

# 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:	<b>1330</b>
Concluded:	<b>1410</b>

## Parties to the Hearing

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

## Representations

Mr Taha Said (Licensing Holder).

### 16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

### 17. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 18. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR JIMMY STORES, 97 GREAT HORTON ROAD, BRADFORD, BD7 1PS.

The Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services presented a report (**Document “V”**) 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 Jimmy Stores, 97 Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1PS.

The License Officer gave a synopsis of the report. She explained that the West

Yorkshire Trading Standards had called for the Council to review the licence of Jimmy's Stores – and its owner Taha Ali Said, after a series of test purchases in the store uncovered counterfeit cigarettes.

As a result, it was established that Jimmy's Stores on Great Horton Road of its 24-hour alcohol licence after a panel of councillors heard the business was caught selling counterfeit cigarettes on multiple occasions.

She further explained that, a hidden chute linked the premises with a flat containing boxes of nitrous oxide cannisters and smuggled cigarettes.

The Licensing Panel also heard that the store, just a short distance from the University of Bradford, had become a hot spot for anti-social behaviour. And 21 boxes of nitrous oxide cannisters were seized in one raid on the business and a linked flat.

The meeting heard that Trading Standards had been informed the store was selling counterfeit cigarettes, and on October 19, 2022 during a test purchase an officer was able to purchase a counterfeit pack of cigarettes for £4 instead of the usual price of over £10

#### **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 Jimmy Stores, 97 Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1PS.**

**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 & Transport Services***

Chair

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

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