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Our ref: DJ/Tas Convenience Store
Date: 13 September 2010

Dear Sirs

Re: Application to review premises licence of T & S Convenience Store (Best One) 76-78 Market Street Chorley PR7 2SS.

I am writing with reference to the above premises and with specific reference to an application to review the premise license submitted by Sergeant 1506 Anthony Bushell on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary dated 26 August 2010. Lancashire Constabulary has articulated that they have concerns with regards to the management of the premises, concerns that we share.

The substance of this letter is to confirm full and unequivocal support for the submission to revoke the premises licence for the following reasons:-

- On 5 June 2010 a Trading Standards test purchase operation was conducted in the Borough of Chorley. T&S Convenience Store (Best One) located at 76-78 Market Street Chorley was targeted for a test purchase visit.
- A 14 year old girl volunteer was instructed to attempt to purchase tobacco. She was instructed to answer truthfully if challenged as to her age or whether she could provide acceptable proof of age.
- A sale of a packet of 10 Lambert and Butler Kingsize Cigarettes was made.
- At no point was the female volunteer asked her age nor was she asked to provide proof of age.
- Subsequent investigation revealed that the seller Tariq Patel is the son of Mehboo Patel the Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises.
- During the course of the investigation it transpires that the premises purport to operate a 25 policy for the sale of tobacco i.e. seeking proof of age from customers who do not look over 25.
- The refusals register was examined which revealed that there were no entries in it from the seller, Tariq Patel.
- There was no documentary evidence to demonstrate whether Tariq Patel had received training in the prevention of underage sales, although Mr Patel claimed that he had been trained by his brother and Premise Licence Holder Suhail Patel.
- The matter has been reported and the reporting officer's recommendations are currently being considered for further action.



We share Police concerns regarding the ability and willingness for the premise to comply with their legal duty in not selling age restricted products to young people who have not attained the specified age and adhering to the 4th licensing objective, the protection of children from harm.

This is further evidenced as I have become aware that the premises has allegedly subsequently failed two further test purchase attempts by Lancashire Constabulary for alcohol on 16 July 2010 and 12 August 2010. I understand the seller on both these occasions to be Tariq Patel.

I am further aware through the submission by Lancashire Constabulary of other issues relating to this premise that impinge on further Licensing Objectives.

This letter and the content therein are in full support and endorsement for the recommendation by Lancashire Constabulary to revoke the premise licence for the reasons previously stated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Johnnie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Johnnie
Lead Officer Community Support