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**You're Ref: Northwood Food and Wine' 13
Joel Street, Northwood Hills. HA6 1NU**

Re: 'Review of a Premises License'

The Police Licensing Team would like to make the following representations in support of the Trading Standard Services for Hillingdon Borough. The review of the Premises License of 'Northwood Food and Wine' 13 Joel Street, Northwood Hills. HA6 1NU

The Metropolitan Police Service is supporting this review in line with the Licensing objectives and in particular The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

On the 20th November 2019 The London Borough of Hillingdon Trading Standards Services, accompanied by a representative from the Alcohol Spirit Industry and a tobacco detection dog unit attended Northwood Food and Wine, 13 Joel Street, Northwood Hills. HA6 1NU. This venue was suspected of selling illicit goods. Following a search, concealments of tobacco products were detected and seized by the Trading Standard Team and have been evidenced accordingly.

The Joel Street area of Northwood Hills still suffers from anti-social behavior by youths who hang around the shopping precinct and surrounding streets drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes and causing Anti-Social Behavior in large groups.

The Police Licensing Team have received numerous Crimestoppers reports regarding the alleged sale of alcohol, cigarettes and drugs from Northwood Food and Wine since early 2018.

On Friday the 3rd August 2018, at approx. 13:30 hours the informant was in NORTHWOOD FOOD AND WINE 13 JOEL STREET when he saw a MALE enter the shop and speak to the cashier saying "can I get a bag of the usual" the cashier reached under the front counter and took out a small clear bag containing what looked like a fine white powder and handed it to the customer in exchange for a sum of money, the customer promptly left with the bag.

On the 16th February 2019 further Crimestoppers information was passed to the Police Licensing Team stating that Two Indian males at the venue are selling cigarettes and cannabis to 13 year olds.

On the 8th of March 2019, as a result of the Crimestoppers Information the Police Licensing Team attended Northwood Food and Wine to conduct a licensing inspection.

The person in charge was a Mr Amit PATEL 17/05/1977 and he was the only person in the store at the time of the inspection. A short while after we had entered the venue a voice came over the personal address system identifying himself as Mr. Ramandeep Singh. It transpired that Mr. Singh could see and hear us through the CCTV camera's via a smart device from his home address.

A full licensing visit and inspection was carried out in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003

The following offences were detected at the venue.

The Person in charge was asked to produce the Full Premises Licence on police request. He was unable and contacted the Designated Premises Supervisor Mr Ramandeep SINGH who was also unable to provide the Premises Licence.

I informed Mr PATEL and Mr SINGH that I was reporting them under S57 of The Licensing Act 2003 for failure to produce a premises Licence or certified copy on police request.

I issued a form 694, Notice of alleged offences under the Licensing Act which was signed by Mr PATEL and venue cope issued.

While I inspected the premises in relation to the licence conditions set out in Annex 2 I also detected the follow breaches of the licence.

1 The till had no till guard.

2 The till was not bolted to the counter

3 There was no challenge 25 or over 18 poster or notifications displayed on the premises in relation to proof of age scheme.

Behind the counter was a hockey stick and when asked, Mr PATEL and Mr SINGH said that it was for their protection as people come in with knives.

While outside the premises a PCSO was approached by a member of the public who informed him that the staff sell single cigarettes and alcohol to under 18s

There have been other reports from the local Policing Team, and concerned parents stating that their children have been buying alcohol and cigarettes from the said store.

The premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr. Ramandeep Singh has neglected to observe the Licensing Objectives under crime and disorder. When a local business flouts the law in a challenging area by selling illicit products, then as a responsible authority we must do all we can to protect the public and the livelihood of legitimate traders.

*PC Dave Butler
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