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Report of the Assistant Director Environmental & Regulatory Services to the meeting of the Bradford Area Licensing Panel to be held on 13 July 2012.

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Subject:

Application for a Premises Licence for K & H News, 122C Morley Street, Bradford.

Summary statement:

Application for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

John Major Assistant Director Environmental & Regulatory Services Portfolio:

Environment & Waste Management

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Environment & Waste Management Safer & Stronger Communities





1. SUMMARY

The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The applicants

Qaseem Mohammadi. A copy of the application is included at Appendix 1.

2.2 The Premises

K & H News, 122C Morley Street, Bradford.

2.3 Designated Premises Supervisor

Qaseem Mohammedi.

2.4 Application

The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence. The operating schedule describes the following as the relevant licensable activities applied for:-

• Sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises

Hours of licensable activities:

Monday to Sunday: 07.00 to 00.00

2.4 Steps proposed by the applicant to address the Licensing Objectives

a) Prevention of crime and disorder will be achieved by;

Prevention of drugs inside the premises.

b) Public safety will be achieved by;

An emergency exit from shop at the rear.

c) Prevention of public nuisance will be achieved by;

Not allowing the sales of cheap ciders. Refusing to sell alcohol to drunk persons.

d) Protection of children from harm will be achieved by;

Proof of age scheme. Log book to record attempts to buy alcohol or cigarettes under age of 18 years. e) General – all four licensing objectives

Having a personal licence holder on the premises. Staff training on the licensing issues. Installing a suitable CCTV system following consultation with West Yorkshire Police.

2.5 Relevant Representations Received

Responsible Authorities

West Yorkshire Police – The Police have concerns that the previous premises licence holder/designated premises supervisor, Mr Khodadad Hassani, will still be present in the role of manager and will continue with the running of the premises, as the applicant, Mr Qaseem Mohammadi, has allegedly admitted to the police that he submitted the application on behalf or Mr Hassani, after Members of the Licensing Panel revoked the previous licence.

The Police are concerned that this application is an attempt to manipulate the system and allow the continual sale of alcohol with total disregard to the outcome of the Licensing Hearing.

The representation is attached at Appendix 2.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Legal Appraisal

- 3.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives:
 - a) the prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) public safety
 - c) the prevention of public nuisance
 - d) the protection of children from harm
- 3.2 The Council must also have regard to the guidance issued by the Department of Culture Media and Sport under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regard must also be taken of the Council's statement of Licensing Policy for the District.
- 3.3 Where it is decided it is necessary to depart from the statutory guidance or the Licensing Policy on the merits of a particular case; then special reasons justifying this must be given that can be sustained.
- 3.4 Only "relevant representations" by or expressly on behalf of a defined "interested party" or "responsible authority" can be taken into account. In order to be "relevant"

a representation must fairly relate to achieving a licensing objective. If it does not, it must be discounted.

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3.5 Any licensing conditions that Members may propose attaching must also relate to achieving one of the licensing objectives; be tailored to the actual premises and style of licensable activity; must be reasonably achievable by the applicant and in his/her control.

Statement of Policy Issues

- 3.6 The following parts of the Licensing Policy are of particular importance; Part 4 (prevention of crime and disorder) and Part 7 (protection of children from harm)
- 3.7 The Annexes to the Policy sets out various types of model condition that could be considered.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 Members may:
 - (a) Grant a premises licence as applied for subject to any mandatory conditions and the precautions specified in the operating schedule submitted.
 - (b) Grant a premises licence subject to such additional conditions relating to achievement of the licensing objectives as members think fit; or
 - (c) Refuse the application for a premises licence.
- 4.2 Should the applicant or any other party to the hearing feel aggrieved at any decision with regard to the licence or to any conditions or restrictions attached by Members they may appeal to the Magistrates Court.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There are no apparent finance or resource implications.

1. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no apparent risk management and governance implications.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Referred to in part 3 of this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no apparent equality and diversity implications.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no apparent sustainability implications.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no apparent implications.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

When determining the application the Licensing Authority is required to pay due regard to the licensing objectives referred to in 3.1 of this report.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The following rights are applicable:

Article 1 First Protocol to the Convention – Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions subject to the state's right to control the use of property in accordance

with the general interest. The Council's powers set out in the recommendations fall within the states right. A fair balance must be struck between public safety and the applicant's rights.

Article 6 - A procedural right to a fair hearing. As refusal of the application is an option, adherence to the Panels' usual procedure of affording a hearing to the applicant is very important. The applicant should also be able to examine the requirements of the fire authority. If the decision is to refuse then reasons should be given.

8.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Councillors have been notified of receipt of the application.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

10. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are invited to consider the information and documents referred to in this report and, after hearing individuals, bodies or businesses, determine the related application(s).

11. APPENDICES

- 1. Application form received 24 May 2012.
- 2. Representation from West Yorkshire Police.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Application form, plan etc.

Licensing Team, 6th Floor North, Jacobs Well, Bradford, BD1 5RW

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 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.

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Post town BRADFORD	Post code BD71BB
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a) an individual or individuals*	Please tick Yes please complete section (A)

- b) a person other than an individual³
 - i. as a limited company
 - ii. as a partnership
 - iii. as an unincorporated association or
 - iv. Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- c) a recognised club
- d) a charity
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment
- f) a health service body
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital

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(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

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

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Part 3 - Operating Schedule

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Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick ✓ Yes

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performance of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of entertainment facilities for:

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

Sale by retail of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

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

QASEEM MOHAMMADY Name Address 29 WALKER DRIVE BRADFORD Postcode BD 8 985 Personal licence number (if known) BD/PER3431 Mrs E Flynn Issuing licensing authority (if known)

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b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Prevention or Drugs inside The Premises.

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e) The protection of children from harm Proof of age scheme loge book to record after pts to buy alcohole or cigarattes unage OF 18 Years

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

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





Bradford South Licensing Department

Bradford South Licensing Department Trafalgar House Nelson Street Bradford BD5 0DX

Tel: 01274 376 695 Mobile : 07736 084845 Email: susanne.dawson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: SAD 5413

Date 14th June 2012.

Licensing Team City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council 6th Floor – Jacobs Well Bradford BD1 5RW



<u>NOTICE OF OBJECTION –</u> <u>Grant of Premises Licence</u> <u>K & H Off Licence – 122c Morley Street, Bradford</u> <u>LICENSING ACT 2003</u>

I refer to the application in respect of the above premises dated 24th May 2012 which was received by the police on 30th May 2012.

The application is to operate the premises for the sale of alcohol Monday - Sunday 07:00am and midnight.

The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor to be in the name of **QASEEM MOHAMMADI**.

On Wednesday 30th May 2012 at 13:50hrs a meeting took place between the Police Licensing Officer and **QASEEM MOHAMMADI** and it quickly became apparent that he had been asked to submit the application on behalf of **KHODADAD HASSANI**.

The police also wish to highlight the following:-

- a) Monday 21st May 2012 a Licensing Review Hearing of K & H Off Licence 122 Morley St, Bradford took place at Bradford City Hall on the request of the Police.
- b) The Licensing Panel chose to **REVOKE** the premises licence.
- c) Within 4 days of this decision this Application was submitted to the Bradford Council Licensing Department but nothing served on the police.
- d) It is of the opinion of the Police that Mr Khodadad Hassani has taken no notice of the evidence presented and seriousness of the offence of Persistently Selling to Children, and his subsequent conviction at court and the decision by the Licensing Panel.
- e) There appears to be no responsibility taken by the premises as to the problems that gave the police concerns.
- f) The refusal upon the request of the police to remove certain items of alcohol that were proven to be the cause of Anti Social Behaviour.
- g) No willingness to make changes in the shop between the failed Test Purchase, Police Interview, Conviction and Licensing Hearing.

A copy of the notes made at the time with the new applicant is also attached and on his own admission (Mr QASEEM MOHAMMADI) has submitted the application on behalf of Mr KHODADAD HASSANI.

Mr KHODADAD HASSANI will still be present in the role of Manager and it is the opinion of the police that he will basically continue with the running of the premises and nothing will change apart from the wish to continue to sell alcohol for profit.

What is of concern to the police is the speed that the application had been submitted for a new grant of a Premises Licence and it lays fears that this is an attempt to manipulate the system and allow the continual sale of alcohol with total disregard to the outcome of the Licensing Hearing and the Licensing Act 2003.

The police are therefore of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to submit formal representations against the application on the grounds of:-

Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 Poor management competency could give rise to issues of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety. (2.13)

 Prevention of Public Safety
 It is an offener to call/amount all about the public safety.

It is an offence to sell/supply alcohol to a person who is drunk, one of the proven reasons of the increase in Anti Social Behaviour.(2.29)

- 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Associated Anti Social Behaviour arising from the premises (2.33)

4. Protection of Children from Harm

There is to be the continual role of management to be undertaken by a person who has been convicted of persistently selling alcohol to children. (2.42)

Please see attached supporting documentation.

a) Notes from interview with Qaseem Mohammadi

Regards

Su Dawson Pc 5413 Licensing Officer Bradford South

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PC DAWSON

CAN YOU PLEASE RING QASEEM MOHAMMADI ON 07840231590 HE HAS BEEN INTO THE COUNTER TODAY REA CONFICATED LICENCE IN A SHOP AT 122C MORLEY STREET, HE IS WANTING TO REAPPLY FOR THE LICENCE.

HE IS AWARE THAT YOU ARE NOT HERE TILL MONDAY

THANKS

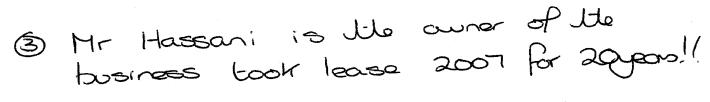
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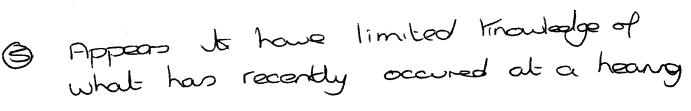
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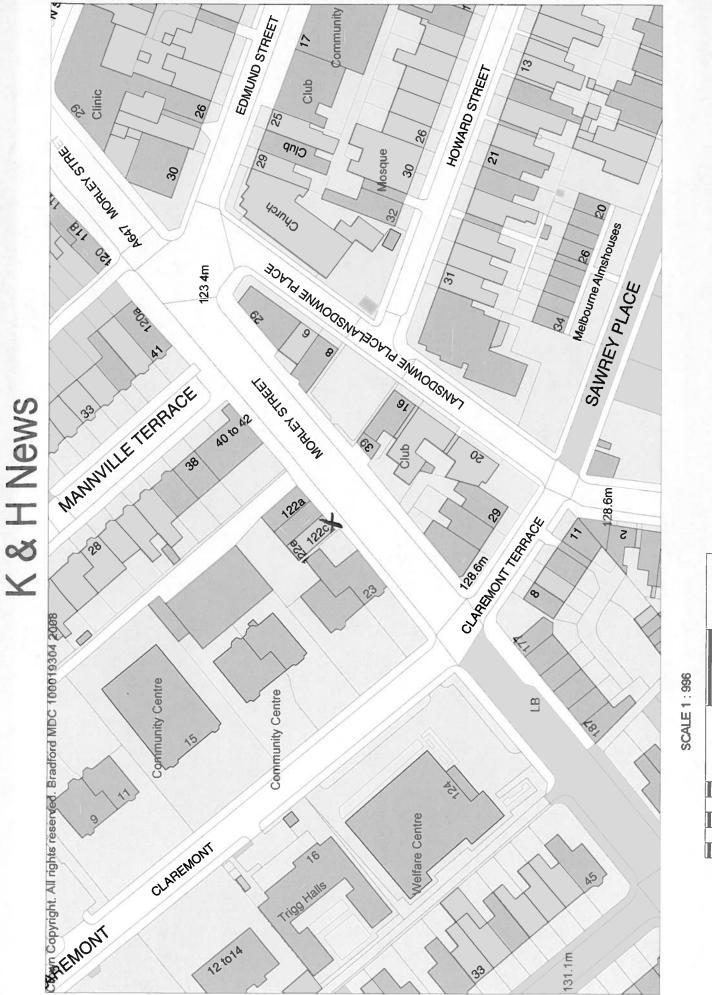


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