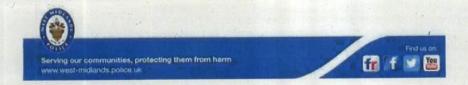
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Birmingham City Council Licensing Service Birmingham

Representation as a responsible authority in respect of the premises licence no. 5092 granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of premises known as

La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE

Introduction

The current premises licence holder - Mr Stefan Mustatea

Nominated Designated Premises Supervisor - Mr Stefan Mustatea,

The licence currently authorises the following licensable activities:-

M2 - Sale of Alcohol by retail (off the premises)

And permits this licensable activity to take place:-

Sale of Alcohol

Monday - Sunday

10:00 - 22:00

Opening hours of the premises

Monday - Sunday

10:00 - 22:00

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Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with operating schedule

2a) General conditions consistent with the operating schedule

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure there are strong management and security procedures in place which encompasses the four licensing objectives.

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff are trained as appropriate in respect of relevant licensing law, the Challenge 25 Policy and the requirements and the need to demand an acceptable form of age ID.

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

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure a CCTV system is installed inside and outside the premises.

Any person who appears drunk / aggressive will not be permitted on the premises.

No consumption of alcohol will be permitted inside the premises.

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

Notices will be displayed at the exit of the premises asking patrons to leave the premises quietly.

All deliveries will be received during the daytime to control noise nuisance.

The Designated Premises Supervisor will arrange to monitor levels from both inside and outside the premises and remedial action will be taken as appropriate.

Doors and windows will be kept closed as deemed necessary by the Designated Premises Supervisor.

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

A Challenge 25 Policy will be strictly followed by all staff.

No adult entertainment is permitted at these premises.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after hearing by licensing authority

3a) General committee conditions

Licensing Sub Committee C resolved to grant the premises licence on the 31st July 2019, subject to the condition below:

3b) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

There shall be no sale of single cans of beer, ciders, lagers, alcopops or premixed spirit drinks.

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

N/A

Background Information

On 11th June 2019 an application was received by Birmingham City Council Licensing Section from Mr Stefan Mustatea for a premises licence at the address of La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE.

On 12th July 2019 a complaint was received by Birmingham City Council Licensing Service regarding the premises La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE. The complaint alleged that the premises were selling alcohol without a licence to do so, along with illicit tobacco and prescription only medicines. As a result of this complaint The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) were notified with regards to the allegation of prescription only medicines being supplied and Birmingham Trading Standards notified with regards to the allegation of illicit tobacco and alcohol being supplied.

As a result of the allegations made in the complaint, a joint inspection was arranged with Trading Standards and Licensing Enforcement at their earliest convenience, this being 31st July 2019 at 10:40 hours.

On entering the premises there was a woman behind the counter. The officers (Paul Ellson, Trading Standards Enforcement Officer and Sharon Watts Licensing Enforcement Officer) explained the reason for their visit but she didn't appear to understand. She made a telephone call and Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Paul Ellson spoke to a woman giving her name as Mrs P Mustatea, the wife of the owner. Mrs Mustatea arrived at the premises shortly after and she was made aware of the allegations surrounding the complaint.

Officers noted a price list displayed in the shop (Appendix 1) indicating that alcohol was already being sold from the premises. The price list was in Romanian and a translation of this can be found attached (Appendix 2).

In light of this a full inspection of the premises was made. On inspection of a large stockroom at the rear of the premises a quantity of illegal products were found:-

- 200 illegal Davidoff cigarettes found in the shop freezer. (Packaging found not to comply with tobacco labelling requirements).
- 5 litres of red wine that had been decanted into plastic bottles. (Photo Appendix 3)
- 35 litres of red wine which had been decanted into plastic bottles and hidden in a large Budweiser display barrel. (Photo Appendix 4)
- A large tapped bell jar containing what appeared to be alcohol spirit (Photo Appendix 5)

Also found in the store room:-

 A large quantity of canned beers found in a fridge and freezer (Photo Appendix 6 & 7)

The red wine and spirits had no labelling present on the bottles and due to its unknown origin etc was destroyed by Officer Ellson by pouring down the drain.

Trader Notices were issued by Licensing Enforcement (Enforcement Officer Sharon Watts issued Trader Notice No. 26386/7 marked for the attention of Mr Stefan Mustatea, copy attached as Appendix 8) and Trading Standards (Enforcement Officer Paul Ellson issued Trader Notice no. 13267/8, copy attached as Appendix 9). Mr Mustatea was requested to act on the information provided in the Trader Notices.

On 6th August 2019 a Premises Licence no. 5092 was granted to Mr Stefan Mustatea for the premises La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE.

On 7th August 2019 Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Paul Ellson sent a letter to Mr Mustatea issuing him with a written warning, following the inspection carried out on 31st July 2019. (Copy of letter attached Appendix 10).

A re-visit to the premises of La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road was made by Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Paul Ellson and Licensing Enforcement Officer Sharon Watts on 7th October 2019. On this occasion a Licensing Act 2003 inspection was carried out to ensure that the business was complying with conditions attached to the Premises Licence.

On arrival at the premises the woman behind the counter was requested to contact the owner, Mr Stefan Mustatea and he arrived shortly after. On arrival Mr Mustatea was informed that an inspection would be carried out to assess compliance with conditions on his Premises Licence. Officer Ellson asked Mr Mustatea if he had any illicit tobacco on the premises to which Mr Mustatea presented a plastic bag from under the counter, containing a variety of cigarettes, all of which did not comply with labelling requirements for supply in the UK. Officer Ellson asked Mr Mustatea if there was any more tobacco on the premises and he denied this. Officer Ellson conducted an inspection of the counter area and obtained a further 131 packets of illicit tobacco (did not comply with labelling requirements for sale in the UK). Officer Ellson seized this tobacco.

The inspection carried out by Licensing Enforcement Officer Sharon Watts identified breaches of the conditions of licence. These were recorded on Trader Notice No. 26463. (Copy attached Appendix 11). Mr Mustatea was given time to rectify the licensing non-compliances. A revisit was subsequently made by Licensing Enforcement Officer Sharon Watts on 4th December 2019 and on that occasion the inspection was found to be compliant.

Licensing matters identified

The premises La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE was initially visited as a result of a complaint made to Birmingham City Council concerning illicit products being supplied. The inspection carried out by officers on 31st July 2019 confirmed the allegations regarding illicit alcohol and tobacco. At that time a Premises Licence had been applied for but not been granted. It was decided to provide Mr Mustatea with a written warning and a follow up visit to ensure matters had been addressed following the grant of the Premises Licence. The inspection carried out by officers on 7th October 2019 hi-lighted that illicit tobacco was again found on the premises. The Licensing Act inspection was the first full inspection following the grant of the licence and therefore advisory. The revisit by Licensing Enforcement on 4th December 2019 was found to be compliant. This inspection however, does not negate the fact that illicit tobacco was found to be on the premises during the joint inspection with Trading Standards on 7th October 2019, whereby previous advice had been given.

<u>Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Reviews arising in connection with crime states:</u>

- 11.24 A number of reviews may arise in connection with crime that is not directly connected with licensable activities. For example, reviews may arise because of drugs problems at the premises; money laundering by criminal gangs, the sale of contraband or stolen goods, the sale of firearms, or the sexual exploitation of children. Licensing authorities do n not have the power to judge the criminality or otherwise of any issue. This is a matter for the courts. The licensing authority's role when determining such a review is not therefore to establish the guilt or innocence of any individual but to ensure the promotion of crime prevention objective.
- 11.25 Reviews are part of the regulatory process introduced by the 2003 Act and they are not part of criminal law and procedure. There is, therefore, no reason why representations giving rise to a review of a premises licence need be delayed pending the outcome of any criminal proceedings. Some reviews will arise after the conviction in the criminal courts of certain individuals, but not all. In any case, it is for the licensing authority to determine whether the problems associated with the alleged crimes are taking place on the premises and affecting the promotion of the licensing objectives. Where a review follows a conviction, it would also not be for the licensing authority to attempt to go beyond any finding by the courts, which should be treated as a matter of undisputed evidence before them.
- 11.26 Where the licensing authority is conducting a review on the grounds that the premises have been used for criminal purposes, its role is solely to determine what steps should be taken in connection with the premises licence, for the promotion of the crime prevention objective. It is important to recognise that certain criminal activity or associated problems may be taking place or have taken place despite the best efforts of the licence holder and the staff working at the premises and despite full compliance with the conditions attached to the licence. In such circumstances, the licensing authority is still empowered to take any appropriate steps to remedy the problems. The licensing authority's duty is to take steps with a view to the promotion

of the licensing objectives in the interests of the wider community and not those of the individual licence holder.

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

- for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act
 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;
- for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;
- for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music.
 - which does considerable damage to the industries affected;
- · for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;
- by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;
- as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;
- for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;
- for knowingly employing a person who is unlawfully in the UK or who cannot lawfully be employed as a result of a condition on that person's leave to enter;
- for unlawful gambling; and
- for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.

Licensing Enforcement Team Recommendations to the Licensing Committee

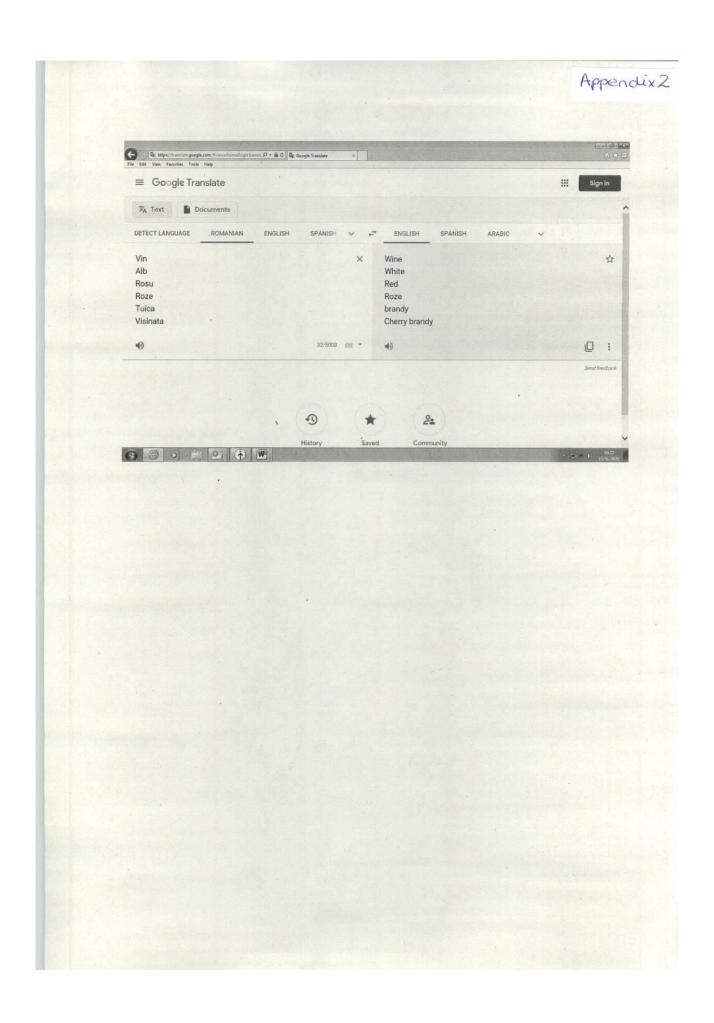
As a Licensing Authority Birmingham City Council must carry out its licensing functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives contained in the Act. The Act is clearly intended to prevent crime and disorder in relation to premises, as well as deter and prevent unscrupulous persons from operating illegally under the authorisation of a premises licence.

Birmingham City Council Licensing Enforcement support Birmingham Trading Standards in the request for a review of the Premises Licence. Options available to the Licensing Sub Committee in determining the most appropriate course of action for this review may be suspending / revoking the licence or imposing further conditions on the licence which may include the following:-

 Only buying tobacco / alcohol from reputable sellers, keeping invoices relating to any sales for traceability purposes. The invoices to be produced at the request of an authorised agent.

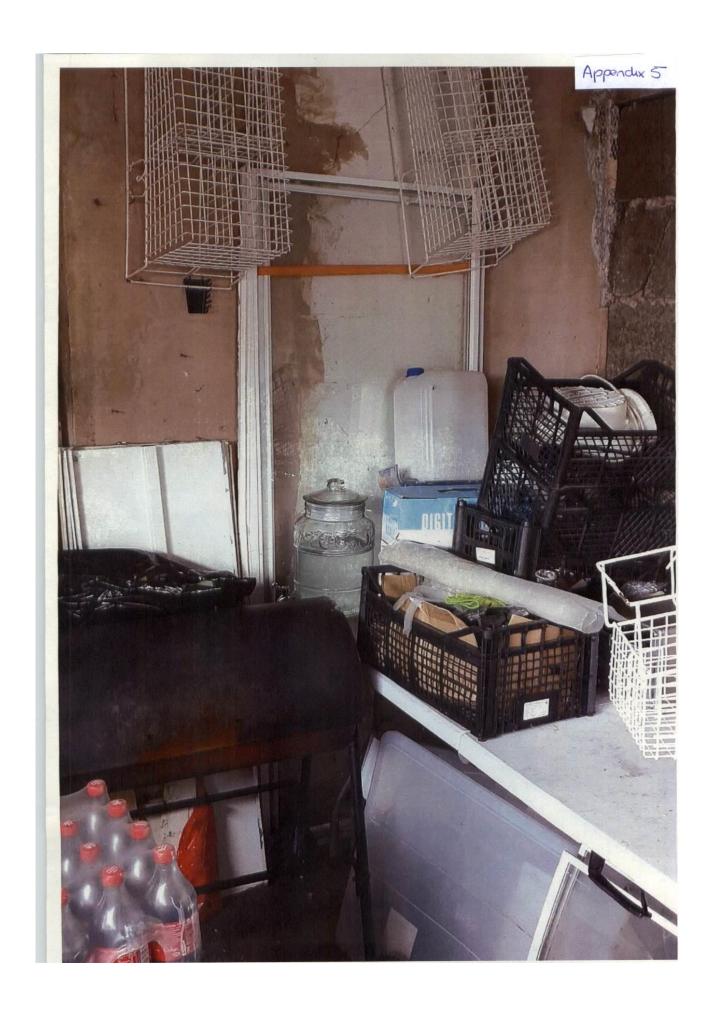
- Keeping CCTV for a minimum of 28 consecutive days and images available to download and produce at the request of a responsible authority.
- Providing staff training relating to the 4 licensing objectives. The training being recorded, kept on site and available for production on request by a responsible authority.



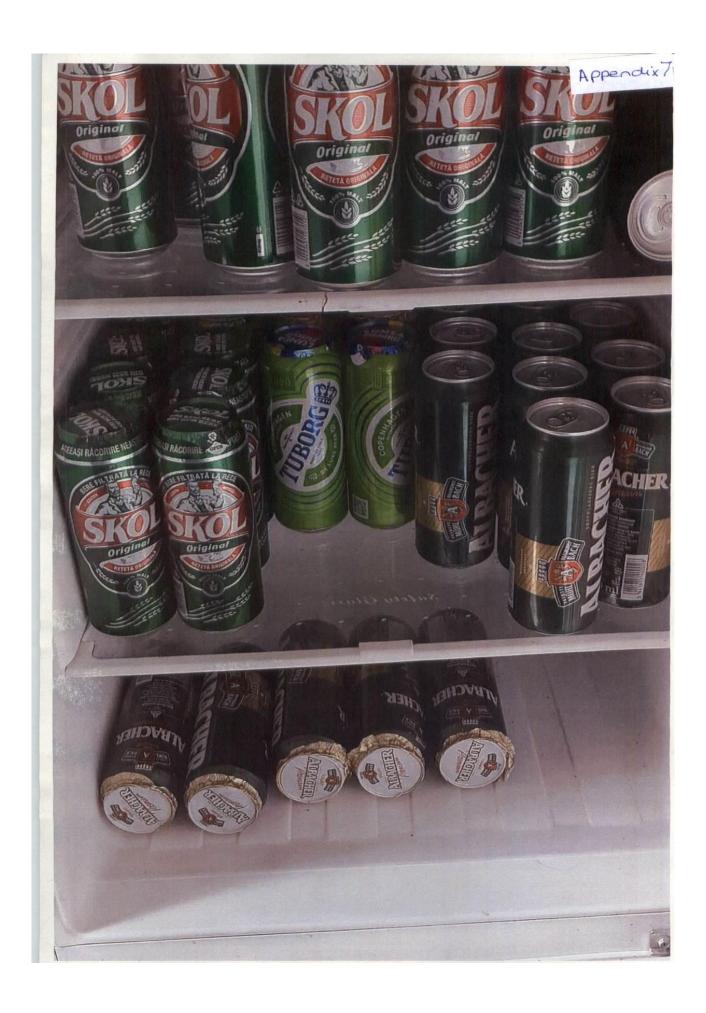












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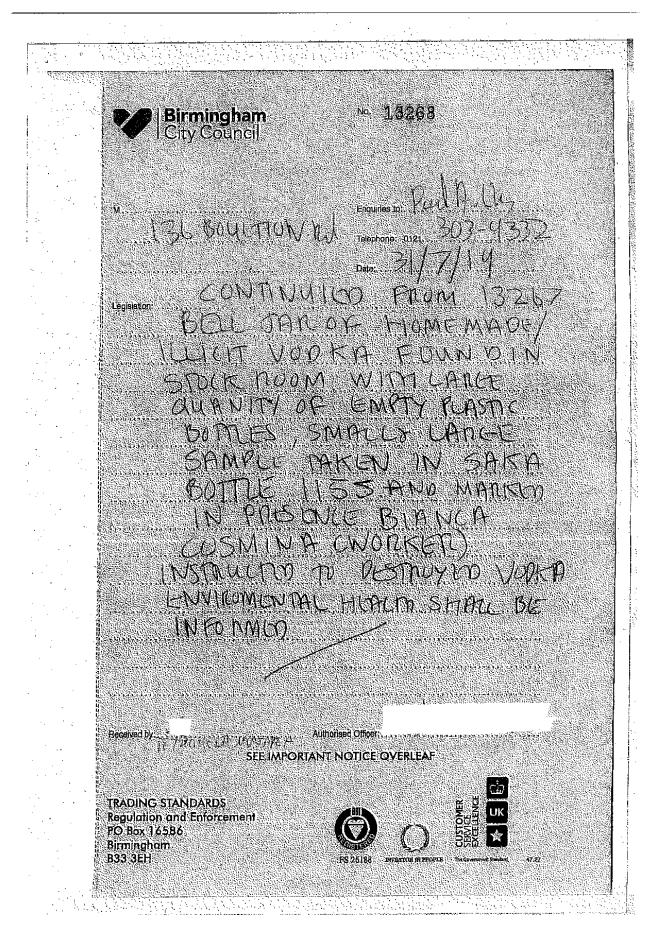
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La Bufet 136 Boulton Road Soho Birmingham B21 0RE

Dear Mr Stefan Mustatea

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Consumer Protection From Unfair Trading Regulations 2008
Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 Standardised Packaging of Tobacco
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Your contact regarding this letter is:

Weights and Measures Act 1985 as Amended



Paul Ellson
Birmingham City Council
Trading Standards
PO Box 16586
Birmingham
B33 3EH

Telephone:
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Enforcement Officer

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Licensing (Enforcement) Section P.O. Box 17013 Birmingham B6 9ES



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Birmingham City Council, PO Box 17013, Birmingham, B6 9ES Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003 PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals, In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records. I Paul Ellson (for and on behalf of Donna Bensley Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures) (Insert name of applicant) apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable) Part 1 - Premises or club premises details Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description La Bufet 136 Boulton Road Soho Post town Birmingham Post code (if known) B21 ORE Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Mr Stefan MUSTATEA Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 5092 Part 2 - Applicant details I am Please tick √ yes 1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below) 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) YES BCC REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT LICERSING SECTION DATE RECEIVED REF NO RECEIVED

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(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT Name and address Paul Ellson (ref 9540461) Birmingham Trading Standards Manor House 40 Moat Lane Birmingham B5 5BD Telephone number (if any) E-mail address (optional) This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s) Please tick one or more boxes ✓ the prevention of crime and disorder public safety the prevention of public nuisance the protection of children from harm YES YES YES

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

An application for a premises licence had been received for La Bufet, 136 Boulton Road, Birmingham, B21 0RE. However, during this time, a complaint had been received that alcohol was being sold from the premises prior to the granting of the licence. As a consequent a joint visit was carried out on 31 July 2019 at 10.40hrs; this was conducted by Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Paul ELLSON and Licensing Enforcement Officer Sharon WATTS.

At the time of the visit there was a woman behind the counter; officers explained the reason for the visit, but she appeared not to understand. She made a telephone call, Officer Ellson spoke to a lady on the phone and explained the reason for the visit; she would be there in a few minutes. Shortly after a lady arrived who gave her name as Mrs P MUSTATEA the wife of the owner. Officers explained the reason for the visit and the nature of the allegations.

Officers observed a price list on display in the shop which indicated that alcohol was already being sold from the premises. Therefore, a full inspection of the premises was undertaken. In the large stock room at the rear of the premises a quantity of illegal products was found; this included:

- 200 Davidoff cigarettes hidden in the shop freezer; these cigarettes did not comply with current UK tobacco control legislation in that the packaging did not comply with The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 and therefore cannot be sold in the UK and therefore illegal.
- 5 litres of red wine that had been decanted into Asda Lemonade bottles.
- 35 litres of red wine which had been decanted into Busteri Auatique (baby) bottles; these
 had been hidden in a large Budweiser display barrel.
- A large tapped bell jar containing homemade alcoholic spirit along with a large quantity
 of empty plastic bottles ready to be filled.

Due to the unknown provenance of this red wine and spirit Officer ELLSON decided to destroy the items by pouring them down the drain.

A Traders Notice number 1326 was issued by Officer ELLSON; see supporting doc 1, Officer WATTS also issued a Notice number 26387; see supporting doc 2. Both detailed what had been found and action required to be taken by the owner Mr Stefan MUSTATEA.

On the 6 August 2019 a Premises Licence was granted to Mr MUSTATEA for La Bufet, (Number 5092)

On the 7 August 2019 a follow up letter was sent to Mr MUSTATEA; see supporting doc 3.

On the 7 October 2019 at 1045am officers ELLSON and WATTS returned to the premises to ensure that it was operating legally and within the terms of the Premises Licence.

Officer ELLSON noted that just behind the counter a pack of illicit tobacco (what was it) was visible. Mr MUSTATEA was not on the premises at the time of the visit and the employee was asked to contact him; Mr MUSTATEA arrived shortly after.

Officer ELLSON asked Mr MUSTATEA if he had any illicit tobacco on the premises. Mr MUSTATEA presented a plastic bag from under the counter; this contained 22 packets of a variety of illicit cigarettes; they failed to comply with the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 and were therefore illegal and could not be supplied in the UK. Officer ELLSON asked him if he had any more, to which Mr MUSTATEA replied no.

Upon inspection Officer ELLSON found a further 131 packets of illicit cigarettes in 3 plastic bags and one box from under the counter; these again were not compliant with The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 and were therefore illegal—and cannot be supplied in the UK. Mr MUSTATEA stated he had forgotten these. No other illicit products were found at the premises. The items were removed, Mr MUSTATEA was given a receipt and the officers left.	
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Although the quantity of illicit tobacco found was not a great amount, (153 packets of cigarettes in total) Mr MUSTATEA had received considerable advice from both the Licencing Section and Trading Standards both verbally and in writing on how to comply with the law and his obligations as the Premises Licence Holder.

When asked directly whether he had any further illicit tobacco on the premises he denied it even though he was standing just by it.

Supplying illicit tobacco is a serious matter. It brings crime into the area and has health and safety implications.

On the first visit prior to him having the licence illegal products were found and it appeared to the officers that alcohol was already being sold prior to the grant of a licence. However, on this occasion's officers dealt with the matter in an advisory capacity.

Clearly Mr MUSTATEA has little regard for his obligations and the law.

Mr MUSTATEA has had no previous dealing with the City Councils' enforcement agencies other than work generated by these two incidents following the original compliant that alcohol was been sold without a licence.

Selling and dealing in illicit tobacco is a serious matter; no duty would have been paid on the items, it undermines legitimate business and the unknown provenance of illicit products can have health implications.

Taking the above matters into consideration the Licensing Sub Committee is asked to consider this application for a review and take any action open to them which could be to temporarily suspend or permanently revoke the licence.

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before	No
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Please tick √ yes

- 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

YES

YES

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	09/01/20	
Capacity	Trading Standards Enforcement Officer	

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

Post town

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

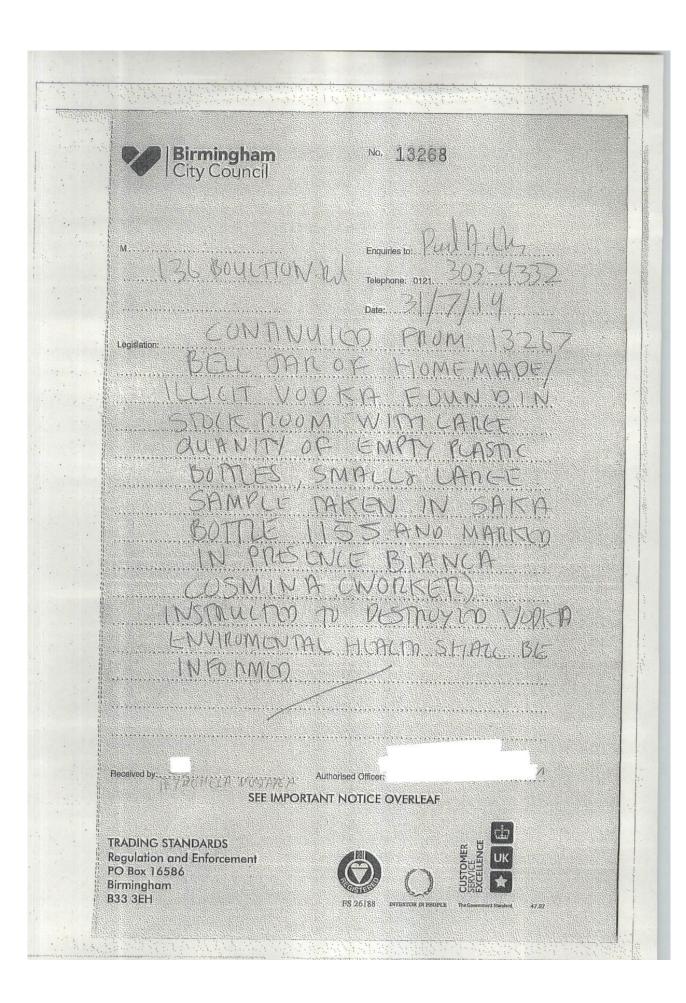
Notes for Guidance

- 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.

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7 August 2019

OFFICER WARNING DO NOT IGNORE THIS LETTER

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LICENSING ACT 2003

PREMISES LICENCE

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Birmingham City Council, Licensing Section, P.O. Box 17013, Birmingham, B6 9ES

Part 2

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Dated 06/08/2019

SHAID YASSER Senior Licensing Officer For Director of Regulation and Enforcement

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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.

The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either— (a) a holographic mark, or (b) an ultraviolet feature.

(1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price. (2) In this condition: - (a) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula P = D + (D x V), where—(i) P is the permitted price, (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol; (b) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979; (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence— (i) the holder of the premises licence, (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence; (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question, and (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994. (3) Where the permitted price would not be a whole number of pennies, the permitted price shall be taken to be the price rounded up to the nearest penny. (4) Where the permitted price on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax, the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with operating schedule

2a) General conditions consistent with the operating schedule

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure there are strong management and security procedures in place which encompasses the four licensing objectives.

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff are trained as appropriate in respect of relevant licensing law, the Challenge 25 Policy and the requirements and the need to demand an acceptable form of age ID

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

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure a CCTV system is installed inside and outside the premises.

Any person who appears drunk /aggressive will not be permitted on the premises.

No consumption of alcohol will be permitted inside the premises.

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

Notices will be displayed at the exit of the premises asking patrons to leave the premises quietly.

All deliveries will be received during the daytime to control noise nuisance.

The Designated Premises Supervisor will arrange to monitor levels from both inside and outside the premises and remedial action will be taken as appropriate.

Doors and windows will be kept closed as deemed necessary by the Designated Premises Supervisor.

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

A Challenge 25 Policy will be strictly followed by all staff.

No adult entertainment is permitted at these premises.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after hearing by licensing authority

3a) General committee conditions

Licensing Sub Committee C resolved to grant the premises licence on the 31st July 2019, subject to the condition below:

3b) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

There shall be no sale of single cans of beers, ciders, lagers, alcopops or premixed spirit drinks

3c) Committee conditions to promote public safety

N/A

3d) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of public nulsance

N/A

3e) Committee conditions to promote the protection of children from harm

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