

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE – 26TH FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION

REPORT REF. NO.

**APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE –
BETTER BUYS, 24-26 MOSS ROAD, STRETFORD, MANCHESTER, M32 0AH**

PURPOSE

To advise Members of an application for the Grant of a premises licence for Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0AH which has attracted representations from both Greater Manchester Police and Trafford Council Trading Standards and Licensing Enforcement.

OPTIONS

The Sub-Committee to take such steps as they consider necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives in accordance with the provisions of subsection 18(4) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Iain Veitch
Head of Public Protection

Further Information From:
Name: Jan Taylor
Licensing Officer
Extension: 4047

Proper Officer for the purposes of L.G.A 1972,S.100D
(background papers): Head of Public Protection

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Application and Operating Schedule (including layout of premises)
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- Appendix J – Extract of Trafford Council Licensing Policy 2011–2014: Crime & Disorder

1. Background



- 1.1 The premises known as Better Buys at 24-26 Moss Road, Stretford is a commercial premises and traded as an off licence having the benefit of Premises Licence PL000289 (**Appendix E**).
- 1.2 On 8th January, 2015, the Licensing section received an email from Trafford Finance and Benefits section advising of non-payment of annual maintenance fees (**Appendix C**).
- 1.3 Finance advised that the premises licence holder, a company known as A A Gabol, was listed at companies house as being dissolved. (**Appendix D**).
- 1.4 When a business holding a premises licence goes into liquidation, the premises licence will remain open for a period of 28 days before it is lapsed and the property becomes unlicensed.
- 1.5 The dissolution of A A Gabol occurred on 5th November, 2013 and no application had been received by Licensing to transfer the premises licence.
- 1.7 The premises had been carrying on trading in licensable activities without the benefit of a premises licence since that date.
- 1.6 A service request was issued by Licensing to Enforcement officers to visit the premises (**Appendix F**) and confirm who was trading and what licensable activities were being carried out if any.
- 1.7 Donna Grey, Enforcement Officer and Sally Edwards, Trading Standards Officer actioned the SRU and visited the premises on 9th January, 2015 and advised Mr Waqar Siddiqi to cease trading in alcohol and contact the Mr Stephen Bat at the Licensing Section immediately.

2. Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence.

- 2.1 On 9th January, 2015, the Licensing Section received an application from Mr Waqar Siddiqi for the grant of a premises licence for Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0AH. (**Appendix A**).

- 2.2 Mr Siddiqi also placed Temporary Event Notices totaling a period of 21 days, the total amount allowable for a premises under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.3 The application requests the granting of a premises licence for the Supply of Alcohol (OFF) the premises.
- 2.4 The hours requested for the licensable activities on the application are as follows:

Sale of Alcohol (OFF premises):
Monday to Sunday : 09.00 – 22.00
- 2.5 The applicant has complied with all requirements under the application process including advertising the application in a newspaper, advertising by way of public notice at the premises and submitting a copy of the complete application to all Responsible Authorities. The application is deemed to be correctly submitted.
- 2.6 The temporary event notice period has now elapsed and therefore no licensable activities are allowed at this premises at the current time.

3. Representations

- 3.1 On 5th February, 2015 a representation was received by the Licensing Section from P C Simon Collister, Divisional Licensing Officer, Greater Manchester Police. (**Appendix G**).
 - 3.1.1. The representation contains the statement of Detective Constable James Weatherhead (**Appendix G Addendum 1**)
 - 3.1.2. The representation contains the statement of Detective Constable Paul Yates (**Appendix G Addendum 2**)
 - 3.1.3. The above named officers were in attendance at the premises on 13th February, 2015 during a follow-up visit by Trading Standards and Enforcement.
- 3.2 On 6th February, 2015 a representation was received by the Licensing Section from Graeme Levy, Public Protection Manager, (Trading Standards), Trafford Council (**Appendix H**).
 - 3.2.1. The representation contains the statement and exhibits of Sally Edwards, Trading Standards Officer (**Appendix H Addendum 1**)
 - 3.2.2. The representation contains the statement and exhibits of Donna Grey, Enforcement Support Officer (**Appendix H Addendum 2**)
- 3.3 The representations are placed against the application under the Licensing Objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
- 3.4 The Members will be required to determine the relevance of the representations. When considering the relevance of the representations the Licensing Sub-Committee must apply three rules:

- i. the representation must be from a responsible authority or any other person;
- ii. it must not be repetitious, vexatious or frivolous; and
- iii. it must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives.

4. Licensing Objectives

4.1 The licensing objectives are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm

4.2 The Committee should have regard to the Council's own Licensing Policy relating to the licensing objectives and to the Secretary of State's Guidance. Extracts of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder are attached as **Appendices I & J**.

5. Options

5.1 The Sub-Committee to take such steps as they consider necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives in accordance with the provisions of subsection 18(4) of the Licensing Act 2003. The steps specified are:

5.1.1 To grant the licence subject to-

- Conditions consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and;
- Any mandatory conditions which must be included under the Licensing Act 2003

5.1.2 to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;

5.1.3 to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;

5.1.4 to reject the application.

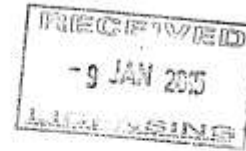
5.2 The Sub-Committee is advised that any findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability and any decision should be based on the individual merits of the application.

APPENDIX A1

APPLICATION AND OPERATING SCHEDULE (including premises layout)

PL055537

£190



Application for a premises licence to be granted 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.

Waqar Ahmed Siddiqui (Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 - Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description
BETTER Buys
24 - 26 Moss Road
Post town STRETFORD Post code M32 0AH

Telephone number at premises (if any)
Non-domestic rateable value of premises £12,250.

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as Please tick yes

- a) an individual or individuals * [checked] please complete section (A)
b) a person other than an individual *
i. as a limited company [] please complete section (B)
ii. as a partnership [] please complete section (B)

- iii. as an unincorporated association or please complete section (B)
- iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club please complete section (B)
- d) a charity please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

- Please tick yes
- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
 - I am making the application pursuant to a
 - statutory function or
 - a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)
Surname SIDDIQI		First names WAQAR AHMED		
I am 18 years old or over <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Please tick yes
Current postal address if different from premises address		FLAT 9 60 WHALLEY RD		
Post Town	MANCHESTER	Postcode	M16 8AH.	
Daytime contact telephone number		07588 869744		
E-mail address (optional)		WAQAR.S.SIDDIQI@GMAIL.COM.		

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)
Surname		First names		
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes
Current postal address if different from premises address				
Post Town		Postcode		
Daytime contact telephone number				
E-mail address (optional)				

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name
Address
Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	
			Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Mon				
Tue				
Wed			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note/5)		
Sat					
Sun					

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing</u>		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Off the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)					
Mon	9 am	10 pm						
Tue	9 am	10 pm						
Wed	9 am	10 pm						
Thur	9 am	10 pm						
Fri	9 am	10 pm						
Sat	9 am	10 pm						
Sun	9 am	10 pm						
						Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name	WAQAR AHMED SIDDIQI
Address	FLAT 9 60 WHALLEY RD MANCHESTER
Postcode	M16 8AH.
Personal Licence number (if known)	125449 125449
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	Manchester

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

N/A

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	7am		<p><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)</p>
		10pm	
Tue	7am		
		10pm	
Wed	7am		
		10pm	
Thur	7am		
		10pm	
Fri	7am		
		10pm	
Sat	7am		
		10pm	
Sun	7am		
		10pm	

M Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

8 CCTV CAMERAS ARE OPERATIONAL 24 HOURS PER DAY
RECORDINGS OF CCTV WILL BE KEPT FOR 10 DAYS
WILL LIAISE WITH G.M.P. IF ANY PROBLEMS

c) Public safety

NON SLIP MAT AT ENTRANCE
FIRE BLANKET ON PREMISES

d) The prevention of public nuisance

NO GANGS OF YOUTHS ALLOWED IN SHOP.

e) The protection of children from harm

CHALLENGE 25 POLICY IN PLACE.
REFUSALS LOG WILL BE KEPT.

Please tick yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- 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 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	x <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Date	x 9-1-14.
Capacity	OWNER.

For joint applications signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

Post town		Post code	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)			

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

.....
WAQAR AHMED SIDDIQI
.....
(name of applicant)

concerning the supply of alcohol at

.....
BETTER BUYS, 24-26 MOSS RD, STRETFORD M32 0AH.
.....
(name and address of premises to which the application relates)

I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence Number

.....
125449
.....
(insert personal licence number, if any)

Personal licence issuing authority

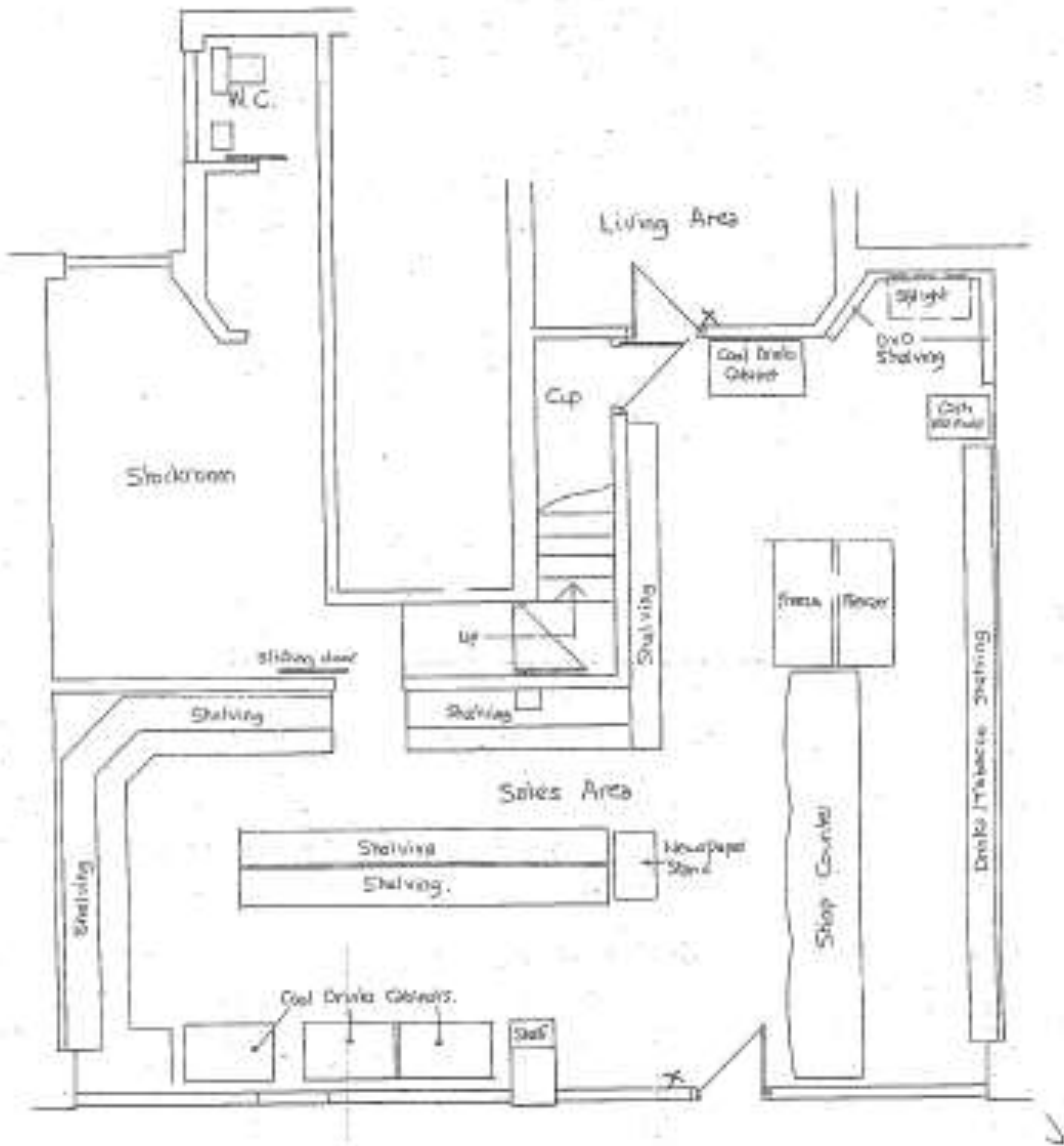
.....
MANCHESTER C.C.
.....
(insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any)

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x 
.....
Signed

.....
x WAQAR AHMED SIDDIQI
.....
Name

.....
x 9-1-15
.....
Date

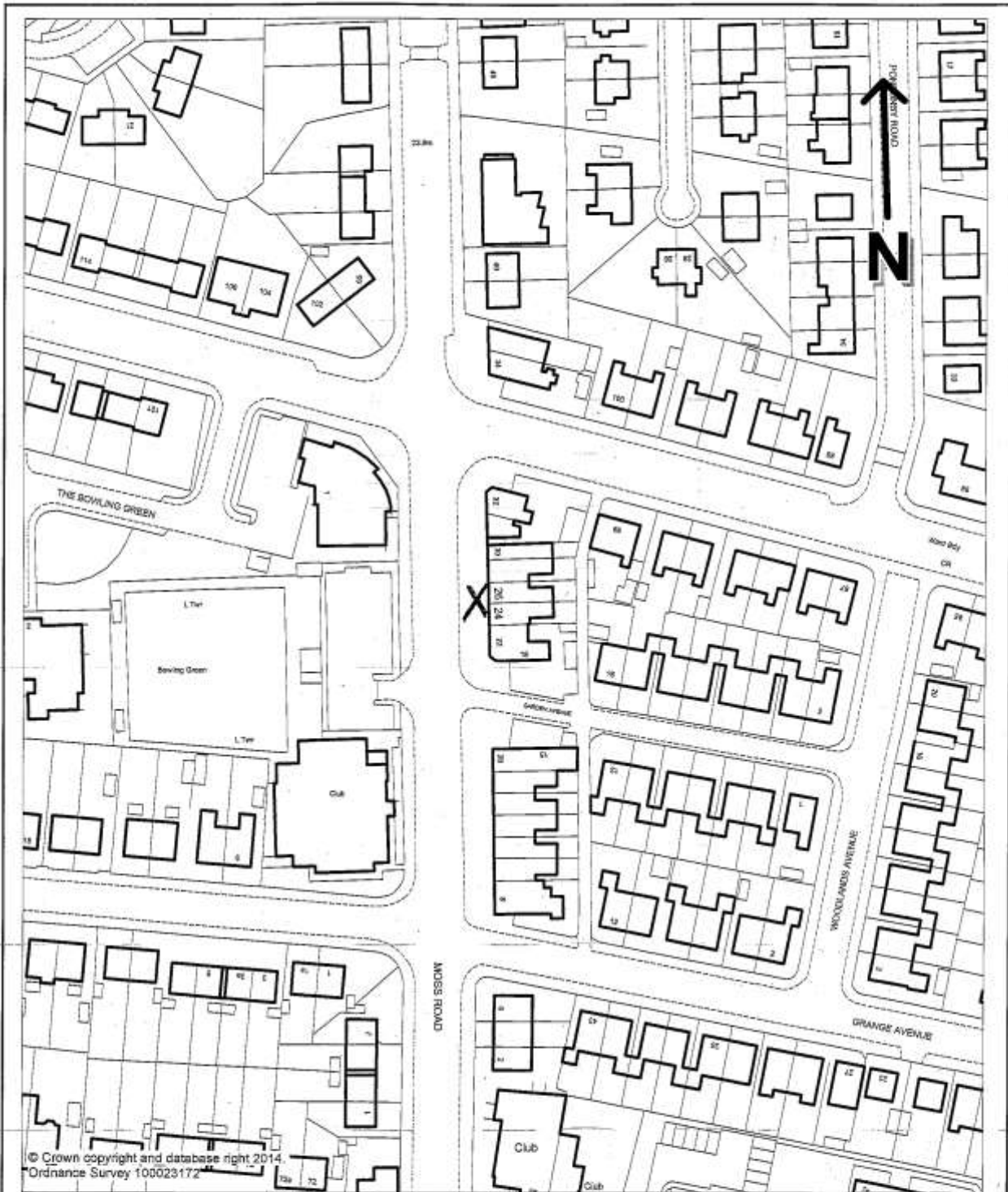
BETTER BUYS
PREMISES @ 24/26 MOSS ROAD, STRETFORD



GROUND FLOOR PLAN
Scale 1:50.

APPENDIX B

Site Location Plan



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 Ordnance Survey 100023172

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

24-26 MOSS ROAD
 STRETFORD M32 0AH

Scale 1/1250	Date Feb 15	File No.
Drawn KI		
Area (or thereabouts):		

APPENDIX C

Email from Finance regarding Outstanding Maintenance Fees

From: Parkinson, Mary
Sent: 08 January 2015 14:38
To: Bate, Stephen
Subject: 10275860- A A G Gabol Ltd - Invoice 1800202945

Hi Steve,

I am working on a report chasing o/s debt and came across the above account. Per Companies House register this company was dissolved 5/11/2013. Please can you check your records and let us know who should be invoiced for this licence.

Regards,

Mary Parkinson
Revenues & Benefits Support Officer
2nd Floor
Sale Waterside
Telephone 0161 912 2227
Fax 0161 912 2369

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APPENDIX D

**Extract –
Companies House Listing showing**

A A Gabol – Dissolved 05.11.2013



Companies House

Company Details

Name & Registered Office:

AAG GABOL LTD.
24-26 MOSS ROAD
STRETFORD
MANCHESTER
LANCASHIRE
M32 0AH

Company No. 06536098

Status: Dissolved 05/11/2013

Date of Incorporation: 17/03/2008

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Company Type: Private Limited Company

Nature of Business (SIC):

5212 - Other retail non-specialised stores

Accounting Reference Date: 31/03

Last Accounts Made Up To: 31/03/2011 (TOTAL EXEMPTION SMALL)

Next Accounts Due:

Last Return Made Up To: 17/03/2011

Next Return Due:

Mortgage: Number of charges: 1 (1 outstanding / 0 satisfied / 0 part satisfied)

Last Members List: 17/03/2011

Previous Names:

No previous name information has been recorded over the last 20 years.

UK Establishment Details

There are no UK Establishments associated with this company.

Overseas Company Info

There are no Overseas Details associated with this company.

APPENDIX E

LAPSED : Premises Licence PL000289

Premises Licence Holder : A A Gabol

Part 1 - Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION**Better Buys**

24-26 Moss Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0AH.

Telephone 0161 864 1613

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only	Monday to Saturday	8:00am	11:00pm
	Sunday	10:00am	10:30pm
	Good Friday	8:00am	10:30pm
	Christmas Day	Noon	3:00pm
	Christmas Day	7:00pm	10:30pm

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

Description	Time From	Time To
Monday to Saturday	8:00am	11:00pm
Sunday	10:00am	10:30pm
Good Friday	8:00am	10:30pm
Christmas Day	Noon	3:00pm
	7:00pm	10:30pm

WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

Licensing Act 2003

Premises Licence

PL000289

Part 2

NAME (REGISTERED), ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

AAG Gabol Limited

31 Park Road, Gatley, Stockport, SK8 4HW.
Telephone 07796 873 828

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

AAG Gabol Limited

6536098

NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORIZES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Raza Ali ABIDI

31 Park Road, Gatley, Stockport, SK8 4HW.
Telephone 07796 873 828

PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORIZES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. 4516

Issued by Stockport

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - MANDATORY CONDITIONS

Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during the following hours.

- On Weekdays, other than Christmas Day, 8.00am to 11.00pm
- On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 10.00am until 10.30pm.
- On Good Friday, 8.00am to 10.30pm
- On Christmas Day, 12.00noon to 3.00pm and 7.00pm to 10.30pm

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours the consumption of the alcohol on the premises;
- (b) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
- (c) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours the consumption of the alcohol on the premises by persons taking meals there if the alcohol was supplied for consumption as ancillary to meals;
- (d) consumption of alcohol on the premises or the taking of sale or supply of alcohol to any person residing in the licensed premises;
- (e) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the dispatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
- (f) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
- (g) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of

ANNEXES continued...

alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;

- (h) the taking of alcohol from the premises by a person residing there; or
- (i) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to any private friends of a person residing there who are bona fide entertained by him at his own expense, or the consumption of the alcohol by persons so supplied; or
- (j) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to persons employed there for the purposes of the business carried on by the holder of the licence, or the consumption of liquor so supplied, if the liquor is supplied at the expense of their employer or of the person carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -

- (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises, or
- (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

ANNEX 2 - CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE

None

ANNEX 3 - CONDITIONS ATTACHED AFTER A HEARING BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

None



Signature of Authorised Officer

Premises Licence Summary

PL000289

Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION**Better Buys**

24-26 Moss Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0AH.

Telephone 0161 864 1613

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only			
	Monday to Saturday	8:00am	11:00pm
	Sunday	10:00am	10:30pm
	Good Friday	8:00am	10:30pm
	Christmas Day	Noon	3:00pm
	Christmas Day	7:00pm	10:30pm

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

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WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

Licensing Act 2003

Premises Licence Summary

PL000289

NAME (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

AAG Gabol Limited

31 Park Road, Gatley, Stockport, SK8 4HW.

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER. FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

AAG Gabol Limited

6536098

NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Raza Ali ABIDI

STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED

APPENDIX F

**Service Request
from Licensing to Enforcement
requesting Site Visit**

SRU - Service Requests Update (TBC)

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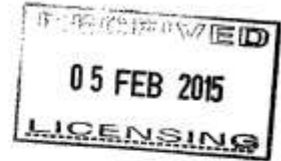
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APPENDIX G

Representation from Greater Manchester Police

REPRESENTATION FORM
Licensing Act 2003



Your Name	PC Simon Collister
Responsible Authority	Greater Manchester Police
Job Title	Divisional Licensing Officer
Date submitted	5 th February 2015
Postal address and email address	Stretford Police Station Talbot Road Old Trafford M32 0XB
Contact Telephone Number	0161 856 7869 (mobile 07919 545 124)

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Better Buys
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	24 – 26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives below. Please state yes or no.	Yes or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.
The prevention of crime and disorder.	yes	
Public Safety	no	
The prevention of public nuisance	no	
The protection of children from harm	no	

N.B if you do make representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal proceedings.

Signed:

Date:

The following representation is submitted by PC 7318 Simon Collister in his capacity as representing Greater Manchester Police as Licensing Officer authorised by Superintendent James Liggett.

Greater Manchester Police in capacity as "Responsible Authority" under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 hereby give notice to Trafford Borough Council Licensing Section, their representation to a Premises License being granted to the above named premises.

This is an initial representation for consideration; further evidence will be supplied to the Licensing Authority at any future hearings.

The reasons for the objection are as follows: -

Crime and Disorder

Police have been recently informed by Trafford Council Licensing that the above Premises has been operation and selling alcohol for some considerable time without having a premises licence.

When it was identified that the premises was operating without a premises licence Mr Waqar Ahmed Siddiqi applied for a number of Temporary Event Licences to enable the premises to operate whilst the application for a premises licence is being considered.

On 13th January 2015 Police Officers from Operation Bank and Trafford Council Trading Standards Officers carried out a joint enforcement visit to the premises.

On attending they found a male Raja Imran DOB 02/09/1978 to be in charge of the premises. It was noted that in the fridges in the shop area was alcohol, however the alcohol was covered and appeared not to be on sale to the public at that time.

There was an unsecured store room at the rear of the premises where various alcohol products were being stored.

There were also several boxes of wine. The wine was on sale for less than the cost price. This wine was seized by Trading Standards and it is suspected that no duty had been paid on this wine.

Cash on the premises was not secure and there were a number of different boxes behind the till which contained money. It was clear that transactions made in the shop were not going through a monitored till and that clearly VAT would not be being paid at the standard rate.

On checking the premises two males were found to be asleep upstairs. At this time Raja Imran made off on foot from the shop. After a short Police foot chase he was detained. Subsequent Immigration checks show that Imran visa had expired in April 2010 and was in the UK illegally.

The owner of the shop was contacted, the poor management practices of the shop, the fact there was none duty paid alcohol and that he was employing illegal immigrants was pointed out to him. His explanation of this was concerning.

There are on-going investigations however at this stage it would appear that there are a number of criminal and immigration offences at these premises.

The Police will submit further evidence at any forthcoming Licensing Hearing that will show that a premises licence should not be granted and that Waqar Siddiqi is not a fit and proper person to manage a licensed premise.

Greater Manchester Police submit this representation requesting that consideration is given to this application not being granted by the Licensing Committee.

PC Simon Collister



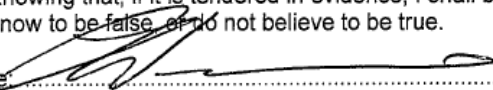
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APPENDIX G

ADDENDUM 1

Statement :

Detective Constable James Weatherhead

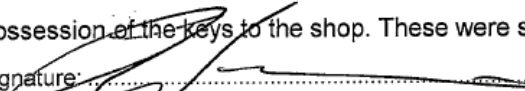
WITNESS STATEMENT			
CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1			
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Statement of: James Weatherhead			
Age if under 18: O18		(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Detective Constable	
This statement (consisting of pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.			
Signature: 		Date: 12/02/2015	
Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> (supply witness details on last page)			

I am Detective Constable 12804 Weatherhead of Greater Manchester Police currently stationed at Stretford Police Station.

On Tuesday the 13th of January 2015 I was on duty in plain clothes and in company with DC 13037 Yates, Sally Edwards of Trafford Trading Standards and Donna Grey of Trafford Council when we conducted an unannounced visit to Better Buys, Moss Lane, Stretford.

On entering the shop there was a counter to my right hand side behind which was a male who later identified himself as Raja Imran 2/9/78. Mr Imran was the only member of staff on the premises. Directly opposite the entrance was an open doorway into a storeroom / office area with another (again open) door leading to a storeroom on the left side of the rear wall. Both of these storerooms contained numerous alcohol products including wine, beer and spirits. There were alcohol items on shelves within the store however they were covered up and presumably not being offered for sale.

Whilst Sally Edwards and Donna Grey made enquiries with Mr Imran I made my way up a staircase in the storeroom which lead to a landing area off which there were three bedrooms. Two of these rooms were occupied whilst the other had two beds in which had obviously been slept in recently. As I conducted checks on the two males upstairs in the address I heard a shout from downstairs which DC Yates went downstairs to check on. I then heard over my personal radio that DC Yates was now chasing Imran after he had made off from the shop and I left the shop to assist. Imran was detained after a foot chase and found to have an expired Visa (since 2010) and he was arrested and passed to UKBA for processing. On arrest Mr Imran was in possession of the keys to the shop. These were seized in order to return them to the premises.

Signature:  Signature witnessed by:

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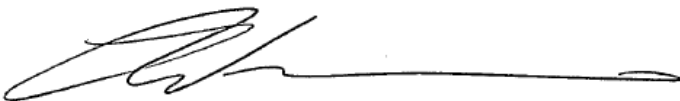
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I returned to the store where a male who identified himself as the owner – Waqar Siddiqi 13/12/1964 – had arrived and was speaking to Trading Standards. I returned the keys to him and he signed my pocket notebook to accept them.

When asked about Mr Imran Mr Siddiqi stated that he had only worked for him for a short time and that he had checked all his documents before employing him. When asked for these documents Mr Siddiqi informed me that they were at his house rather than in the office at the shop. I asked Mr Siddiqi about the males sleeping upstairs and he told me he did not know who they were but that they were friends of Mr Imran's. I pointed out to him that he should really have knowledge of who was living on the premises.

Whilst checking the premises there were a number of other concerns identified. The shop has an electronic point of sale till however there were also several tupperwares containing varying amounts of cash – one bundle looked like several hundred pounds. When asked Mr Siddiqi told me that the larger amount was his rent whilst the others were for specific items such as phone cards. When I asked him why these were not put through the till he could not offer any real explanation except that he thought it was better as it kept certain things separate. When I pointed out that it seemed to me like a method of concealing the true revenue of the shop he said told me that the money in the tupperwares was not for VATable products. I then explained the security risk of having large amounts of cash loose and unsecured behind the counter – especially as he was employing illegal workers, having people staying on the premises who he did not know and that for at least 10 minutes that morning the shop had been left unattended whilst Imran ran away from the police. Mr Siddiqi then agreed to at least keep the rent money in the safe (which was in the unsecured rear storeroom).

The inspection of the premises also located numerous boxes of wine which was seized as being suspected of being non-duty paid. The price at which Mr Siddiqi was planning to offer this for sale was below the expected cost price for the product if obtained through legitimate channels (and indeed below the cost price on the purchase order he produced to Trading Standards to prove he had bought this legitimately).



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In my opinion the manner in which this shop is being operated is not consistent with properly discharging the obligations of a Premises License holder / Designated Premises Supervisor – both stock and proceeds were not properly secured. The owner did not know who was on his premises (residents) and had left the shop in the sole charge of a male not entitled to live or work in the UK (casting doubts on his management) and he was selling stock not obtained through the proper channels and without the proper duty paid.

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APPENDIX G

ADDENDUM 2

Statement :

Detective Constable Paul Yates

RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

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Statement of: Paul YATES

Age if under 18: 0'18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Date: 13th January 2015Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on last page)

I am Detective Constable 13037 Paul YATES of Greater Manchester Police currently stationed at Stretford Police Station based within Operation Bank.

On Tuesday 13th January 2014 at approximately 09:45hrs Better Buys 24-26 Moss Road, Stretford with DC 12804 WEATHERHEAD along with Donna GREY and Sally EDWARDS from Trafford Trading Standards who were conducting a check at the shop in relation to the sale of alcohol.

On entering the shop there was a male stood behind the counter. He informed us that he was the only person working in the shop but that there were two people upstairs. The male who I now know to be Raja Mohammed IMRAN D.O.B. 02-09-1978 remained downstairs with trading standards and was on the phone trying to contact his boss.

I have gone upstairs to check for any other persons that may be up there, whilst speaking to the males Sally shouted to say that the male had disappeared from the shop floor. I have gone back downstairs and out of the shop, initially there was no sign of IMRAN. I have gone out of the shop and turned up Garden Avenue and cut through an alley onto Grange Avenue. On doing this I noticed IMRAN walking up Grange Avenue near the junction with Melbourne Avenue, he made off after turning around and seeing me.

I have then chased IMRAN on foot with him refusing to stop despite repeated requests. I finally detained him in the rear garden of 32 Strathmere Avenue. He was detained in order to conduct checks on his status in the UK and informed us that his Visa had expired.

It was confirmed with Dallas Court his Visa had expired in April 2010 and he was an over stayer, upon being told this information he was informed that he was under arrest for being an over stayer and cautioned to which he made no reply. He was then transported to Pendleton Custody Office where his detention was authorised. It was also noted on arrest that IMRAN was not wearing any shoes or socks.

A set of keys were found on his person, these keys were retained and taken back to the shop. They have been confirmed as being the keys to better buys. On returning to the shop the owner Waqar SIDDIQI D.O.B. 13-12-1964 of Flat 9, 60 Whalley Road, Whalley Range was present, he also confirmed that the keys were for the shop and signed the Pocket Note Book of DC WEATHERHEAD for the return of them. He stated that IMRAN had only worked for him for a few months and that he had done all the relevant checks, he also stated that he

Signature: 

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement of: Paul YATES

had a copy of his passport and I.D. at home and that IMRAN's originals should be in his wallet. A search was conducted of the room at above the shop that IMRAN was sleeping and nothing was found.

Two diaries where found on the shop counter these appear to have details of the employees and wages paid. One of them is IMRAN and he is in the diary as far back as January 2014, SIDDIQI could not explain this.

At 11:00hrs that same day I seized these diaries and exhibit them as PY/1, these items booked into the property system at Stretford Police Station (Property Ref MM/003870/15) and have been left with the statement at Pendleton Custody Office for the UKBA officers dealing.

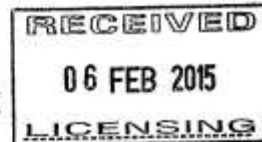
 Paul Yates

APPENDIX H

Representation from Trafford Council

Trading Standards and Enforcement

LICENSING ACT 2003 – Representation by a Responsible Authority



Submitted by - Graeme Levy, Public Protection Manager (Trading Standards), Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures

Applicant - Waqar Ahmed Siddiqi

Premises - Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road, Stretford, Manchester M24 0AH

Submission

The statements in Appendix 1 and 2 outline the dealings that Trading Standards have recently had with the applicant's business and which give rise to this submission.

In brief, recent visits to the premises and associated investigations appear to confirm the following

- that for some considerable time unlicensed sales of alcohol have taken place at the premises
- that the business has been stocking, and presumably supplying, sales of illicit alcohol, namely bottles of wine for which the relevant duty has not been paid
- that the business has been involved in the employment of people who currently do not have the relevant permission to work in the U.K., one such member of staff had been living at the premises

The business, which has been under Mr Siddiqi's direct control, has been involved in activity in breach of regulatory controls and immigration laws. On this basis it is submitted that the granting of a licence to Mr Siddiqi at this time would be contrary to the licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 and in particular the "prevention of crime and disorder".

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Graeme Levy – Public Protection Manager (Trading Standards)

Appendix 1 Statement of Sally Edwards, Trading Standards Officer

Appendix 2 Statement of Donna Grey, Enforcement Support Officer

APPENDIX H

ADDENDUM 1

Statement & Exhibits :

Sally Edwards

Trading Standards Officer, Trafford Council

Witness: Sally-Anne Edwards
1st Statement of Witness
Exhibits: SAE/01-SAE/06
Dated: 28/01/2015

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SALLY-ANNE EDWARDS

1. I, Sally-Anne Edwards, am employed as a Trading Standards Officer by Trafford Council and my work address is Trafford Trading Standards Department, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 0TH. I make this statement in support to representations being made to Trafford's Licensing Committee in relation to the application made by Waqar Ahmed Siddiqi for the premises Better Buys 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH. The matters set out below are within my own knowledge, except where I indicate to the contrary.
2. On 9th January 2015 I was asked by my colleague Donna Grey, Enforcement Support Officer for Trafford Council, to accompany her on a visit to the premises of Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH to see if the business was still trading and if they were offering alcohol for sale as the premises licence had lapsed and had not been renewed for over a year.
3. At approximately 13.00 hrs. we arrived at the premises and discovered the shop open. We entered the premises and introduced ourselves to the male behind the counter who I now know to be Waqar Siddiqi. Mr Siddiqi claimed he was the owner of the business. Donna explained the reason for our visit and Mr Siddiqi then presented us with a demand for payment from Trafford Council dated November 2014. When asked why it hadn't been paid, he said he needed to talk to his brother
4. Donna then explained that as the fee had not been paid and was overdue for the year, they were currently trading without a licence and all alcohol sales must stop with immediate effect until the bill had been paid. Mr Siddiqi stated he would pay the bill. Donna reiterated that the bill must be paid that day and no sales of alcohol could take place until the bill was paid in full. Mr Siddiqi stated he would phone and pay there and then over the phone.
5. Mr Siddiqi then contacted Steven Bate, Senior Licensing Officer at Trafford Council by telephone and requested to pay his bill. Steven Bate informed Mr Siddiqi the bill could not be paid and Mr Siddiqi handed the phone over to Donna. After the conversation Donna handed the phone back to Mr Siddiqi and explained that as the licence

was held in a Limited Company name of AAG Gabol Limited which had been dissolved in 2013, the premises was not licensed for the sale of alcohol and all alcohol must be removed from sale with immediate effect.

6. Donna and I then moved towards the shelving which was displaying alcohol and Mr Siddiqi came from behind the counter to intervene stating he would go to the Council and apply for a new licence. Donna explained that a new application for licence would be at least 28 days from application and until granted the sale of alcohol was not permitted. Mr Siddiqi stated he would shut the shop and go immediately. Whilst discussions were taking place between Donna and Mr Siddiqi I noticed a shelf full of Italian wine priced at £2.99 a bottle or 2 for £5.00. In my experience and role in enforcement against illicit goods I suspected the wine to be smuggled, non-duty paid as the duty for a bottle of wine is currently set at £2.05 plus VAT.
7. Donna then asked to see the storeroom to ascertain how much alcohol was on the premises. I followed Donna and Mr Siddiqi to the store room where I noticed a further 14 boxes of the Italian wine. I then photographed the boxes in situ and now produce as exhibit SAE/01 a photograph of the boxes of wine within the storeroom. Donna asked Mr Siddiqi where his fire exit was which he stated was in another area of the shop. Donna proceeded with Mr Siddiqi to the area but Mr Siddiqi was reluctant to allow Donna access to the fire escape. Donna proceeded through the closed door and I saw a male wearing pyjamas sat in a living room. Whilst Donna was in the other room I took a photograph of the wine displayed for sale with the price labels. I now produce this photograph as exhibit SAE/02.
8. Donna and Mr Siddiqi returned to the shop area and Donna issued Mr Siddiqi with an inspection report form which clearly stated no alcohol sales were to be made. Mr Siddiqi stated he was closing the shop and coming into the Council immediately to make a new application. We left the shop at approximately 13.30 and returned to Trafford Town Hall.
9. On arriving back at Trafford Town Hall Donna and I met with Steven Bate and advised him of our findings and concerns in relation to the illicit alcohol and potential illegal immigrants living on the premises. Steven stated he would deal personally with Mr Siddiqi if he came in to apply for a license. Mr Siddiqi arrived at the Town Hall approximately half an hour after our return and Steven Bate met with Mr Siddiqi in reception.
10. When Steven Bate returned to the licensing section he informed Donna and myself that Mr Siddiqi had applied for a new premises licence which may be granted after 28 days. He also advised that 3 Temporary Event Notices had been issued but would not come into force until Saturday 17th January 2015 and until that date no alcohol

could be sold. Steven stated that he had informed Mr Siddiqi that no alcohol was to be sold before that date.

11. Donna and I agreed that the premises needed to be revisited before the TENs notice comes into force and due to our concerns I contacted DC Paul Yates of Greater Manchester Police to see if they would be able to assist in a visit to the premises. It was agreed that we would go to the premises on Tuesday 13th January 2015.
12. On Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 9.45am myself, Donna, DC Paul Yates and DC James Weatherhead arrived at Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH and entered the shop. I introduced myself to the Asian male behind the counter and asked if Mr Siddiqi was present. The male responded he would phone him and rang straight away from his mobile phone. We began to check out the whole area of the shop and alcohol had been removed from the main area but some was still on the shop floor but covered by a screen. There was a bike in the shop and I asked the male who it belonged to and he stated it was his.
13. DC Yates and Weatherhead went upstairs to search the living quarters where 2 men were sleeping. Donna and I remained downstairs and began to question the male who was behind the counter. He seemed edgy and kept using his phone to make calls and was talking to someone on the other end. Whilst I was heading to the stockroom I heard Donna ask the male his name but he did not reply. Donna then asked him if he had any ID to which he replied he would go and get it. I then heard the alarm for the shop door and when I turned around I could not see the male. I then asked Donna where he had gone and she said he had gone to his car to get ID. I then told Donna that he had told me the bike was his. We both went outside and could not see the male anywhere. I then returned to the shop and shouted upstairs to DC Yates to ask if the male had passed him, to which he replied no. I then informed him that the male had left the shop. DC Yates came downstairs and left the shop in search of the male.
14. Approximately 3 minutes later DC Weatherhead came downstairs and stated that he had to go and help DC Yates and that there were 2 further males upstairs but they had been told to remain upstairs until the police returned. Donna then stood at the door to prevent any customers from coming into the shop. We both then decided to see if there were any keys behind the counter so we could secure the shop. Donna went behind the counter and informed me that there was a large quantity of cash loose in various areas behind the counter. I then joined Donna behind the counter and noticed at least 5 different piles of money under the counter. Donna then filmed the area to show where the money was and it remained untouched.
15. I then received a telephone call from DC Weatherhead who was checking that we were ok alone in the shop and to inform us that the

male had been detained and was currently under arrest and they would return to the shop once a van had arrived for the defendant.

16. Mr Siddiqi then arrived at the shop and Donna informed him the reason for our visit and what had happened since our arrival. Mr Siddiqi stated that the male was called Imran Raja and he was from Pakistan and had been working in the shop for 5 or 6 months from Monday to Friday 7am until 12pm and 6pm until 10pm. I then asked if Mr Raja lived on the premises to which Mr Siddiqi replied no. We then informed Mr Siddiqi that Mr Raja had been arrested and was an illegal over stayer. Mr Siddiqi stated that he had carried out all checks and Mr Raja was allowed to work in the UK. Mr Siddiqi stated he had copies of the paperwork but they were not at the shop
17. I asked Mr Siddiqi again if Mr Raja lived at the shop and he replied no. I then asked him about the other 2 males who were upstairs and Mr Siddiqi claimed they were just friends of his visiting for a few days. Donna reiterated to Mr Siddiqi that the fact an employee had been found on the premises and arrested for being an illegal immigrant after running away from the shop may affect the granting of the premises licence and if it is proven that he has been lying to officers, then that would not reflect well on his character. Mr Siddiqi then confirmed Mr Raja and the other 2 males did live on the premises.
18. DC Yates and Weatherhead then returned to the shop and introduced themselves to Mr Siddiqi and advised him they needed information in relation to Mr Raja. Mr Siddiqi stated that the documents were at home. Donna then pointed out to DC Weatherhead our concerns in relation to the large quantity of loose money that we had witnessed under the counter and DC Weatherhead followed Donna behind the counter. DC Weatherhead then began to question Mr Siddiqi in relation to the large quantities of money under the counter. Mr Siddiqi claimed they were for lottery, Pay Point, mobile top ups, milk and rent. DC Weatherhead then asked Mr Siddiqi why the money was not in the till to which Mr Siddiqi responded that those items did not go through the till.
19. DC Weatherhead then discovered a further large amount of money and asked Mr Siddiqi why it was hidden behind a kick board behind the counter. Mr Siddiqi stated it was the previous night's takings. DC Weatherhead then asked did the shop have a safe to which Mr Siddiqi replied that it did. DC Weatherhead then instructed Mr Siddiqi to place all of the money in the safe. Mr Siddiqi took the money and disappeared into the storeroom.
20. When Mr Siddiqi returned to the shop floor I then informed him of my belief that the Italian Wine was non-duty paid and not legally allowed to be sold in the shop. Mr Siddiqi then claimed he had purchased the wine from a wholesaler in Manchester. I asked him to provide invoices to prove the purchase which he stated he did not have but had a

delivery note. The delivery note was on high quality paper and did not resemble any delivery notes I have seen previously. The delivery note was dated 25th October 2014 and was from a company called Ocean Beverages Unit 2 Longsight Business Park, Hamilton Road, Manchester M13 0PD. I took a photograph of the delivery note and now produce this as exhibit SAE/03.

21. I informed Mr Siddiqi that we would be seizing the wine until he could provide valid proof of purchase. Mr Siddiqi then made a telephone call and whilst he was on the phone, DC Yates & Weatherhead, Donna and I began to move the wine from the storeroom and back room into the shop for counting and transfer to our vehicle. A total of 93 bottles were seized and a seizure notice was issued to Mr Siddiqi. I produce a copy of the seizure notice as SAE/04. Once all of the wine was loaded into the vehicle we left the shop and returned back to Trafford town Hall where the wine was transported to our secure store.
22. On Wednesday 14th January 2015 I received a telephone call from Mr Siddiqi stating he had the invoice to show us. I asked for Mr Siddiqi to send the invoice by email for us to examine which he agreed and at 15.28 on the same day the email was received with the invoice attached. I now produce a copy of this invoice as exhibit SAE/05.
23. On inspection of the invoice I noticed that the numbers claimed to be purchased resembled the amount we had seized from the shop and did not match the delivery note in exhibit SAE/03. Also calculating the price paid stated on the invoice did not correlate with the amount the wine was being sold for. According to the invoice the amount charged per bottle is £3.25 but Mr Siddiqi was selling the wine for £2.99 a bottle or 2 for £5.00, therefore selling the wine at a loss if the invoice is to be believed.
24. I then contacted my colleagues at Manchester Trading Standards and spoke to Pete Duffin who agreed to go and visit the premises to see if Ocean Beverages were there and to confirm that the invoice was genuine. On Friday 16th January 2015 I received a telephone call from Pete Duffin who stated he had been to visit the premises and Ocean Beverages were no longer there. According to the landlord, the company left before Christmas 2014 and hadn't been there for very long. No forwarding address had been provided and as the company is a limited company under the name Sonex Import & Export Ltd I checked Companies House records to see if it had been updated with a new address but as of 26 January 2015 the address details had not changed. I produce a print out of the Companies House record as exhibit SAE/06.
25. As we cannot verify with Sonex Import & Export Ltd trading as Ocean Beverages, that the invoice produced is genuine our belief is that the invoice is false.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Name: *JALLY-ANNE EDWARDS* Date: *08/11/2015*

Signature: 



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Exhibition Label

(C.J. Act 1967, ss2,9; M.C. Act 1980, s102; M.C. Rules 1981, r70)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	
Photograph of boxes of wine in store room	
Exhibit Reference	SAE/01
Case Reference	OIC: SEWARDS

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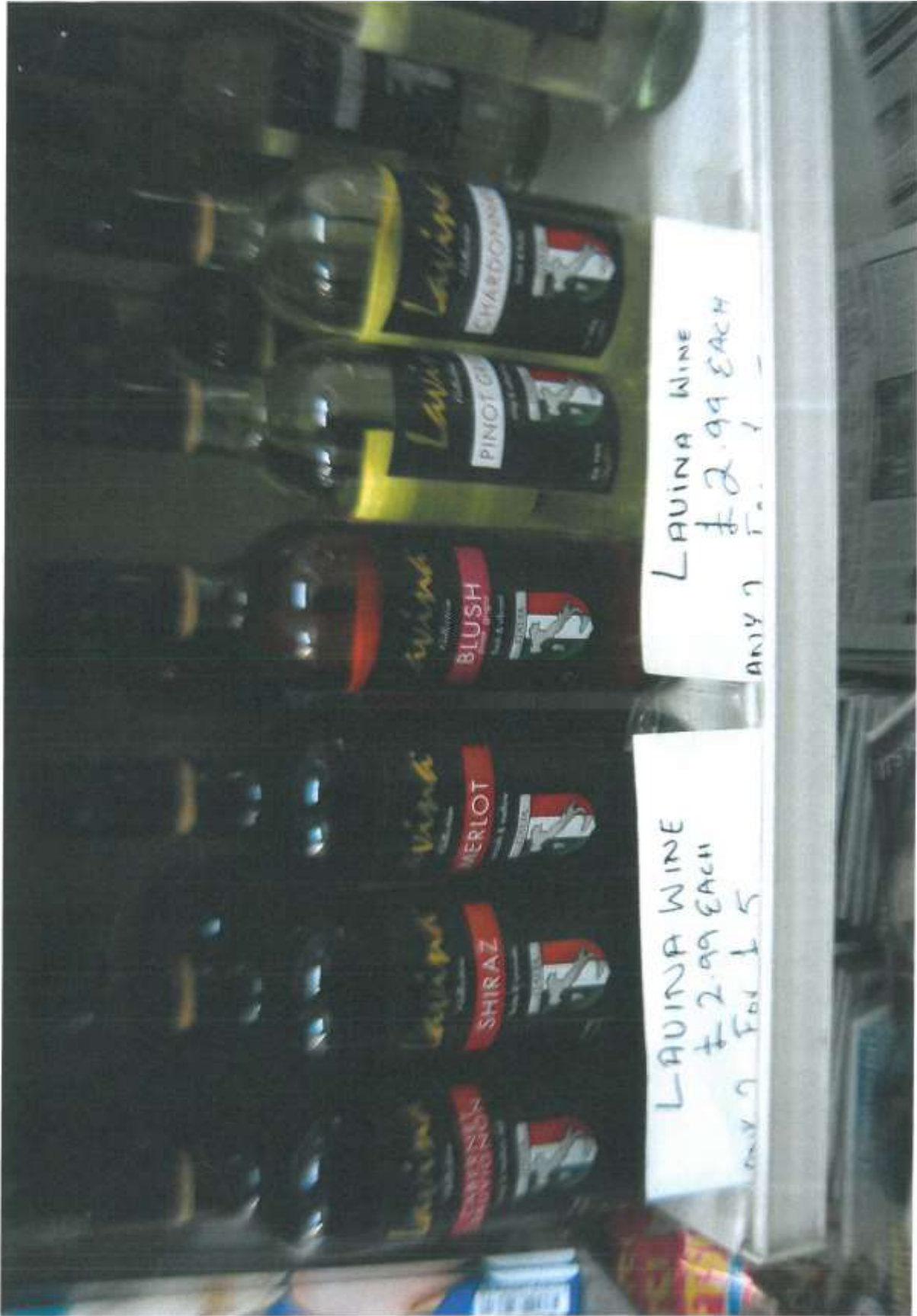
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Signed Date



LAVINA WINE
£2.99 EACH
ANY 7 FOR 15

LAVINA WINE
£2.99 EACH
ANY 7 FOR 15

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Photograph of wire on shelves with price label	
Exhibit Reference	SAE102
Case Reference	OIC: EDWARDS

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OCEAN BEVERAGES

*Distributors of Soft Drinks, Juices
Wines & Spirits*

Customer: Better Buy

ADDRESS: 24-26 Moss Road

Stretford POST CODE M32 0AH

DATE 25/10/2014

Delivery Note

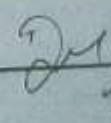
Unit 2,
Longsight Business Park,
Hamilton Road,
Manchester, M13 0PD
Mob: 07806 820 663
Mob: 07405 681 746
Tel: 0161 637 7290
E: sonexuk@hotmail.com

Code/Description	Quantity
<u>Lavina Collection (Box of 6x75cl)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Blush (P.G) (6x75cl)</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Chardonnay (6x75cl)</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Sauvignon Blanc (6x75cl)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Merlot (6x75cl)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Cabernet (6x75cl)</u>	<u>2</u>

INVOICE TO FOLLOW

Total 8

Delivered by 

Received by 

VAT NO: 188010905

SONEX IMPORT & EXPORT LTD

Compa

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(C.J. Act 1967, ss2,9; M.C. Act 1980, s102; M.C. Rules 1981, r70)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	
Photograph of delivery note dated 25th October 2014	
Exhibit Reference	STE 103
Case Reference	OIC SQUAD 205

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Public Protection
Trafford Council
Trafford Town Hall
Talbot Road
Stretford
Manchester
M32 0TH

Telephone 0161 912 1377
Fax 0161 912 1113
Minicom 0161 912 2102,
ext. 3845

Email
trading_standards@trafford.gov.uk
Website
www.trafford.gov.uk

Mr Nagar Sedqi
Better Buys
24-26 Moss Road

RECEIPT

I have seized from the above person(s) the following goods or documents. I am empowered to do this under Section 29 of the CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987, Regulation 21 of the CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM UNFAIR TRADING REGULATIONS 2008, Section 28 TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ACT 1968, Section 93(2) TRADE MARKS ACT 1994 or Section 107 COPYRIGHT, DESIGNS AND PATENTS ACT 1988

Items taken:

10x Pinot Grigio Lavina
21 ~~14~~x Cabernet Sauvignon Lavina
7x Merlot
15x Chardonnay
10 ~~10~~x Pinot Grigio Bush
21x Sauvignon Blanc
9x Shiraz

Signed: [Signature]

Name & Position: SEWARD * *

Date: 13/1/15

TRADING STANDARDS OFFICER

I, being the owner of the above goods or documents, hereby relinquish any interest in them and surrender them to the Trading Standards Division of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council for the purposes of their disposal.

Signed: _____ Name & Position: _____

Dated: _____

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	
<i>Copy of seizure notice</i>	
Exhibit Reference	<i>SNE10A</i>
Case Reference	OIC <i>SEAMER</i>

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OCEAN BEVERAGES

*Distributors of Soft Drinks, Juices
Wines & Spirits*

Unit 2, LongSight Business Park,
Hamilton Road, Manchester
M13 0PD
Tel: 0161 637 7290
Mob: 07806 820 663
Email: sonexuk@hotmail.com

INVOICE

Invoice No **73**
Invoice Date **22/12/2014**
Account Ref **BE-0AH**

Invoice To:

Company name: *Better Buy Deals*
Address Line 1: *24-26 Moss Road*
line 2: *Stretford*
post code: *M32 0AH*

Qty.	Description	Unit Price	Net Amount	VAT
	<i>Lavina Collection</i>			
2	Blush (P.G) (6x75cl)	16.25	32.50	6.50
2	Shiraz (6x75cl)	16.25	32.50	6.50
2	Merlot (6x75cl)	16.25	32.50	6.50
4	Cabernet (6x75cl)	16.25	65.00	13.00
2	Pinot Grigio 6x75cl)	16.25	32.50	6.50
3	Chardonnay (6x75cl)	16.25	48.75	9.75
4	Sauvignon Blanc (6x75cl)	16.25	65.00	13.00

Total Net Amount **£308.75**
Total VAT Amount **£61.75**
Invoice Total **£370.50**

Vat no.188010905

SONEX IMPORT & EXPORT LTD

Company reg no: 09039838

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	
Photograph of invoice dated 25 December 14	
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Case Reference	OIC SCA105

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Companies House

Company Details

Name & Registered Office:
SONEX IMPORT & EXPORT LTD
UNIT 2 LONGSIGHT BUSINESS PARK
HAMILTON ROAD LONGSIGHT
MANCHESTER
M13 0PD
Company No. 09039838

Status: Active
Date of Incorporation: 14/05/2014

Country of Origin: United Kingdom
Company Type: Private Limited Company
Nature of Business (SIC):
None Supplied
Accounting Reference Date: 31/05
Last Accounts Made Up To: (NO ACCOUNTS FILED)
Next Accounts Due: 14/02/2016
Last Return Made Up To:
Next Return Due: 11/06/2015
Mortgage: Number of charges: (0 outstanding / 0 satisfied / 0 part satisfied)
Previous Names:
No previous name information has been recorded over the last 20 years.
UK Establishment Details
There are no UK Establishments associated with this company.
Overseas Company Info
There are no Overseas Details associated with this company.

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ITEM DESCRIPTION			
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Exhibit Reference	JAE106		
Case Reference	OIC	SONEX/15	

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APPENDIX H

ADDENDUM 2

Statement & Exhibits :

Donna Grey

Enforcement Support Officer, Trafford Council

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DONNA GREY

1. I, Donna Grey, employed as an Enforcement Support Officer by Trafford Council based at Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 0TH make this statement in support to representations being made to Trafford's Licensing Committee in relation to the application made by Waqar Ahmed Siddiqi for the premises Better Buys 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH. The matters set out below are within my own knowledge, except where I indicate to the contrary.
2. On 9th January 2015 I was issued with a Service Request SR133100 by Trafford's Licensing Section, to attend the premises of Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH to see if the business was still trading as Licensing had received information that the company operating had been dissolved in December 2013.
3. As alcohol would be on the premises, I asked my work colleague Sally-Anne Edwards, Trading Standards Officer for Trafford Council, to accompany me on a visit to Better Buys, to see if the business was still trading and if they were offering alcohol for sale.
4. At approximately 13.00 hours we arrived at the premises and discovered the shop open. We entered the premises and introduced ourselves to the male behind the counter who I now know to be Mr Waqar Siddiqi. Mr Siddiqi claimed he was the owner of the business. I explained the reason for our visit and Mr Siddiqi then presented us with a demand for payment from Trafford Council dated November 2014. When asked why it hadn't been paid, he said he needed to talk to his brother
5. I then explained that as the fee had not been paid and was overdue for the year, they were currently trading without a licence and all alcohol sales must stop with immediate effect until the bill had been paid. Mr Siddiqi stated he would pay the bill. I reiterated that the bill must be paid that day and no sales of alcohol could take place until the bill was paid in full. Mr Siddiqi stated he would phone and pay there and then over the phone by card.
6. Mr Siddiqi then contacted Steven Bate, Senior Licensing Officer at Trafford Council by telephone and requested to pay his bill. Steven Bate informed Mr Siddiqi the bill could not be paid and Mr Siddiqi handed the phone back to me. After the conversation I handed the phone back to Mr Siddiqi and explained that as the licence was held in a Limited Company name of AAG Gabol Limited which had been dissolved in 2013, the premises was not

licensed for the sale of alcohol and all alcohol must be removed from sale with immediate effect.

7. Sally and I then moved towards the shelving which was displaying alcohol and Mr Siddiqi came from behind the counter to intervene stating he would go to the Council and apply for a new licence. Sally explained that a new application for licence would be at least 28 days from application and until granted, the sale of alcohol was not permitted. Mr Siddiqi stated he would shut the shop and go immediately. Whilst discussions were taking place between myself, Sally and Mr Siddiqi, Sally noticed a shelf full of Italian wine priced at £2.99 a bottle or 2 for £5.00.
8. At this point Sally quietly advised me about the wine, so I asked to see the storeroom to make checks on cleanliness, any obstructions as per inspection sheet. Sally followed Mr Siddiqi and I into the store room where Sally noticed a further 14 boxes of the Italian wine. Sally then photographed the boxes in situ within the storeroom. I asked Mr Siddiqi where his fire exit was which he stated was in another area of the shop. Mr Siddiqi and I proceeded to the area but Mr Siddiqi was very reluctant to allow me access to the fire exits. I advised him that I would require entry to check the fire door and as I proceeded through the closed door I saw a male wearing pyjamas sat in what looked like a living room.
9. Mr Siddiqi and I returned to the shop area and I issued Mr Siddiqi with an inspection report form which clearly stated "No alcohol to be displayed or for sale". Mr Siddiqi stated he was closing the shop and coming into the Council immediately to make a new application. We left the shop at approximately 13.30 and returned to Trafford Town Hall.
10. On arriving back at Trafford Town Hall Sally and I met with Steven Bate and advised him of our findings and concerns in relation to the illicit alcohol and potential illegal immigrants living on the premises. Steven stated he would deal personally with Mr Siddiqi if he came in to apply for a license. Mr Siddiqi arrived at the Town Hall approximately half an hour after our return and Steven Bate met with Mr Siddiqi in reception.
11. When Steven Bate returned to the licensing section he informed Sally and I that Mr Siddiqi had applied for a new premises licence which may be granted after 28 days. He also advised that 3 Temporary Event Notices had been issued but would not come into force until Saturday 17th January 2015 and until that date no alcohol could be sold. Steven stated that he had informed Mr Siddiqi that no alcohol was to be sold before that date.
12. Sally and I agreed that the premises needed to be revisited before the TENS notice comes into force and due to our concerns Sally contacted DC Paul Yates of Greater Manchester Police to see if they would be able to assist in a visit to the premises. It was agreed that we would all attend the premises on Tuesday 13th January 2015.
13. On Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 9.45am myself, Sally, DC Paul Yates and DC James Weatherhead arrived at Better Buys, 24-26 Moss Road Stretford Manchester M32 0AH and entered the shop. Sally introduced us both to the

Asian male behind the counter and asked if Mr Siddiqi was present. The male responded he would phone him and rang straight away from his mobile phone. We began to check out the whole area of the shop and alcohol had been removed from the main area but some was still on the shop floor but covered by a screen. There was a bike in the shop and Sally asked the male who it belonged to and he stated it was his.

14. DC Yates and Weatherhead went upstairs to search the living quarters where 2 men were sleeping. Sally and I remained downstairs and began to question the male who was behind the counter. He seemed edgy and kept using his phone to make calls and was talking to someone on the other end. Whilst Sally was heading to the stockroom I asked the male his name but he did not reply. He was then asked if he had any ID to which he replied he would go and get it. As I turned away to answer my phone, Sally then asked me where he had gone and said he had gone to his car to get ID. At this point Sally advised me that he had told her that the bike inside the shop was his, so why would he go to his car? We both went outside and could not see the male anywhere. Sally then returned to the shop and shouted upstairs to DC Yates to ask if the male had passed him, to which he replied no. He was then informed that the male had left the shop. DC Yates came downstairs and left the shop in search of the male.
15. Approximately 3 minutes later DC Weatherhead came downstairs and stated that he had to go and help DC Yates and that there were 2 further males upstairs but they had been told to remain upstairs until the police returned. I stood at the door to prevent any customers from coming into the shop. We both then decided to see if there were any keys behind the counter so we could secure the shop. I went behind the counter and witnessed that there was a large quantity of cash loose in various areas behind the counter (see attached still images from a video taken). Sally then joined me behind the counter and noticed at least 5 different piles of money under the counter. I then filmed the area to show where the money was and it remained untouched.
16. Sally received a telephone call from DC Weatherhead who was checking that we were ok alone in the shop and to inform us that the male had been detained and was currently under arrest and they would return to the shop once a van had arrived for the defendant.
17. Mr Siddiqi then arrived at the shop and I informed him the reason for our visit and what had happened since our arrival. Mr Siddiqi stated that the male was called Imran Raja and he was from Pakistan and had been working in the shop for 5 or 6 months from Monday to Friday 7am until 12pm and 6pm until 10pm. Sally asked if Mr Raja lived on the premises to which Mr Siddiqi replied no. We then informed Mr Siddiqi that Mr Raja had been arrested and was an illegal over stayer. Mr Siddiqi stated that he had carried out all checks and Mr Raja was allowed to work in the UK. Mr Siddiqi stated he had copies of the paperwork but they were not at the shop.
18. Sally asked Mr Siddiqi again if Mr Raja lived at the shop and he replied no. Sally then asked him about the other 2 males who were upstairs and Mr Siddiqi claimed they were just friends of his visiting for a few days. I

reiterated to Mr Siddiqi that the fact an employee had been found on the premises and arrested for being an illegal immigrant after running away from the shop may affect the granting of the premises licence and if it is proven that he has been lying to officers, then that would not reflect well on his character. Mr Siddiqi then confirmed Mr Raja and the other 2 males did live on the premises.

19. DC Yates and Weatherhead then returned to the shop and introduced themselves to Mr Siddiqi and advised him they needed information in relation to Mr Raja. Mr Siddiqi stated that the documents were at home. I then pointed out to DC Weatherhead our concerns in relation to the large quantity of loose money that we had witnessed under the counter and DC Weatherhead followed me behind the counter. DC Weatherhead then began to question Mr Siddiqi in relation to the large quantities of money under the counter. Mr Siddiqi claimed they were for lottery, Pay Point, mobile top ups, milk and rent. DC Weatherhead then asked Mr Siddiqi why the money was not in the till to which Mr Siddiqi responded that those items did not go through the till.
20. DC Weatherhead then discovered a further large amount of money and asked Mr Siddiqi why it was hidden behind a kick board behind the counter. Mr Siddiqi stated it was the previous night's takings. DC Weatherhead then asked did the shop have a safe to which Mr Siddiqi replied that it did. DC Weatherhead then instructed Mr Siddiqi to place all of the money in the safe. Mr Siddiqi took the money and disappeared into the storeroom.
21. When Mr Siddiqi returned to the shop floor Sally informed him of her belief that the Italian Wine was non-duty paid and not legally allowed to be sold in the shop. Mr Siddiqi then claimed he had purchased the wine from a wholesaler in Manchester. Sally asked him to provide invoices to prove the purchase which he stated he did not have but had a delivery note.
22. Sally informed Mr Siddiqi that we would be seizing the wine until he could provide valid proof of purchase. Mr Siddiqi then made a telephone call and whilst he was on the phone, DC Yates & Weatherhead, Sally and I began to move the wine from the storeroom and back room into the shop for counting and transfer to our vehicle. A total of 93 bottles were seized and a seizure notice was issued to Mr Siddiqi. Once all of the wine was loaded into the vehicle we left the shop and returned back to Trafford Town Hall where the wine was transported to a secure store.

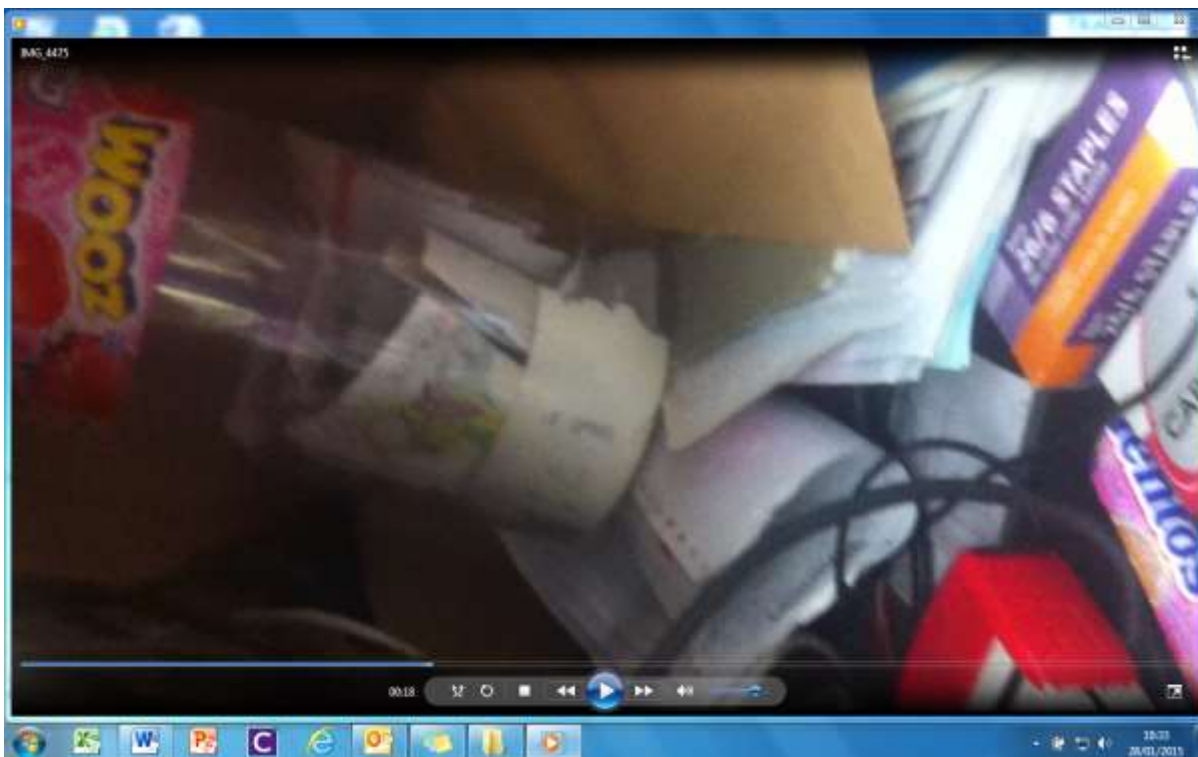
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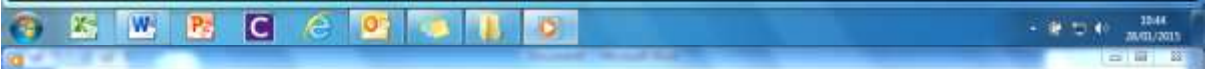
I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Name: DONNA GREY

Date: 28 JANUARY 2015

Signature: 









APPENDIX I

EXTRACT OF SECRETARY OF STATES' GUIDANCE :

Licensing Objective : Crime and Disorder

EXTRACT : Secretary of States Guidance The Licensing Objectives

Crime and disorder

2.1 Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2.2 In the exercise of their functions, licensing authorities should seek to co-operate with the Security Industry Authority (“SIA”) as far as possible and consider adding relevant conditions to licences where appropriate. The SIA also plays an important role in preventing crime and disorder by ensuring that door supervisors are properly licensed and, in partnership with police and other agencies, that security companies are not being used as fronts for serious and organised criminal activity. This may include making specific enquiries or visiting premises through intelligence led operations in conjunction with the police, local authorities and other partner agencies. Similarly, the provision of requirements for door supervision may be appropriate to ensure that people who are drunk, drug dealers or people carrying firearms do not enter the premises and ensuring that the police are kept informed.

2.3 Conditions should be targeted on deterrence and preventing crime and disorder. For example, where there is good reason to suppose that disorder may take place, the presence of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras both inside and immediately outside the premises can actively deter disorder, nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime generally. Some licence holders may wish to have cameras on their premises for the prevention of crime directed against the business itself, its staff, or its customers. But any condition may require a broader approach, and it may be appropriate to ensure that the precise location of cameras is set out on plans to ensure that certain areas are properly covered and there is no subsequent dispute over the terms of the condition.

2.4 The inclusion of radio links and ring-round phone systems should be considered an appropriate condition for public houses, bars and nightclubs operating in city and town centre leisure areas with a high density of licensed premises. These systems allow managers of licensed premises to communicate instantly with the police and facilitate a rapid response to any disorder which may be endangering the customers and staff on the premises.

2.5 In the context of crime and disorder and public safety, the preservation of order on premises may give rise to genuine concerns about the ability of the management team with responsibility for the maintenance of order. This may occur, for example, on premises where there are very large numbers of people and alcohol is supplied for consumption, or in premises where there are public order problems.

2.6 Conditions relating to the management competency of designated premises supervisors should not normally be attached to premises licences. The designated premises supervisor is the key person who will usually be responsible for the day to day management of the premises by the premises licence holder, including the prevention of disorder. A condition of this kind may only be justified as appropriate in rare circumstances where it can be demonstrated that, in the circumstances associated with particular premises, poor management competency could give rise to issues of crime and disorder and public safety.

2.7 It will normally be the responsibility of the premises licence holder as an employer, and not the licensing authority, to ensure that the managers appointed at the premises are competent and appropriately trained. However, licensing authorities must ensure that they do not stray outside their powers and duties under the 2003 Act. This is important to ensure the portability of the personal licence and the offences set out in the 2003 Act and to ensure, for example, that the prevention of disorder is in sharp focus for all managers, licence holders and clubs.

APPENDIX J

EXTRACT OF TRAFFORD COUNCIL LICENSING POLICY

Licensing Objective : Crime and Disorder

EXTRACT :

Trafford Council – Licensing Policy 2011-2014 – Licensing Objectives

6.0 LICENCE OBJECTIVE – THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

- 6.1 Trafford Council is committed to further reducing crime and disorder within Trafford and helping people feel safe.
- 6.2 The Council will have particular regard to the likely impact of licensing on related crime and disorder in the Borough particularly when considering the location, impact, operation and management of all proposed licence/certificate applications, renewals and variations of conditions.
- 6.3 When addressing the issue of crime and disorder, an applicant must demonstrate that those factors that impact on crime and disorder have been considered. These specifically include:-
- Underage drinking
 - Drunkenness on premises
 - Public drunkenness
 - Drugs
 - Violent behaviour
 - Anti-social behaviour.
- 6.4 Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their operating schedule that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified and will be implemented and maintained with the intention of preventing crime and disorder. Such measures may include:
- The capability of the person who is in charge of the premises during trading hours or when Regulated Entertainment is provided to effectively and responsibly manage and supervise the premises, including associated open areas
 - The steps taken or to be taken to ensure that appropriate instruction, training and supervision is given to those employed or engaged in the premises to prevent incidents of crime and disorder, and where appropriate any relevant qualifications.
 - The measures taken or to be taken to raise staff awareness and discourage and prevent the use or supply of illegal drugs on the premises
 - The features currently in place or planned for physical security at the premises, such as lighting outside the premises
 - Policies adopted to meet appropriate best practice in accordance with existing guidance (e.g. Home Office: Selling Alcohol Responsibly, Safer Clubbing, the National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy Toolkit and other recognised codes of practice, eg. British Beer and Pub Association Partnerships Initiative.
 - Any appropriate additional measures taken or to be taken for the prevention of violence or public disorder.
- 6.5 In addition, in those circumstances where the applicant has agreed measures to co-ordinate closing times or to prevent migration between premises with different closing times, it would be appropriate to detail such arrangements in the operating schedule.

6.6 The extent to which the above matters need to be addressed will be dependent on the individual style and characteristics of the premises, proposed events and activities. In general, however, the Council will expect more comprehensive measures to be in place at late night venues (i.e. premises which remain open to the public after 12.00pm) or in premises with a history of crime and disorder issues.

6.7 Where additional measures have been identified as likely to have an impact on the prevention of crime and disorder at any premises, the Council would expect applicants to detail such measures to be taken in their operating schedules. Such measures may include:

- provision of effective CCTV with recording facilities both within and outside certain premises
- crime prevention design, including adequate lighting and supervision of car parks
- metal detection and search facilities
- procedures for risk assessing promotions and events such as 'happy hours' for the potential to cause crime and disorder, and plans for minimising such risks
- measures to prevent the use or supply of illegal drugs
- employment of Security Industry Authority licensed door supervisors and other appropriately trained staff
- participation in an appropriate Pubwatch Scheme or other similar scheme
- promotion of safe drinking
- the control of glass and the provision of plastic containers or toughened glass
- use of radio net system (where available)
- provisions for dealing with prostitution or indecency
- provisions for discouraging drinking in public places in the vicinity of the premises
- policies on dress and music
- appropriate additional staff training.

6.8 All premises applying for licensing beyond 12.00pm must demonstrate that its customers will be capable of leaving the area without causing a disruption to local residents or impact upon crime and disorder. For example, where appropriate and relevant an assessment of the availability of late night transport, and the likely flow of pedestrian traffic away from the premises, could be included in the operating schedule.

6.9 The Council will have regard to representations from the Police in deciding whether the above issues have been adequately addressed. Where Police representations indicate that any matter has not been addressed sufficiently to avoid a potential negative impact on crime and disorder, the applicant will be expected to demonstrate that the issues can be satisfactorily addressed before the Council will grant an application for a licence or a variation of a licence.

- 6.10 Where either prescribed and/or premises-related conditions have not been adhered to in the past, the Council will expect applicants to have considered and taken action to rectify those issues. Applications are likely to be refused where there are significant outstanding issues.
- 6.11 In respect of premises predominantly supplying take-away food, between the hours of 11.00pm and 5.00am the Council would need to be satisfied that the supply of alcohol will not lead to an increase in crime and disorder or public nuisance in the vicinity of the premises.
- 6.12 The Council will expect licensees of venues likely to be affected by drugs to take all reasonable steps to prevent the entry of drugs into licensed premises, to take appropriate steps to prevent drugs changing hands within the premises and to take practical measures to prevent tragedies as a result of drug misuse. In certain types of premises it may be appropriate and relevant for the operating schedule to include measures such as access for customers to drug testing kits, particularly for the prevention of drug assisted sexual assault, chillout rooms and free water.
- 6.13 The Council will not use the Licensing Policy to control prices or hinder free and fair competition in licensed trade. However, the Council will not support drinks' promotions that encourage the irresponsible consumption of alcohol, and where there is demonstrable evidence that certain types of promotion (such as "buy one get one free", "drink as much as you can for a fiver" or time limited price promotions) encourage significant alcohol intake within short periods of time ('binge drinking'), and the Council may consider, where relevant representations have been made, imposing special conditions. If such promotions are permitted they should be held in accordance with the new mandatory condition which prohibits irresponsible promotions – see para. 11.13 Mandatory Conditions.
- 6.14 Within the operating schedule for premises from which alcohol will be sold, the applicant must identify the Designated Premises Supervisor. The Council will normally expect the Designated Premises Supervisor to have been given the day to day responsibility for running the premises by the holder of the premises licence and, as such, would normally expect them to be present on the premises on a frequent and regular basis
- 6.15 Glass is a major factor in disturbances around licensed premises. At certain types of premises if measures were introduced in relation to glass control within the premises, at disposal points and to prevent the unauthorised removal of glass from premises, these may assist in promoting the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder. In such cases it may be appropriate for applicants to address these issues through their operating schedule.
- 6.16 Whenever any persons are employed at licensed premises to carry out a security activity, it will be a condition of licence that all such persons must be licensed with the Security Industry Authority. The applicant may consider that certain premises require strict supervision for the purpose of promoting the licensing objectives. In such cases, it may be appropriate for the applicant to provide details of the security arrangements to be employed at the premises. This may then form the basis of an appropriate condition on the licence. The absence of such measures in the operating schedule may give rise to a relevant representation.
- 6.17 The Council will work closely with the Police to review the licences of premises where a Police Closure Notice has been served.

6.18 The Council will consider representations from the Police to exercise its powers to designate areas where alcohol may not be consumed in a public place to meet the Public Safety and Crime and Disorder Objectives

6.19 Local crime prevention strategies will, wherever appropriate and as far as is possible, be supported and reflected in conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates.

Old Trafford

6.20 It is accepted that the area around the Old Trafford football ground, (home to Manchester United Football Club), during match days suffers from crime and disorder problems.

6.21 During the football season there are significant numbers of arrests during football operations around Old Trafford. The Police's experience is that a high percentage of those arrested or ejected have consumed alcohol in or near to the ground. Police intelligence also strongly indicates the use of licensed premises around the ground by groups involved in organised football disorder.

6.22 In recent years the Police along with Manchester United and the Premier League have worked in partnership to schedule potentially difficult matches earlier in the day. The underlying reason for this policy has been the drive to reduce the scale of alcohol consumption prior to kick off. This policy has been viewed as a success, as the levels of disorder associated with high risk matches have decreased over the last five years.

6.23 Given the high profile nature of matches at Old Trafford and the links between crime and disorder and alcohol consumption the Council believe that the licensing policy should reflect the unique circumstances present in the area. Therefore, the Council would expect applicants in the Old Trafford area to identify issues that may give rise to crime and disorder problems on match days and when major events are held at Old Trafford, and where appropriate and relevant to include measures to deal with such issues in their operating schedule.