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17<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Dear Sir

**RE: APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – SUPANEWS, 9 CHAPEL STREET, CHORLEY.**

Lancashire Constabulary is in receipt of an application for a new premises licence to authorise the sale by retail of alcohol from the above premises. The applicant is a Mohammed Gangat who is also listed as the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor.

With regards this application the police feel the granting of the licence would undermine the prevention of crime and protection of children from harm licensing objectives.

The grounds for this representation are outlined below;

Mr Gangat was visited at the premises on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to discuss his application. It was clear from speaking to the applicant that he has a very casual approach to his responsibilities in relation to the sale of alcohol and did not appear to acknowledge nor accept the retail of alcohol was a serious responsibility. This can be evidenced by the fact that the applicant has not yet undertaken the personal licence course, which would have given him the requisite knowledge.

The concerns above were reinforced, when as a tobacco retailer, the applicant was unable to demonstrate he had any of the basic policies or procedures in place to prevent the sale of tobacco to persons under age.

The consequences of this manifested themselves when, whilst in the presence of the officers, the applicant made a sale of tobacco to a male customer who in the officer's opinion looked under age. The applicant did not challenge the male however the officers did and it was discovered he was in fact 17 years old and as such the applicant committed a criminal offence.

It is also understood that the applicant has in the past requested police officers refrain from entering his shop in uniform as it puts his customers off.

As stated above the applicant has not undertaken the personal licence course so is ineligible to be the Designated Premises Supervisor. The police also feel the information above provides exceptional circumstances for them to object to the applicant being the Designated Premises Supervisor as they believe this would also undermine the crime prevention objective.

Yours faithfully

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Police Sergeant 1506

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