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COUNCIL

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

16 August 2019

Time 10.00 am **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Regulatory

Venue Committee Room 5, Ground Floor, Civic Centre

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Labour

Cllr Keith Inston

Conservative

Cllr Jane Stevenson

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
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2	Declarations of interest
3	Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7EA (Pages 3 - 40)

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Statutory Licensing Sub - Committee

16 August 2019

Report title	Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7EA	
Wards affected	Bilston East	
Accountable director	Ross Cook, City Environment	
Originating service	Licensing Services	
Accountable employee	Debra Craner	Section Leader
	Tel	01902 556055
	Email	Debra.Craner@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Recommendation for decision:

1. The Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee is requested to consider an application for a review of a premises licence.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To submit for consideration an application for a review of a premises licence in respect of KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7EA

2.0 Background

2.1 The current premises licence is attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 Review Application

3.1 An application was received from Trading Standard on 02 July 2019 for a review of the premises licence in respect of KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7EA. The premises are situated in Bilston East ward and a location plan is attached at Appendix 2.

3.2 A copy of the review application is attached at Appendix 3. The review has been brought in support of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder licensing objective. Supporting evidence is detailed within the review application.

3.3 Representations have been received from the following:

- West Midlands Police
- Public Health
- Licensing Authority

These representations can be found at Appendices 4, 5 and 6.

3.4 The notice of review has been properly served on all the Responsible Authorities. The Council has complied with the legislative process and displayed the appropriate notice at the premises and on its website as required, when the application for review was made.

3.5 The applicant for review, the current premise licence holder, and those who have made representations have all been invited to attend the review hearing.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There is no fee for the application of a Review, and there are no financial implications arising from this report. The fees and charges in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 are set by the Secretary of State. This was noted by the Licensing Committee on 20 March 2019 [MK/19072019/M].

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended states that a responsible authority or any other person may apply to the relevant Licensing Authority for a review of a licence.

5.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee when determining an application for review, pursuant to Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 has power to take any of the following steps (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the “licensing objectives” which are listed at 5.3.

- (a) Modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- (c) Remove the designated premises supervisor;
- (d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months;
- (e) Revoke the licence.

5.3 The four licensing objectives are:

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

5.4 In addition, regard shall be had to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Wolverhampton City Council’s Licensing Policy Statement [JB/08082019/A].

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications associated with this report

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications associated with this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Licensing Act 2003
S182 Guidance issued under the above Act.
City of Wolverhampton Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy.

11.0 Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 - Premises Licence

- 11.2 Appendix 2 - Location Plan
- 11.3 Appendix 3 – Review application
- 11.4 Appendix 4 – West Midlands Police
- 11.5 Appendix 5 – Public Health
- 11.6 Appendix 6 – Licensing Authority

Premises Licence

Issued in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003

Name of Premises: KS News

Address of Premises: 120 Oxford Street
Bilston
West Midlands
WV14 7DZ

Premises Licence Number: 16/08705/PRE – Variation of Premises DPS

Date Licence Granted: 6th December 2016

1. Opening hours of the premises

Normal Hours: Monday to Saturday 0800 to 2300 hours
Sunday 1000 to 2230 hours

Seasonal Variations: None

Non Standard Hours: Good Friday 0800 to 2230 hours
Christmas Day 1200 to 1500 hours and 1900 to 2230 hours

2. Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of these activities

Activity: Sale/Supply of alcohol off the premises

Normal Hours: Monday to Saturday 0800 to 2300 hours
Sunday 1000 to 2230 hours

Seasonal Variations: None

Non Standard Hours: Good Friday 0800 to 2230 hours
Christmas Day 1200 to 1500 hours and 1900 to 2230 hours

3. Name of the designated premises supervisor if the sale of alcohol is involved

Karanveer Singh
Personal Licence Number 9857/1
Issued by Birmingham City Council

4. Is access to the premises by children restricted or prohibited

Provision only as prohibited or restricted under the Licensing Act 2003

5. Name, (registered) address of the holder of the premises licence

Karanveer Singh
102 Lozells Road
Birmingham
B19 2TB

Mandatory conditions as required by the Act will apply to the licence.

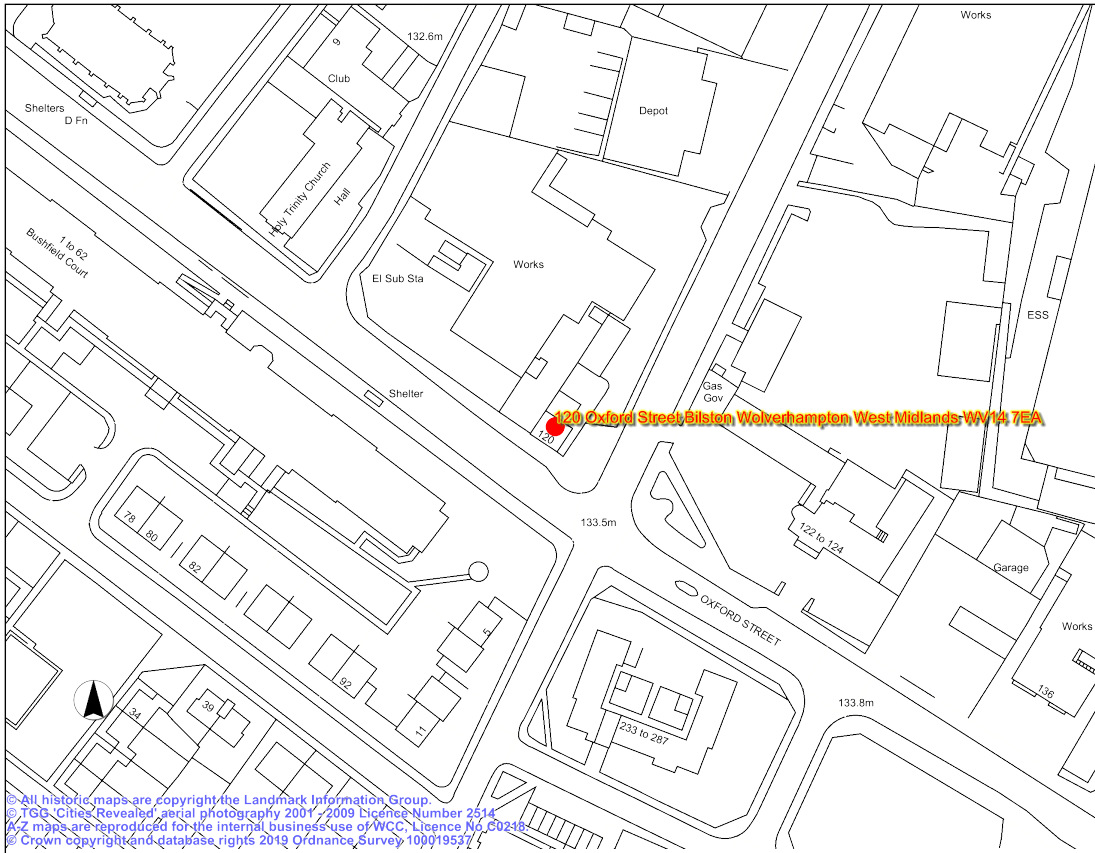
It is the responsibility of the Premises Licence Holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor to ensure that they are conversant and compliant with all current mandatory conditions in relation the Licensing Act 2003.

Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

The embedded conditions under Section 60,63 & 86 of the Licensing Act 1964 carry over from the Justices Off-Licence as converted under the Licensing Act 2003.

Plans

As submitted with application dated 15th July 2005 and retained by Wolverhampton City Council



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*KS News, 120 Oxford
Street, Wolverhampton,
WV14 7EA*

Wolverhampton City Council
Asset Management
Civic Centre
St Peters Square
Wolverhampton
WV1 1RL

Plan Produced
6.8.2019
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02 July 2019

Responsible Authorities Forum



Dear Sirs,

Review Notice: 16/08705/PRE *16/08705/PRE*

Licensing Act 2003:

I am writing to you as a Responsible Authority to inform you that the Trading Standards Service is requesting the City of Wolverhampton Council to review the Premises Licence for K S News.

This follows:-

- The seizure on the 15 February 2019, of 9860 illegal cigarettes sticks (493 packets of 20), and 969 Sildenafil Citrate tablets, a pharmacy controlled drug, discovered on the premises of K S News and Off Licence, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton .

I have attached a copy of the Review Notice, seizure log and photographs. This notice outlines the reasons why this Service is asking for a review. The Review Notice will also be served on the Licensing Authority, as well as the other responsible authorities.

Yours faithfully



Dianne Slack
District Officer – Trading Standards
Public Protection
Direct: 01902 556063

Sensitivity: PROTECT

Email: Dianne.Slack@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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 DIANNE SLACK

(Insert name of applicant)

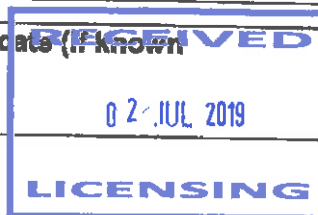
apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description KS News 120 Oxford Street Bilston	
Post town Wolverhampton	Post code (if known) WV14 7DZ

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Karanveer Singh

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 16/08705/PRE
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Dianne Slack Tobacco Control Officer Trading Standards Service City of Wolverhampton Council Civic Centre St Peters Square Wolverhampton WV1 1RP
Telephone number (if any) 01902 558063
E-mail address (optional) dianne.slack@wolverhampton.gov.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

The local weights and measures authority has "responsible authority" status under the Licensing Act 2003 by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005.

On the 8 December 2018 and 23 January 2019, City of Wolverhampton Council Trading Standards received information that illicit cigarettes and tobacco were being sold from K S News and Off Licence, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston. WV14 7EA.

On the 15 February 2019, officers from Trading Standards visited 120 Oxford Street with a Tobacco search dog. On this occasion 9860 cigarette sticks, equivalent to 493 packs were discovered behind the counter, and in a store room.

In addition, 969 Sildenafil Citrate 100mg tablets were discovered in blister packs behind the counter. Although not a classified drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (as amended); these products contain the same active ingredient as 'Viagra' used to treat erectile dysfunction and are classified as a pharmacy medicine. There were no patient instructions or warnings with the tablets. Sildenafil citrate tablets can have serious side effects. Subsequently on the 25 February 2019, KS News was issued with a written warning by the Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency. Pharmacy medicines such as Sildenafil Citrate may only be legally sold or supplied to the public through registered pharmacy premises, by or under the supervision of a pharmacist. KS News has not been given authorisation to sell such medicines and to continue is a breach of Regulation 255, 214 and 46 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012.

██████████, the manager, was present at the time of the inspection and gave

his address as [REDACTED]. The tobacco products were suspected of being counterfeit or non duty paid and were subsequently seized.

A traders notice was left with [REDACTED]. He was advised during the inspection that it was a criminal offence to possess, supply or sell counterfeit products or illicit tobacco products where those goods are marked as duty free or where UK duty has not been paid on those goods.

The seized goods included a large number of cigarettes known as 'foreign cheap whites', e.g. FEST, Minsk, and NZ which are foreign brands brought into the UK illegally specifically to be sold on the black market. English branded tobacco products such as KENT, that bore foreign warnings and labelling were seized because they breached UK regulations on packaging and labelling and were non UK DUTY paid. They were manufactured for other domestic markets. Investigations are ongoing as to whether some of the tobacco products are counterfeit too.

To knowingly keep or allow to be kept on relevant premises, goods such as cigarettes, which have been imported without payment of duty or which had otherwise been unlawfully imported is a criminal offence as per section 144 (1) and (3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Trading Standards has "responsible authority" status under the Licensing Act 2003. K S Stores, has engaged in activities which have breached a licensing objective namely the prevention of crime and disorder. The Home Office publishes guidance under section 182 of the 2003 Act and at 11.27 that guidance advises that the sale of contraband or counterfeit tobacco is activity that should be considered "particularly seriously." The guidance goes on to state that:

"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 suspension or revocation of the licence – even in the first instance should be seriously considered."

Additionally the sale of illicit tobacco:

- contributes to the shadow economy
- undermines the City's public health activity which aims to deter residents from smoking especially young people
- drives down the cost of tobacco thereby counteracting Central Government's attempts to use price as a disincentive.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)**

N/A

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

N/A

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

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

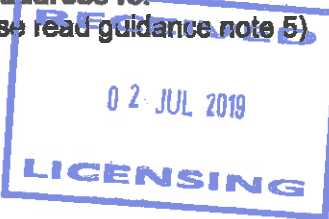
Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date 2 July 2019

Capacity Tobacco Control Officer: Trading Standards

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)	
	
Post town	Post Code
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

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

WOLVERHAMPTON TRADING STANDARDS - EVIDENCE STORAGE RECORD SHEET

Defendant: Ashoka Singh and Karanveer Singh KS News Oxford St	Officer in Charge of Case: Dianne Slack	Type of Evidence: Cigarettes, tobacco Hand Rolling, Viagra Re-counted and resealed 20 February 2019 by Dianne Slack.
Date Seized: 15 February 2019	Date Into Storage: 15 February 2019	
Case Reference: RS/18/54	Number of Bags/Boxes: 6	

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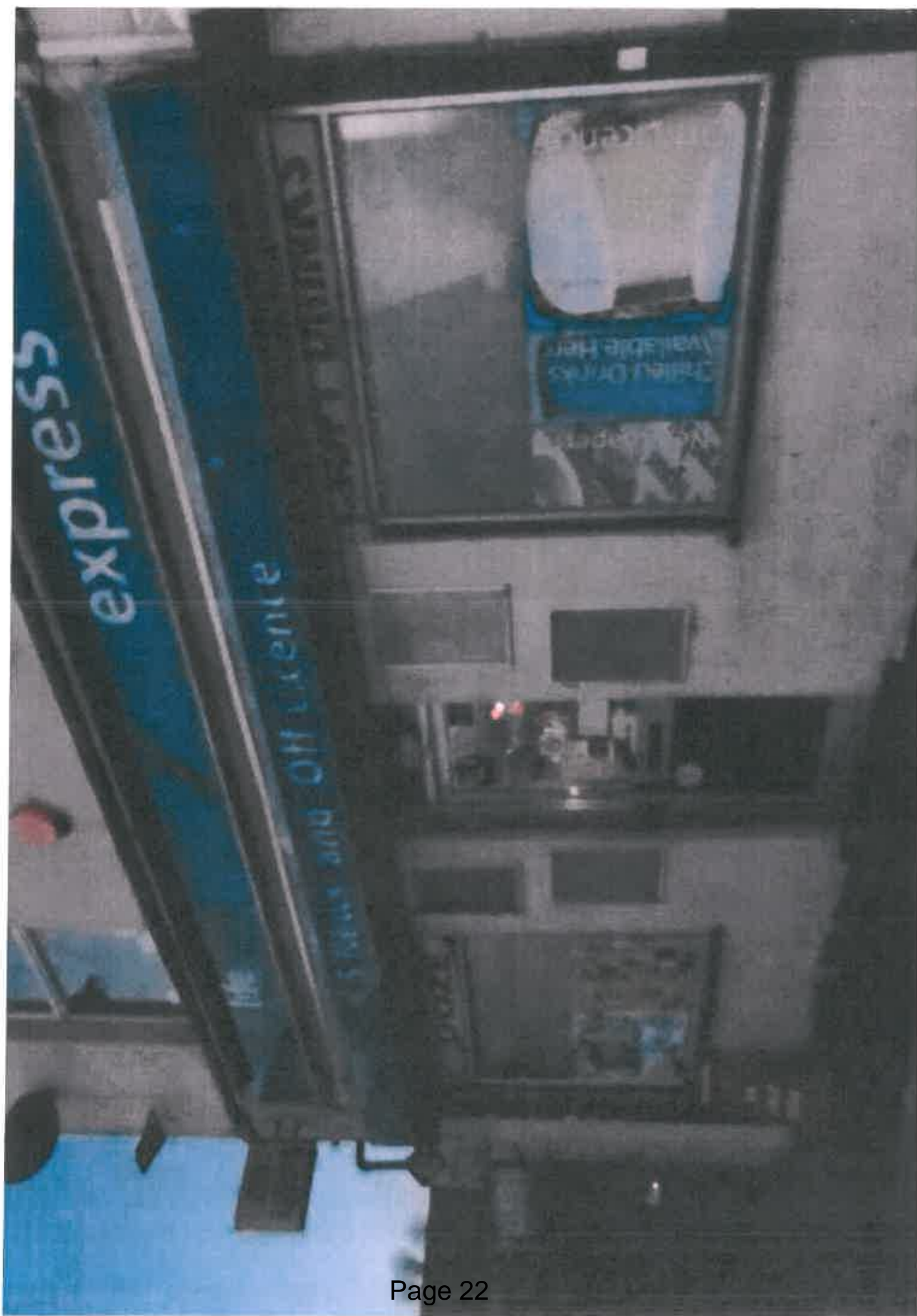
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00082394	DS/KS/A/2	L&M fine cut x 13 L&M Forward x 4 Kent Queen Meritrol Marlboro gold NZ Gold NZ10 Superking x1 Regal	Undemeath counter	280 80 80 180 140 40 280 20 140 1140	UK duty paid UK duty paid	Foreign Foreign Foreign Foreign Foreign Foreign English / old packaging English / old packaging	0523087					

WOLVERHAMPTON TRADING STANDARDS - EVIDENCE STORAGE RECORD SHEET

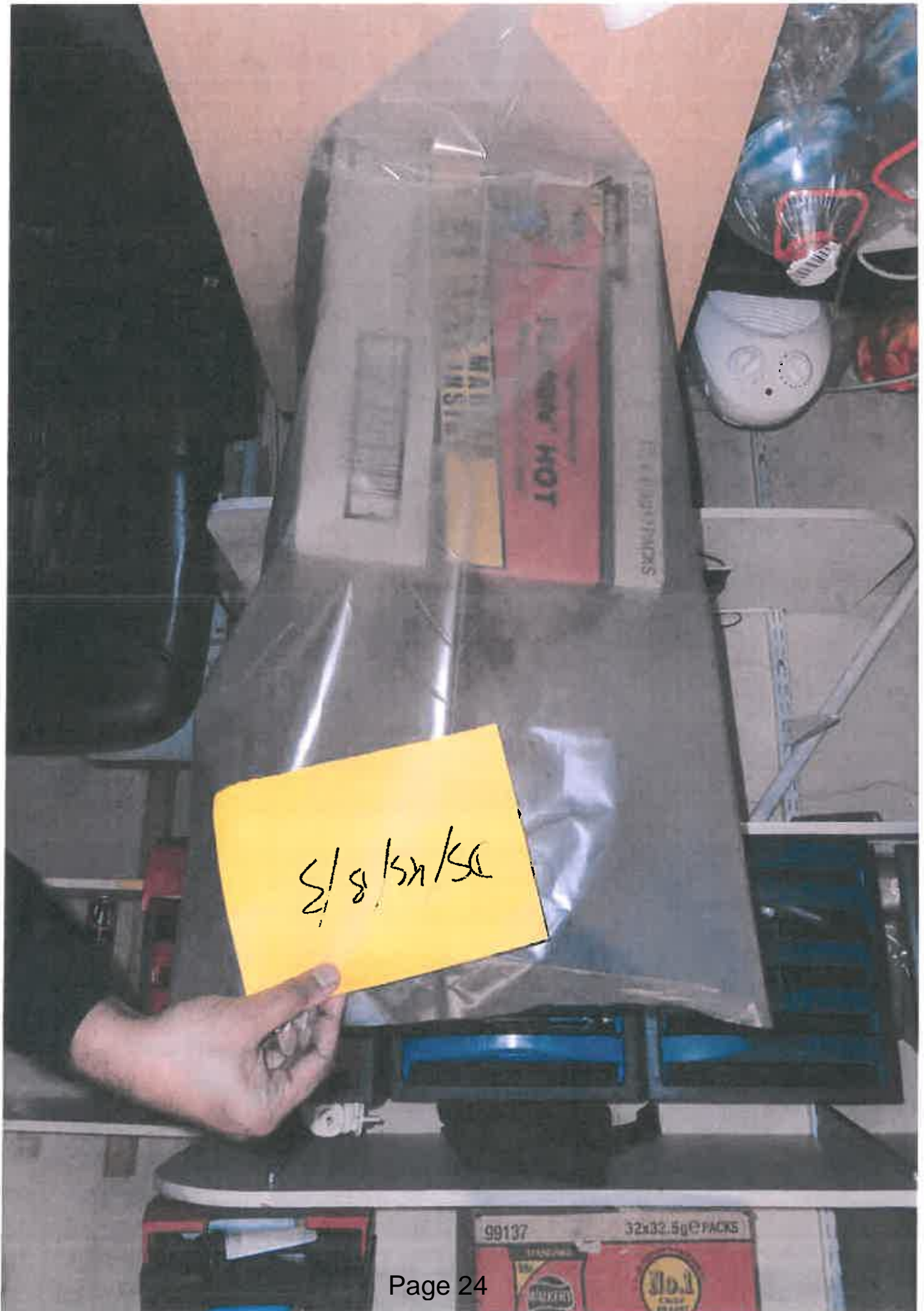
Original Seal	Bag Ref	Item/Description	Location Found	Quantity	Duty not paid	Markings	New Seal	Date Out	Destination	Date In	New Seal	Other
	DS/KS/A/3	Sildenafil Citrate 100mg tablets (Viagra)	On shelf, behind poppers. LHS of counter if facing it.	969		plasticfoil blister pack, manufactured in India by Alpha Pharmaceuticals, 41, New DLF Industrial Area, Faridabad - 121003, Mfg Llc. No.744-OSP.	0523160					
0523113	DS/KS/B/1	Minsk Capitol Fest Red x 34 NZ Gold NZ L&M Rothmans Regal Kingsize Regal Kent Richmond Marlboro Gold		1580 660 400 200 200 200 200 800 200 200 20 4680	uk duty pd/ dutyfree UK Duty paid	F F F F F F - 72128F8512111 Foreign English Foreign English -Counterfeit? Foreign	0523135					
0523016 P05884261	DS/KS/B/2	LD Impulse x 32		640		Foreign	n/a					
0523112	DS/KS/B/3	Richmond Fest Red	Monster Munch box	200 1880	UK Duty paid	English Foreign	0523159					
0523111	DS/KS/B/4	Chesterfield Red x 5 Marlboro Red x 2		2080 100 40 140	UK Duty but came up as red on cigarette scanner	Plain packs English	n/a					

TOTAL SEIZURES

Foreign, Counterfeit, non duty cigarettes = 9860 sticks!
Viagra = 969 tabs



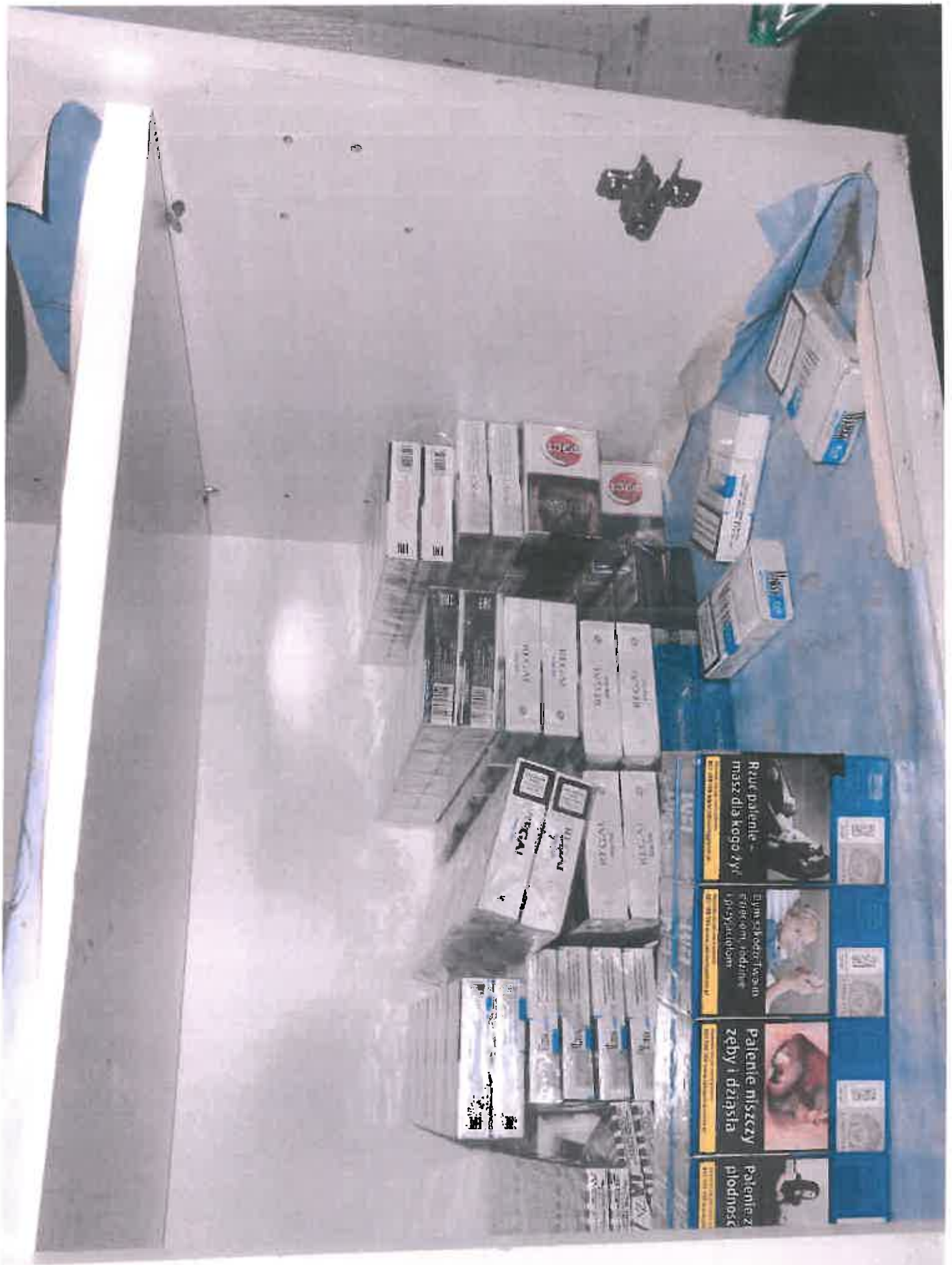














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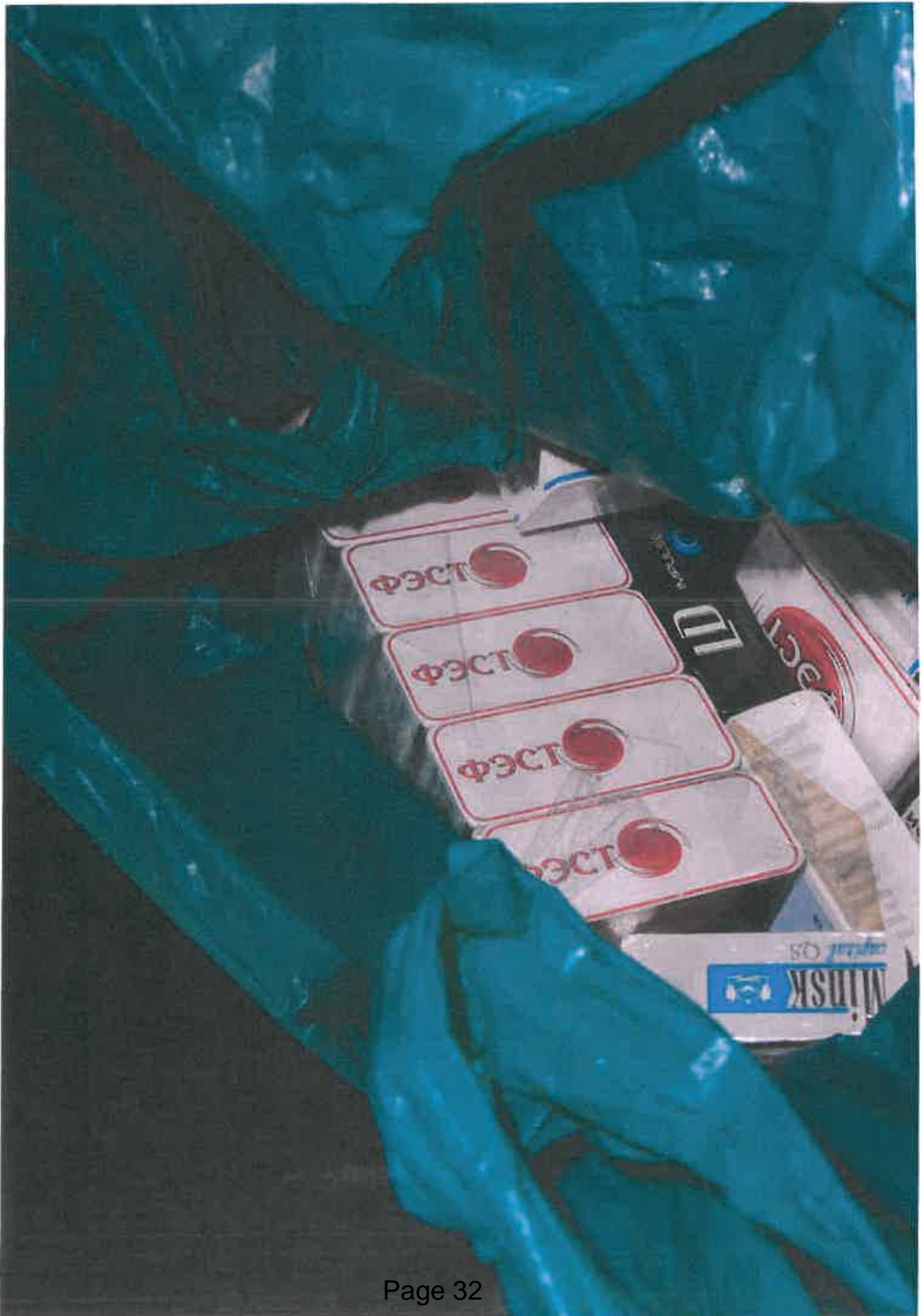
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RICHMOND

your



From: WV Licensing <wv_licensing@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 06 July 2019 07:21
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Premises Licence Review- PRE275- KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, WV14 7DZ

Licensing,

I have read this review application and support Trading Standards, another Responsible Authority in the review.

WMP are also a Responsible Authority and the evidence provided clearly shows that the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective has been seriously undermined.

The possession and sale of illicit tobacco and non prescribed drugs is an offence and should be dealt with as a serious matter in the first instance.

WMP would be seeking a revocation of the licence in the first instance

Regards,
Steph

[Redacted]

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Kully Bains-Sabharwal
Licensing Officer
City of Wolverhampton Council

22 July 2019

Dear Kully,

KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, WV14 7DZ – review of premises licence

Thank-you for your email dated 02/07/2019 in reference to the request made by Trading Standards to review the premises licence for KS News.

I have reviewed the documentation put forward by Trading Standards and would support the request to review the premises licence under the licensing objective of:

- The prevention of crime and disorder

Public Health have very serious concerns regarding the significant amount of illicit tobacco seized on 15 February 2019. As a Responsible Authority we would expect any business licensed to sell alcohol to act responsibly at all times and promote the key objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. Public Health is not reassured that the business is operating in adherence to the Licensing Act and therefore supports Trading Standards request to review the current licence.

I, or a suitable representative from Public Health, will be available to attend the hearing and provide further information as required.

Yours sincerely



Parpinder Singh
Senior Public Health Specialist

Direct: 01902 555475

Email: parpinder.singh@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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Mrs Debra Craner
Licensing Services
City of Wolverhampton Council
St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton
WV1 1SH

25 July 2019

Application for a review of a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003
KS News, 120 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7EA

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority. I write in support of the above review application made by Trading Standards Service. Representations are made against Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote these objectives.

The premises licence holder/DPS, Mr Karanveer Singh has not demonstrated he is operating in accordance with his premises licence and is therefore not promoting the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

The issues raised by trading standards relate to the possession, supply/sale of counterfeit/illicit cigarettes and tobacco at the premises. In addition, a quantity of Sildenafil commonly known as Viagra was also found on the premises. This shows blatant disregard to the licensing objectives by the premises licence holder/DPS.

If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises and are in breach of promoting the licensing objectives, the licensing authority would request the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed by considering modification of the current premises licence in accordance with section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and paragraphs 11.27 and 11.28 of guidance issued by the secretary of state under 182 of the Act together with City of Wolverhampton Councils Statement of Licensing Policy.

- "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 the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;
 - 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 employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;
 - for unlawful gambling; and
 - for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) 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.”

Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety that modification of the premises licence or suspension of the licence to ensure the current management of the premises fully understands their roles and responsibilities is not a suitable option and that there is no alternative but to revoke the licence.

The Licensing Authority fully supports the review application brought by Trading Standards Service and concludes the above issues should be resolved in order to promote the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

I shall be in attendance at the hearing should councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Moreton
Section Leader
On behalf of the Licensing Authority

Direct: 01902 552772
Email: licensing@wolverhampton.gov.uk

CC: Premises Licence Holder/DPS