

Representations on behalf of the holder of the Premises Licence following an application to review the Premises Licence in respect of Stop and Shop, 407 Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 5DP

Mr and Mrs Patel would like to apologise to the Licensing Committee and Responsible Authorities that it has been necessary for the Trading Standards Authority to apply for the review of the Premises Licence in respect of Stop and Shop, 407 Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 5DP. Mr and Mrs Patel are very disappointed and concerned that despite the considerable efforts that they have made to comply with the Licensing Objectives in the past eighteen months or so at these premises, they find themselves the subject of a review of the Premises Licence.

They have made considerable efforts to train their staff in their responsibilities in respect of the sales of Alcohol, especially to those potential customers who are not old enough to be able to buy alcohol. They have also made investments in the business in the form of CCTV and upgrades to the till to support their staff in carrying out their duties in compliance with the Licensing Objectives. They fully understand that they are in a very serious position as far as the future of the Premises Licence for Stop and Shop is concerned.

They wish to emphasise to the Licensing Committee that despite appearances to the contrary from the information and details contained within the review application, that they share the common aim of all in upholding the Licensing Objectives, especially in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm, which are the Licensing Objectives specified in this review. They are not ignoring the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Objectives that underpin the Act and have tried to ensure that the shop operates in compliance with the legal requirements.

They have owned this small shop for a number of years and know the vast majority of their customers. They have a good knowledge of the young people in the area and the associated issues and potential problems with young people obtaining alcohol.

Mrs and Mrs Patel will expand on the issues raised above at the hearing with my assistance and will seek to explain the actions they have taken and the problems that they have encountered to the Licensing Sub-Committee. They will explain the steps they have taken to comply with the Licensing Objectives in the past and how they intend to comply with the Licensing Objectives in the future.



Dick Hudson – Licensing Consultant and authorised representative for Mr and Mrs Patel

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