

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford District Licensing Panel held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	ILKLEY INDEPENDENT
Slater	Naylor	Hawkesworth

Hearings

Commenced:	1012
Concluded:	1025

Parties to the Hearing

David Mullens (Trading Standards); Melanie McGuirk (Licensing Officer), Nighat Rasool (Lawyer); Saika Razaq (Lawyer), Asad Shah (Governance Officer)

Representations

None.

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

8. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

9. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR NAMO MINI MARKET, 13 TOWN GATE, WYKE, BRADFORD, BD12 9PA

The Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services presented a report (**Document “S”**) which invited the panel to consider an application for review of a Premises Licence authorising the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises in respect of Namo Mini Market, 13 Town Gate, Wyke, Bradford, BD12 9PA.

The Senior Licensing Officer was in attendance and gave a synopsis of the report.

Namo Mini Market on Town Gate, Wyke, was visited by an undercover Trading Standards officer on March 6. They were sold a packet of counterfeit cigarettes, which the woman working behind the counter produced from under the counter.

An inspection was made two days later when officers found illegal cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco in a hidden concealment built into the wall behind the counter, as well as a shelf and bags in the back storeroom. Illegal oversized vapes were also seized from behind the counter.

David Mullins, representing West Yorkshire Trading Standards, said businesses that were used for illegal activity should be “dealt with seriously” adding: “The licence holder has shown a blatant disregard for the law. They would be fully aware of the illegal activity being carried out.”

Members voted to revoke the business’ alcohol licence.

Resolved –

That having considered the Application for Review and all valid representations made by the parties to the hearing; the published statement of licensing policy and relevant statutory guidance; the panel, on the evidence which has been heard, is not satisfied that the Licence Holder has the ability to promote the licensing objectives. Therefore, the panel revokes the Premises Licence in respect of Namo Mini Market, 13 Town Gate, Wyke, Bradford, BD12 9PA..

Reason - It is considered that the revocation is appropriate and proportionate to ensure promotion of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder objective and the Public Safety objective of the Licensing Act 2003.

To be actioned by: Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Bradford District Licensing Panel.