From: Dianne Slack

Sent: 30 September 2022 17:02 **To:** Licensing; Anita Chonk

Cc:

Subject: RE: Premises Review - PRE669 Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre,

Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR

Dear Anita and Licensing,

I write on behalf of Trading Standards as a Responsible Authority to submit formal representations in support of the review applied for by the Licensing and Regulatory Officer for West Midlands Police in respect of;

The Newsagents 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR

Premises Licence Number: **16/05140/PREDPS**, under the licensing objectives, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

On the 4 August 2022, Trading Standards, inspected the above premises. Around the counter area and shelving, 116 electronic nicotine devices (Vapes) were discovered for sale or supply that either were believed to be incorrectly labelled, had incorrect health warnings or had nicotine tanks believed to be in excess of the legal limit of 2 ml. These are potential criminal offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 and the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016. The vapes were voluntarily surrendered for destruction by Mr Batiya.

All nicotine-inhaling vapes must be notified to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) before they can be sold in the UK. Any nicotine-containing vapes will not pass the notification procedure if they have too large a tank or too much nicotine. It is suspected that the illicit vapes found on the premises have been smuggled into the UK.

The application for review and the discovery of the above products illustrates that no regard has been considered for the said licensing objectives.

The premises licence holder and management have failed to uphold the licensing objective(s) of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, nor has consideration been given to protecting the public from illegal nicotine products.

Kind regards

Dianne Slack Tobacco Control Officer

City of Wolverhampton Council