



Appendix B

By Email

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Date 19/06/17

RE: Representation under The Licensing Act 2003 (Buzz Wines Limited, 17 North Street Leighton Buzzard)

This representation is made with regards to the application made by Central Bedfordshire Council's Trading Standards Department for the review of the premises licence of Buzz Wines Limited 17 North Street Leighton Buzzard.

Bedfordshire Police fully support this application and wish to make the following representation under the Crime and Disorder objective under the Licensing Act 2003:

Buzz Wines Ltd has been a source of concern to the Police for a considerable period of time. Police have several pieces of intelligence which links the premises to the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 (an offence under S 147 A Licensing Act 2003) and also selling alcohol to street drinkers who are already drunk (an offence under S 141 of the Licensing Act 2003).

In addition to this Bedfordshire Police also hold intelligence to suggest that a named shop lifter is regularly stealing alcohol from shops in the Leighton Buzzard area and sell it to Buzz Wines to get money for cannabis (log CIRR00921100).

On 25th August 2016 in conjunction with Central Bedfordshire Council Trading Standards, Bedfordshire Police carried out a test purchase operation. On this occasion two under age police cadets were sold four cans of lager by a member of staff named [REDACTED]. The member of staff was issued with a fixed penalty notice by Pc Esther Read of the licensing team.

On the 28th March 2016 Mr Ahzir pleaded guilty to an offence of persistently selling alcohol to persons under age.

Mr Azhir has also been visited by the Police Licensing Officers who have spoken to him about supplying alcohol on credit to problem street drinkers. This is a practice he continues to do and it is the Police view that this is a contributory factor in the crime and antisocial behaviour which is prevalent in the vicinity.

On the 5th of April 2017 I was present at a meeting between myself, Imogen Best from Trading Standards and Mr Azhir where we discussed adding the following voluntary conditions to the premises licence:

1. Alcohol not to be supplied on a credit (tick) basis
2. No sales of single cans or bottles of beer, lager or cider will take place at the premises
3. No super-strength beer lager or cider 6.5% AB or above to be sold at the premises
4. Refusals log to be kept and maintained and to be produced to police on request.
5. CCTV to be installed and maintained to an acceptable standard with the footage to be retained for a minimum of 30m days and made available to police on request.

Mr Azhir initially agreed these conditions but changed his mind a short time later.

These conditions represent a real effort by Bedfordshire Police to work with Mr Azhir to deal with the highlighted problems and to enable him to promote the four licensing objectives. They are proportionate and reasonable in the light of the facts. Mr Azhir has shown no willingness to work with either Police or Trading Standards and it is the view of the police that the only other action would be to revoke the premises licence.

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