

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Mansoor Ellahi

(Insert name of applicant)

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

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description 87 Haslingden Road Blackburn	
Post town Blackburn	Post code (if known) BB2 3HW

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Mrs Jean Heaton
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) LP 26552

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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

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

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

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

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Mansoor Ellahi Senior Public Protection Officer Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Public Protection Service Davyfield Road Depot Roman Road Industrial Estate Blackburn BB1 2LX
Telephone number (if any) 01254 267628
E-mail address (optional) Mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

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

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

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

Failing to protect children by serving alcohol to persons under the age of eighteen years.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Trading Standards Service (Weights and Measures Authority) has a joint duty with the Police to enforce laws made under The Licensing Act 2003 relating to the sales of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 years. A Weights and Measures Authority is a 'responsible authority' for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003.

On 7th November 2014 the Trading Standards service received a complaint from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The officer reported that two young boys aged between 12 and 15 years old were sold cigarettes from Haslingden Road General Store.

On the evening of Thursday 16th January 2014 a test purchase operation was conducted. At 8:18pm two underage female volunteers, aged 16 years old, were asked to attempt to purchase cigarettes from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. The volunteers were served a packet of 10 Mayfair cigarettes without being challenged for identification. The volunteers described Mr Kenneth Bateson as the seller. Trading Standards Officers entered the shop and spoke to Mr Kenneth Bateson after the sale.

Both owners of the business were invited to attend interviews under caution. Following the interview the decision was made to instigate legal proceedings against the joint owners of the business Mrs Jean Heaton and the seller Mr Kenneth Bateson. On 9th July 2014 Mr Kenneth Bateson and Mrs Jean Heaton both pleaded guilty by post. Mr Bateson was fined £70, ordered to contribute £195 towards the cost and pay £20 victim surcharge. Mrs Heaton was fined £120, ordered to contribute £195 towards the cost and pay £20 victim surcharge.

On 2nd June 2015 the Trading Standards service received a complaint from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The officer reported that 3 children in year 7 at school (age between 11-12 years old) had been buying single cigarettes from the shop costing £0.50p each. There was also intelligence at the time suggesting underage children were obtaining alcohol from the shop. It is an offence to sell loose single cigarettes. Cigarettes must be sold in their original packaging. Selling loose cigarettes is seen to encourage children to smoke.

On the evening of Friday 12th June 2015 a test purchase operation was conducted. This operation was conducted in conjunction with the police. At 7:47pm two underage female volunteers, aged 16 years old, were asked to attempt to purchase alcohol from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. The volunteers were served 4 cans of Strongbow lager without being challenged for identification. The volunteers described Mr Kenneth Bateson as the seller. Officers from Trading Standards and the police then entered the shop and spoke to Mr Kenneth Bateson. The seller's details were recorded and Mr Kenneth Bateson was informed that he would be invited to attend an interview under caution.

On 22nd June 2015 an action plan meeting was held at Blackburn Central Police Station following the failed test purchase of alcohol with the Premises Licence Holder Mrs Jean Heaton and the Designated Premises Supervisor Mr Kenneth Bateson. The aim of the meeting was to highlight the implications of selling alcohol to underage, look at the current due-diligence procedures and discuss the possibility of introducing further measures to prevent any further sales of age restricted products at the shop. From speaking to the licensee it was evident that the due-diligence procedures at the shop were not adequate. The owner only provided verbal training to staff. Apart from a refusals book there are no documented training records or policy/procedures in writing. At the meeting the challenge 25 policy was reinforced by the officers and literature in the form of

challenge 25 posters, an age verification policy and a refusals book were given to the owners. A letter confirming the matters discussed at the meeting was sent to the Premises Licence Holder at the shop on 25.06.2015 (see Appendix 1).

Under caution Mr Kenneth Bateson admitted the offence (s146 of the Licensing Act 2003). On 4th August 2015 at Blackburn Central Police Station Mr Kenneth Bateson received an official police caution for the offence of selling alcohol to a person under the age of 18 years old. The caution is recorded on the Police National Computer (see Appendix 2 – statement from Police Sergeant Jason Middleton confirming police caution was issued to Mr Kenneth Bateson on the above date)

On the evening of Friday 27th August 2015 a test purchase operation was conducted. The operation was conducted in conjunction with the police. At 4:41pm two underage male volunteers, aged 15 and 14 years old, were asked to purchase alcohol from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. The volunteers were challenged for identification and subsequently refused the sale of alcohol by the person working behind the counter. A letter confirming the pass test purchase was sent to the shop (see Appendix 3).

On the evening of Friday 29th September 2015 a test purchase operation was conducted. The operation was conducted in conjunction with the police. At 3:40pm two underage female volunteers, both aged 14 years old, were asked to purchase alcohol from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. The volunteers were challenged for identification and subsequently refused the sale of alcohol by the person working behind the counter. A letter confirming the pass test purchase was sent to the shop (see Appendix 4).

On 3rd December 2015 the Trading Standards service received a complaint from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The officer reported that the shop has been selling electronic cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes to underage school kids. On the 1st of October 2015 it became illegal for retailers to sell electronic cigarettes or e-liquids to persons under 18 years old. On 14th December 2015 a letter was sent to the shop informing them of the complaint, the legislation in this area and notifying them that Trading Standards conduct regular test purchasing to ensure compliance with the law (see Appendix 5).

On the evening of Friday 21st January 2016 a test purchase operation was conducted. At 1:40pm an underage male volunteer, aged 14 years old, was asked to purchase cigarettes from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. The volunteer was challenged for identification and subsequently refused the sale of cigarettes by the person working behind the counter. A letter confirming the pass test purchase was sent to the shop (see Appendix 6)

On 26th January 2016 the Trading Standards service received intelligence from the Police Licensing Sergeant. A 13 years old female was interviewed at the police station following a theft of vodka from the shop. She informed the police that her underage friends regularly obtain alcohol from the shop. She made comments which suggested Mr Kenneth Bateson was very friendly with local children visiting his shop. This is very concerning because responsible retailers should not be forming relationships with young people who are attempting to purchase alcohol or any other age restricted products. On 9th February 2016 a letter was sent to the shop informing them of the complaint, the legislation in the area and notifying them that Trading Standards conduct regular test purchasing to ensure compliance with law (see Appendix 7).

On the evening of Friday 7th October 2016 a test purchase operation was conducted. This operation was conducted in conjunction with the police. At 6:18pm an underage male volunteer, aged 16 years old, was asked to attempt to purchase alcohol from

Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn. Shortly after entering the shop he returned carrying a 4 pack of Fosters lager without being challenged for identification. He said he had been served by a white male in his 60's. Officers from Trading Standards and the Police then entered the shop and spoke to Mr Kenneth Bateson. The seller's details were recorded in the officer's notebook. Mr Kenneth Bateson was informed that he would be invited to the office to attend an interview under caution. Following the interview it was decided to instigate legal proceeding against the seller Mr Kenneth Bateson taking into consideration the previous history of the shop.

On 16th November 2016 the Trading Standards service received a complaint from a concerned parent that reported her 14 years old son along with his 16 years old friend purchased a bottle of vodka from Haslingden Road General Store. On 24th November 2016 a letter was sent to the shop informing them of the complaint, the legislation in this area and notifying them that Trading Standards conduct regular test purchasing to ensure compliance with the law (see Appendix 8).

On 20th June 2017 Mr Kenneth Bateson pleaded guilty in person at the Magistrates Court. He was fined £55, ordered to contribute £100 towards the costs and pay a £30 victim surcharge for an offence under s146 of the Licensing Act 2003, selling alcohol to person under the age of 18, which took place during the test purchase operation on 7th October 2016.

On 4th April 2017 the Trading Standards service received a complaint from the Safeguarding Officer at Blackburn Central High School. The school is located approximately 300 meters away from Haslingden Road General Store. The officer reported that the local off-licence on Haslingden Road has sold both cider and cigarettes to a year 9 student. Following this information I tried to contact the officer at the school but he wasn't available.

The sale of alcohol and cigarettes to underage children is a high profile issue not only for the local authority but also for the government. The potential for harm to children is high and appropriate action must be taken against those who sell to underage persons.

The following options are available to the committee:-

- 1) Do nothing – However the seriousness of the offences involving young persons causes grave concern for no action.
- 2) Modify the conditions of the licence – The Trading Standards Service feel that modifying the conditions wouldn't prevent further sales at the premises. This opinion is based on the fact that the Premises Licence Holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor have both received advice and guidance from Trading Standards Officers and the Police following complaints and failed test purchases at the shop but this advice which involves implementing a robust due-diligence system has not been followed, which has then resulted in further sales to underage children.
- 3) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor
- 4) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
- 5) Revoke the premises licence so that no alcohol can be sold at all.

In the opinion of this Authority the information presented here indicates a gross disregard on part of the licensee for the law, the interests of surrounding residents/schools and above all the welfare of children. The Designated Premises Supervisor has been warned, given a police caution and has been prosecuted twice by the Trading Standards service for cigarettes and alcohol. The premises have passed some test purchases over the past

couple of years but they have still failed to implement adequate procedures to prevent underage sales after receiving advice and guidance from the Trading Standards service and the Police. The Authority respectfully requests that the committee considers whether revocation of the premises licence would be an appropriate finding in the circumstances.

Please tick ✓ yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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

Please tick ✓

yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature

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Date

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Capacity

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Public Protection Service
Davyfield Road Depot
Roman Road Industrial Estate

Post town
Blackburn

Post Code
BB1 2LX

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

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

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Copy of follow up letter after action plan meeting held at the police station, dated 25th June 2015

Appendix 2 – Copy of witness Statement by PS Jason Middleton dated 2nd June 2017

Appendix 3 – Copy of letter dated 27th August 2015, informing premises of passed alcohol test purchase

Appendix 4 – Copy of letter dated 6th October 2015, informing premises of passed alcohol test purchase

Appendix 5 – Copy of letter of complaint sent by Trading Standards, dated 14th December 2015

Appendix 6 – Copy of letter dated 21st January 2016, informing premises of passed cigarettes test purchase

Appendix 7 – Copy of letter of complaint sent by Trading Standards, dated 9th February 2016

Appendix 8 – Copy of letter of complaint sent by Trading Standards, dated 24th November 2016

APPENDIX 1



BLACKBURN
with
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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Private & Confidential
Ms Jean Heaton
Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
BB2 3HW

Date: 25.06.2015
My Ref: TS/078512
Please Ask for: Mansoor Ellahi
Direct dial: 01254 267628
Fax: 01254 267672
e-mail: Mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

Dear Ms Heaton

ACTION PLAN MEETING:

On Wednesday 24th June 2015, you attended a meeting at Blackburn Town Centre Police Station in relation to the sale of alcohol to an underage person. The sale was carried out by the DPS of the premises Mr Kenneth Bateson during a test purchase operation that was conducted on Friday 12th June 2015. At the meeting was myself, and PS Jason Middleton from Lancashire Constabulary.

The member of staff that served, namely Mr Kenneth Bateson admitted committing the offence and was given the option to accept a police caution as a means of disposal.

As discussed the penalty for selling alcohol to an individual under the age of 18 has implications for the premises licence to continue selling alcohol. If the premises fail another test purchase within the next three months the sales would be classed as persistent selling, this could result in the premises licence holder and DPS being prosecuted and a person found guilty of the offence shall be liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £10,000.

The Court may also suspend the licence for a period of three months.

The premises may also be taken to review whereby additional conditions may be imposed or the licence suspended or revoked altogether.

As discussed, this is the first time that your premises have failed a test purchase after passing successfully a number test purchases over the past few years. It was noted the due-diligence policy and procedures needed documented. Any subsequent failures within the above specified period will result in prosecution or review of your premises licence.

As a result of the failed test purchase we agreed that the following actions are to be implemented with immediate effect:-

- That all staff should receive regular documented training with regard to licensing legislation.
- The training should concentrate on the following:-
 - Underage sales and other age related products
 - Proof of age scheme and identification
 - Challenge 25 principle
 - Serving to drunks.
- This training should be documented accordingly and records updated when members of staff undertake the training. All staff training should be countersigned by each member of staff.
- The refusals book should be kept up to date which will be utilised to record all refusals, incidents of crime and disorder and Police attendance.
- DPS to consider staff levels at busy times of the week and where necessary to make sure sufficient number of staff are employed.
- Signage – display posters showing age limits and a statement regarding the refusals of such sales. This may deter potential purchasers and act as a reminder to staff.

We informed you at the meeting that we would conduct further test purchase operations at premises that have recently failed and that we will monitor premises were we receive intelligence or complaints about under aged persons obtaining alcohol from licensed premises.

We will conduct a further visit at your premises to ensure that you have adopted the Action Plan. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer

APPENDIX 2

Witness Statement

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Jason Middleton**

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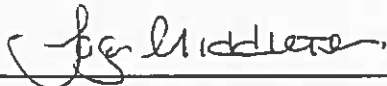
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Age if under 18 over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18"). Occupation **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) 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 in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the **2nd** day of **June** 2017Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded
(supply witness details on rear)

Signature



I am Police Sergeant Jason Middleton and currently carry out the role of Police Licensing Sergeant for Lancashire Constabulary in the area of Lancashire referred to as 'East Division'. One of the main aspects of this role is the management of licensed premises in the area and this includes the necessity to carry out regular visits to licensed premises.

I am aware of a Kenneth Bateson (DOB 25/05/1945) who holds a personal licence with Blackburn with Darwen Council and is the Designated Premises Supervisor at the Haslingden Road General Store on Haslingden Road in Blackburn.

On the 4th August 2015 at the Blackburn Central Police Station, Kenneth Bateson received an official police caution for the offence of selling alcohol to a person under the age of 18 contrary to Section 146 of the Licensing Act 2003. This caution is recorded on the Police National Computer and for Bateson to have received the caution he must have fully admitted committing the offence.

The offence was committed by Bateson when on the 12th June 2015 he sold four cans of Stongbow to 16 year old test purchasers at his Haslingden Road General Store.

Signature



Signature witnessed by

APPENDIX 3



Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB2 3HW

Date: 27/08/2015
My Ref: EHN/EH/077977
Please Ask for: Mansoor Ellahi
Direct dial: 01254 267628
Fax No: 01254 267672
e-mail: mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003

During the month of August 2015, this department in conjunction with the Police attempted to purchase alcohol from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 3HW, using underage test purchase volunteers.

I am pleased to inform you that on this occasion when a sale was attempted, you refused to serve alcohol to our test purchaser. Please pass my congratulations to all staff and keep up the good work in restricting alcohol being served to under 18's.

I am sure you are aware that the above legislation creates a criminal offence for any person to sell alcohol to a person under the age of 18. This offence is punishable on conviction to a maximum fine of £5000.

Whilst on this occasion you did not sell to our volunteer, we would ask that you remain vigilant at all times and take necessary steps to ensure that all of your staff are aware of the implications, should they ever sell alcohol to a person under 18.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer

APPENDIX 4



BLACKBURN
with
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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB2 3HW

Date: 06/10/2015
My Ref: EHN/EH/078028
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e-mail: mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003

During the month of September 2015, this department in conjunction with the Police attempted to purchase alcohol from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 3HW, using underage test purchase volunteers.

I am pleased to inform you that on this occasion when a sale was attempted, you refused to serve alcohol to our test purchaser. Please pass my congratulations to all staff and keep up the good work in restricting alcohol being served to under 18's.

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Whilst on this occasion you did not sell to our volunteer, we would ask that you remain vigilant at all times and take necessary steps to ensure that all of your staff are aware of the implications, should they ever sell alcohol to a person under 18.

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Yours faithfully

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer

APPENDIX 5



Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB2 3HW

Date: 14/12/2015
My Ref: EHN/TS/UAS
Please Ask for: Mansoor Ellahi
Direct dial: 01254 267677
Fax No: 01254 267672
e-mail: mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that this department has received a complaint in respect of underage sale of cigarettes and e-cigarettes at the above premises.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your obligations and responsibilities as a responsible retailer.

It is an offence to sell tobacco products to children under the age of 18. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, pipe tobacco, products containing tobacco intended for oral or nasal use and smoking mixtures intended as a substitute for tobacco. If you sell cigarettes to any person under the age of 18 years you could face a fine of up to £2,500 and be banned from selling tobacco products for up to one year for multiple offences.

You must display a clear notice stating **'It is illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18.** The sign must have letters at least 36mm high, be A3 size (297mm x 420mm) and be visible where tobacco products are sold. **If you fail to display this sign then you could face a fine of up to £1,000.** As a retailer an obligation is placed on you and your staff to know and practise the laws relating to the sales of age restricted goods.

On 1 October 2015 it became illegal:

- for retailers to sell electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) or e-liquids to someone under 18
- for adults to buy (or try to buy) tobacco products or e-cigarettes for someone under 18
- to smoke in private vehicles that are carrying someone under 18

The fixed penalty notice fine for the offence is £50. Enforcement officers (usually the police) will use their discretion to decide whether to issue a warning or a fixed penalty notice, or whether to refer an offence to court.

You should be aware that this department conducts regular test purchasing of age restricted products to ensure compliance with the law. I must remind you to be vigilant and conduct regular training with staff to prevent any sales to persons under the age of 18.

A retailers' guide to handling age restricted sales along with other useful information can be found at www.agecheck.co.uk

APPENDIX 6



Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB2 3HW

Date: 21st January 2016
My Ref: EHN/EH/078232
Please Ask for: Mansoor Ellahi
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e-mail: mansoor.ellahi@blackburn.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Children and Young Persons Act 1993

During the month of January 2016, this department attempted to purchase Cigarettes from Haslingden Road General Store, 87 Haslingden Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 3HW, using underage test purchase volunteers.

I am pleased to inform you that on this occasion when a sale was attempted, you refused to serve cigarettes to our test purchaser. Please pass my congratulations to all staff and keep up the good work in restricting cigarettes being served to under 18's.

I am sure you are aware that the above legislation creates a criminal offence for any person to sell cigarettes to a person under the age of 18. This offence is punishable on conviction to a maximum fine of £2,500.

Whilst on this occasion you did not sell to our volunteer, we would ask that you remain vigilant at all times and take necessary steps to ensure that all of your staff are aware of the implications, should they ever sell cigarettes to a person under 18.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer

APPENDIX 7



Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB2 3HW

Date: 09/02/2016
My Ref: EHN/TS/UAS
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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that this department has received a complaint in respect of underage sale of alcohol at the above premises.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your obligations and responsibilities as a responsible retailer.

It is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18. Under the Licensing Act 2003, the maximum penalty for non-compliance of underage sales of alcohol is a level 5 fine of up to £5,000 and your licence to sell alcohol may be revoked, suspended or further conditions placed on it.

In addition an offence of persistently selling alcohol can be committed if, within a three month period alcohol is sold to a person under the age of 18 on two or more different occasions. As a retailer an obligation is placed on you and your staff to know and practise the laws relating to the sales of age restricted goods.

You should be aware that this department conducts regular test purchasing of age restricted products to ensure compliance with the law. I must remind you to be vigilant and conduct regular training with staff to prevent any sales to persons under the age of 18.

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If you require further assistance or advice on complying with the law and preventing underage sales, please contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer

APPENDIX 8



BLACKBURN
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Haslingden Road General Store
87 Haslingden Road
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Yours faithfully

Mansoor Ellahi
Senior Public Protection Officer