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**To:** Licensing  
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**Subject:** RE: Premises Review - PRE669 Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR  
**Attachments:** Premises Review - PRE669 Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR.pdf

Dear Licensing,

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority to submit formal representations in support of the review applied for by the West Midlands Police, as a Responsible Authority, due to:

The premises licence holder and management have failing to uphold the licensing objective(s) of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and/or Protection of Children from Harm.

Please see attached letter of support for the review.

Amitabh Singh  
Section Leader  
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City of Wolverhampton Council



Debra Craner  
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30 September 2022

Your reference: PRE669

Dear Mrs Craner,

**Application for a review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003  
PRE669 - Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR**

I write on behalf of the Licencing Authority, as a responsible authority, in support of the above review application made by West Midlands Police. Representations are made in relation to the licensing objective of 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children from Harm and Public Safety' and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote and uphold these objective(s).

On 5 September 2009, West Midlands Police submitted an application to review the Premises Licence. The issues raised by West Midlands Police relate to **Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR.**

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr Baljit Batiya, as the evidence provided by West Midlands Police within their application indicates that they are not upholding the licensing objectives and therefore putting the public at risk.

The evidence shows that the licence holder is failing in their duties under The Licensing Act 2003 to uphold the four licensing objectives.

If Councillors are satisfied that the licence holder is failing in his duty under the Licensing Act 2003, in upholding the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority requests that the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed in accordance with Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under 182 of the Act, together with City of Wolverhampton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

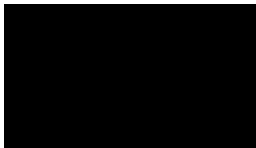
The Licensing Authority proposes that the following conditions be added to the premises licence:

- A digital CCTV system will be in place which covers entry/exit points of the premises and all areas where alcohol/money is served/taken, all areas where the public have access, the immediate vicinity outside the premises (and any area where searches are conducted). The system will be installed and maintained in working order at the premises during all times when the premises is open. The system's recorded images and video will be high definition, in colour, indicate the correct date and time and be kept for at least 31 days unedited. The footage will enable facial identification of every person entering the premises, in any light condition. At least one designated member of staff will be trained to use the CCTV system and be available to provide downloads upon request or, in any case, within 24 hours. Images and video will be downloadable in a suitable format and provided to any officer of a responsible authority upon request.
- An electronic or written incidents log will be maintained at the premises with a record of all incidents of crime and disorder reported to or by the premises; all ejections of patrons; any complaints received; seizures of fraudulent ID or other items; any faults in the CCTV system; any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service. The incidents log will be produced to an officer of a responsible authority upon request. Where a crime is believed to have been committed, the incident will be reported to the West Midlands Police. The incidents log will be kept for at least 12 months and will be produced to an officer of a responsible authority upon request.
- Any supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must be within a sealed container.
- Beer, cider and mixed drinks (such as cocktails and alcopops) are to be stocked and sold in multipacks of a minimum of four units or 1 litre. Multipacks must not be split.
- Sales of alcohol are not to include any super strength lagers, beers or ciders where strength exceeds 6.5% ABV (alcohol by volume).
- All customer-facing staff to receive training before their first shift when the premises is open to the public and refresher training every six months on their responsibilities with regard to licensing legislation, underage and proxy sales. Training will also cover Challenge 25, personal safety, conflict management, recognising signs of drunkenness, how to refuse service, the premises' duty of care, safe evacuation of the premises, company policies and reporting procedures, action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including the preservation of a crime scene and reporting an incident to the emergency services, and the conditions in force under this licence. This training must be documented and produced to an officer of a responsible authority upon request.
- An A4 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) notice, provided by the Licensing Authority will be displayed prominently on the premises, visible from outside of the premises.

- The Challenge 25 scheme will be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of 25 will provide documented proof that they are over 18 years of age. Proof of age will only comprise a passport, photocard driving licence, an EU/EEA national ID card or a card bearing the PASS hologram.
- An electronic or written refusals log will be maintained at the premises with a record of all refusals of admission or service, including the sale of alcohol. The refusals log will include the basis of a refusal; the person making the decision to refuse; the date and time of refusal. The refusals log will be kept for at least 12 months and will be produced to an officer of a responsible authority upon request.

The Licensing Authority fully supports the review application brought by West Midlands Police and concludes the above issues must be resolved in order to promote the licensing objectives. I shall be in attendance at the hearing, should Councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



**Amitabh Singh**  
**Section Leader - Licensing**  
**On behalf of the Licensing Authority**



CC: Baljit Batiya, Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor