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**Meeting:** Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday 8th June, 2022  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** The Corby Cube, George Street, Corby


To the following members of the Licensing and Appeals Committee:  
**Councillors Jennie Bone, Dorothy Maxwell and Sarah Tubbs.**

Officers:

**Iain Smith, Assistant Director, Damian Wilkins, Health Protection Manager, Louise Delavaloire, Legal Representative and Pauline Brennan, Democratic Services Officer**

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## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 08 June 2022

Report Title	Application for a Review of a Premises Licence	
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Appendix A – Application Form

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#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To obtain the Committee's decision in respect of an application to Review a Premises Licence for Little Europe, 15, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

#### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 The application to review the Premises Licence was advertised in the normal way and received no representations. Following receipt of the application to Review the licence, it became apparent that the licence had been surrendered. There is therefore no longer any licence to review. There is no legislative provision for withdrawing an application to Review a licence or to dispense with the hearing.

#### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1 The Sub-Committee is recommended to note the report.

## **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1 An application to Review the Premises Licence held for Little Europe under the Licensing Act 2003, was received from the Police on 12th April. The application refers to the sale and storage of smuggled tobacco products. A copy of the application is included within Appendix A.
- 4.2 The application to Review the licence is on the grounds that the licensing objectives, as prescribed by Section 4(2) of the Act, are not being met. The relevant licensing objective is;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- 4.3 The application to Review the licence was advertised in the normal manner and did not attract any representations from other Responsible Authorities or Interested Parties.
- 4.4 The Licensing administration team received notification from the licence holder on 24<sup>th</sup> March stating that he surrendered the licence. Unfortunately due to resource shortages within the team, this notification was not shared with the licensing enforcement team and the Police until an acknowledgement letter was sent out on 14<sup>th</sup> April. A copy of this letter is included within Appendix B.

## **5. Issues and Choices**

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- 5.1 The Licensing Act 2003 does not include a provision for an applicant to withdraw an application to Review a premises licence once submitted. Therefore the application had to be administered and advertised in the normal manner. There is also no provision to dispense with a review hearing, even if all parties are in agreement that it is unnecessary. Therefore although there is no longer any licence in place to be reviewed, a hearing is still required to consider the matter.
- 5.2 Since there is no licence in place for the premises to review, Members are requested to note the report.

## **6. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **6.1 Resources and Financial**

- 6.1.1 There are no financial implications to the authority in relation to this report.

### **6.2 Legal**

- 6.2.1 The Licensing Act 2003 sets out how an application for a Review of a Premises Licence should be dealt with.

### **6.3 Risk**

- 6.3.1 None

### **6.4 Consultation**

6.4.1 As prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003, the application has been out for consultation to statutory consultees (Responsible Authorities) and any other persons for 28 days in the form of a notice displayed on the premises.

6.4.2 Following this consultation no representations were received.

**6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny**

6.5.1 None

**6.6 Climate Impact**

6.6.1 None

**6.7 Community Impact**

6.7.1 None

**7. Background Papers**

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7.1 Section 182 Licensing Act 2003 Guidance - it is a statutory obligation of the Sub-Committee to take into account the Government's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 before reaching a decision.

7.2 Statement of Licensing Policy - the Council will have regard to the policy when making a decision on applications made under the Act

*[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** Police Constable 0113 BRYAN

*(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**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>  Little Europe 15 Midland Road	
<b>Post town</b> Wellingborough	<b>Post code (if known)</b> NN8 1HA

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Mr Faraidoon MAROUF
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 14/02624/LAPNEW
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**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 PC 0113 D BRYAN Northamptonshire Police Wellingborough Police Station Midland Road Wellingborough Northamptonshire NN8 1HF
Telephone number (if any) 101 EXT 346309
E-mail address (optional) david.bryan@northants.police.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 ✓

**X**



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

I act on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Northampton shire, Mr Adderley. He has delegated responsibility and authorised me to act on his behalf regarding representations made by Northamptonshire Police to Licensing Authorities across the county of Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire Police call for the Review of the Premises Licence for Little Europe under the Licensing Objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

This Review relates to the sale and storage of smuggled tobacco products at the premise, this undermines the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

- 1) In December 2021, Northamptonshire Police (Licensing Department) were contacted by the Anti-Illicit Trade Operations Manager for Japanese International Tobacco (JTI) UK responsible for Western Europe.
- 2) JTI UK had received information that the sale of Counterfeit/Illicit Tobacco products were at high levels in Northamptonshire.
- 3) In response to this information JTI UK visited numerous retailers throughout Northamptonshire to establish if the information was correct.
- 4) Test purchases were undertaken at multiple premises with the Test Purchaser purporting to be a customer and asking whether 'cheap cigarettes' were sold.
- 5) All transactions were recorded, and any items purchased were exhibited with their integrity and continuity maintained to a criminal justice standard.
- 6) The majority of the purchased tobacco products have been examined by JTI UK specialist seizure and analysis staff, some items were JTI products, but duty had not been paid, the others were not JTI products but again had no duty paid or were possibly counterfeit. Either way these products were all illicit tobacco products, sales of these products in the UK are illegal.
- 7) Little Europe, Midland Road, Wellingborough was visited on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 and the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.
- 8) On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 a packet of 20 Richmond cigarettes were purchased for £5.00.
- 9) On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 two packets of 20 Winston cigarettes and one packet of 20 Richmond cigarettes were purchased for £19.00.
- 10) On the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 two packets of 20 Winston cigarettes were purchased for £13.00.
- 11) All the purchased products were illicit.
- 12) In response to the information that JTI UK supplied to Northamptonshire Police a compliance visit was conducted on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 by PC 113 Bryan and colleagues from North Northamptonshire Trading Standards Department, the premises was visited at approximately 11:00am.
- 13) On entering the premises there was one male customer present who was stood in front of the shop counter, one male member of staff was behind the counter, directly behind the member of staff was a door which had a keypad lock.
- 14) PC 113 Bryan identified himself and immediately walked behind the counter 'stuffed' halfway under the door was a black plastic bag, on looking inside it contained 6 packets of 20 L&M cigarettes, non duty paid. PC 113 Bryan seized the cigarettes and as he did he could hear what would be described as a commotion from behind the door. PC 113 Bryan asked the member of staff to open the door, the male entered an incorrect code initially but then on the second attempt the correct code was entered. As PC 113 Bryan entered through the door he noticed that the room had a staircase leading down to a basement at the far end of the room. PC 113 Bryan could hear a

person running down the stairs, he also ran down the stairs and when he got to the bottom he noticed a door that was closing, he went through this door which lead to an alleyway, as he entered the alleyway he could see a gate closing which lead onto Midland Road, he opened this gate and went through however Midland Road was busy with pedestrians so he could not identify who this person could have been. PC 113 Bryan exhibits three images taken of the room DB/1, DB/2, and DB/3, no other cigarettes legal or illicit were found on the premises.

15)PC 113 Bryan returned to the shop and spoke with the member of staff (details have been obtained and verified), the member of staff has the right to work in the UK and stated he was paid £10.00 an hour.

16)PC 113 Bryan then asked where the Premises Licence Holder Mr Faraidoon Marouf was, the member of staff stated that they had never heard of this person. PC 113 Bryan noticed that the Summary of the Premises Licence was part displayed on the wall behind the counter. PC 113 Bryan then removed page two of the summary and showed the member of staff the details of the Premises Licence Holder again the member of staff stated they had never heard of Mr Faraidoon Marouf.

17)I then asked the male member of staff, does the premises have CCTV, the member of staff stated that the cameras had been removed and the premises does not have CCTV. There is a condition on the Premises Licence that states 'CCTV will be in operation'. I exhibit images of the Premises Licence summary as DB/4 and DB/5.

18)A Companies House enquiry was made which shows that Little Europe Wellingborough Ltd, 15 Midland Road, Wellingborough is still an active company. However the Premises Licence Holder Mr Faraidoon Marouf resigned as the sole Director on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, a new Director was appointed on the same date a Mr Taha Rashed Hassan.

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

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

Please tick ✓

- 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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.**

**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  .....

Date  .....

Capacity **Northamptonshire Police Licensing Constable** .....

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

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**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.

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of **Paul McMAHON** ..... URN:

Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Anti Illicit Trade Operations Manager**

This statement (consisting of: .... 4..... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: **P.McMAHON** ..... Date: **29/01/2022**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am employed by Gallaher Limited / JTI UK, as the Anti-Illicit Trade Operations Manager for Western Europe, at their office at Virginia House, Weston Road, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 6GH. Gallaher Limited is a member of the JT International group of companies. Part of my role as an Anti-Illicit Trade Operations Manager includes identifying counterfeit and genuine tobacco products bearing trademarks owned by the JT International group of companies, including JT International SA and Gallaher Limited.

My employer has directed me to assist regulatory and enforcement bodies, upon their request, in matters relating to the illegal distribution and sale of tobacco products. I liaise frequently with regulatory and enforcement bodies advising on how to identify counterfeit and other illegal tobacco products.

In 2021 I received information that the sale of Counterfeit / Illicit Tobacco products were at high levels in Northamptonshire.

I tasked an independent service provider to visit numerous retailers throughout Northamptonshire to establish if this information was correct.

Test purchases were undertaken at multiple premises with the service provider purporting to be a normal customer asking if the shop sold 'cheap cigarettes'.

All transactions were recorded and any items purchased were exhibited with their integrity & continuity maintained to a criminal justice standard.

The majority of the purchased tobacco products have been examined by JTI specialist Seizure and Analysis staff who can produce expert evidence as to the authenticity of the recovered JTI branded products.

The service providers corroborated the initial information by identifying a significant number of retailers selling illicit tobacco products.

Several of the retail premises selling illicit tobacco were also selling alcohol and appeared to be operating as off-licences.

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....

As the sale of illicit tobacco is illegal and closely linked to serious organised criminality a number of these stores may be considered to be undermining one of the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003, namely “The prevention of crime and disorder”.

To support the licensing authority in assessing the potential risk of licensing premises engaged in illicit trade, I disseminated information to Northamptonshire Police Alcohol Licensing Team & North & West Northants Trading Standards.

**Little Europe 15 Midland Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HA** is a retail premises that sells alcohol and was visited on two separate occasions.

On the **10<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 & the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022** service providers entered **Little Europe 15 Midland Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HA** and undertook test purchases buying items from persons working behind the shop counter.

**10/09/21 1210hrs** – One (1) pack of 20 Richmond Cigarettes purchased for a total of £5.00.  
Exhibit EVE1/5086/10/09/21(2) refers as pictured.



Exhibit EVE1/5086/10/09/21(2) is not a JTI branded product, so I am unable to comment on its authenticity as a representative of the trademark owner.

I have visually examined the packaging which does not comply with current UK plain packaging legislation and does not indicate that UK Duty has been paid.

Open-source research conducted on the 29th January 2022 indicated that 20 Richmond Original cigarettes retail in UK Supermarket Asda at £9.75.

**30/09/21 1310hrs** – Two (2) packs of 20 Winston Cigarettes & One (1) pack of 20 Richmond Cigarettes purchased for a total of £19.00

Exhibit EVE1/5086/30/09/21(2) refers as pictured.

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....



The examination of the Winston Cigarettes within Exhibit EVE1/5086/30/09/21(2) indicates that there are Genuine products produced by the JT International group for sale in the Polish Domestic market. As they were not produced for sale within the UK market they do not comply with current UK plain packaging legislation and do not indicate that UK Duty has been paid. The recommended retail price for 20 Winston Blue cigarettes within the UK market is £10.60.

13/01/22 1205hrs – Two (2) packs of 20 Winston Cigarettes purchased for a total of £13.00 Exhibit EVE1/5086/1205/13/01/22 refers as pictured.



The examination of the Winston Cigarettes within Exhibit EVE1/5086/1205/13/01/22 indicates that there are Genuine products produced by the JT International group for sale in the Polish Domestic market. As they were not produced for sale within the UK market they do not comply with current UK plain packaging legislation and do not indicate that UK Duty has been paid. The recommended retail price for 20 Winston Blue cigarettes within the UK market is £10.60.

The Trade Mark **WINSTON** for cigarettes and tobacco products is owned in the UK by JTI International SA (a member of the JT International group of companies and an affiliate of Gallaher Limited).

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....



We very much welcome the valuable work Police and Trading Standards do in tackling the sale of illegal tobacco, despite the financial and resource pressures they face.  
This work is vital in safeguarding legitimate businesses and consumers.

The Intellectual Property Office’s report (Trading standards successes. IP crime and enforcement report 2019 to 2020. IPO, September 2020) on the enforcement activity undertaken by Trading Standards departments shows that cigarettes and tobacco remain their most investigated product group.

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) estimate that the sale of illegal tobacco products in the UK has resulted in a tax revenue loss of more than £47 billion since 2000 (Measuring Tax Gaps 2020 edition – tax gap estimates for 2018 to 2019. HMRC, July 2020). HMRC also acknowledges that the sale of illegal tobacco “damages legitimate business, undermines public health and facilitates the supply of tobacco to young people” (Tackling illicit tobacco: From leaf to light. The HMRC and Border Force strategy to tackle tobacco smuggling. HMRC/Border Force, March 2015).

It has been widely reported that illegal tobacco is linked to other forms of criminality. For example, an article in the Chartered Trading Standards Institute’s journal stated that “the illegal tobacco trade has strong links with organised crime and criminal gangs; many of the people smuggling, distributing and selling illegal tobacco are involved in drug dealing, money laundering, people trafficking and even terrorism.” (Elite sniffer dog threatened by gangs, Journal of Trading Standards, January 2019.)

A high percentage of tobacco seized by the authorities entering the UK is raw unprocessed tobacco which indicates a significant level of illegal counterfeit production within the UK.

In recent years, JTI has seen through the work of its Anti Illicit Trade Organization (AITO) that the UK had several active fulfilment (illegal production) houses often staffed by persons working & living terrible conditions of servitude.

Fulfilment houses are often HMO (House Multiple Occupancy) where Organised Crime Group’s (OCG’s) lodge persons to stuff low quality ungraded tobacco into counterfeit pouches in unsanitary conditions. Oppressed workers producing fake product in often appalling working conditions are what allows the OCGs to keep costs low and maximise their profit.

OCG’s invest in tobacco as they have the free unregulated connections to finance the criminal purchase of materials and labour. They have the well-established methods of concealment, smuggling routes, money laundering and the ability to use force to protect highly profitable criminal activity from criminal competitors.

Crime groups often use funds to finance the illegal tobacco trade which come from the sale of drugs, guns, and prostitution.

They also deploy the skills and modus operandi from those criminal activities in the illegal tobacco trade. The illegal tobacco trade seems to be in nearly every town which means organised crime is active in nearly every community.

Members of the public buying ‘cheap cigarettes’ unwittingly support regional, national and international OCG’s.

Therefore, I would respectfully suggest that the continued sales of illegal tobacco products from **Little Europe 15 Midland Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HA** acts as a contributing factor to tax revenue loss, damages legitimate businesses and encourages wider criminality.

Signature: ..... Signature witnessed by: .....

## WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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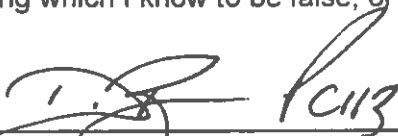
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Statement of: **David BRYAN**

Age if under 18 O/18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable 113

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Signature

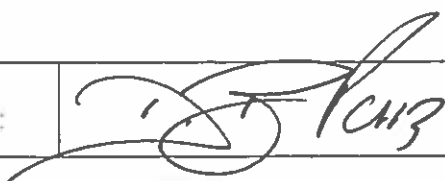

Date 18<sup>TH</sup> of March 2022Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am currently a serving Police Officer with Northamptonshire Police, I have been in the role of a Licensing Constable for the past 16 years and a Police Constable for 25 years. I have delegated responsibility from the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police to act on his behalf with regard to representations made by Northamptonshire Police to licensing authorities across the county of Northamptonshire.

This statement is in relation to a shop named Little Europe, situated at 15 Midland Road Wellingborough, NN8 1HA, the shop holds a Premises Licence for Off-sales of alcohol.

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 I was on duty in plain clothes in the company of colleagues from North Northants Trading Standards Department, at approximately 11:00am we all entered the premises Little Europe, as we entered I noticed a white male stood in front of the counter which was directly in front of me, behind the counter was a male member of staff no-one else was in the store. I identified myself and showed my warrant card, at the same time I walked behind the counter where the male member of staff was stood. Immediately behind the member of staff was a door and stuffed under the door was a small black plastic bag which I picked up, within the bag were 4 x 20 packets of L&M cigarettes which did not have any UK markings on them and were labelled in foreign packaging. The bag appeared to have been passed under the door from the otherside, I told the member of staff to open the door and as I said this I could hear the noise of a commotion taking place in the room beyond. The door was on a keycode lock system and the member of staff entered the wrong code initially, on the second attempt the door opened. I entered the room beyond and could see that it was a store room with little to no stock, at the far end of the room was a portable heater and a black swivel chair positioned in front of the heater, there were blue and black plastic

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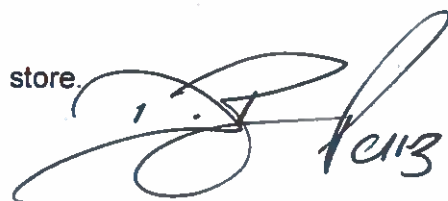
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bags situated nearby. I could hear noises of a person running down a staircase and beyond the chair was an open door which lead down to a basement store room. I ran down the stairs and as I got to the bottom I could see another door which was closing in front of me. I managed to stop the door closing and ran through into a yard which lead to an alleyway. I ran into the alleyway and again I saw a door which lead out onto Midland Road closing, I ran to this door and then onto Midland Road, however whomever it was that was running away I could not identify as Midland Road was busy with pedestrians. I returned into the shop via the front entrance the male customer was no longer there I then spoke with the member of staff, he gave his details and identification. The male had the right to work in the UK, he did not talk about the cigarettes or about the person who was in the store room. I asked him where the Premises Licence Holder was, the male did not know who the licence holder was, I located the Premises Licence Summary behind the counter and on page two showed the details of the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Faraidoon Marouf, the male again stated that he had never heard of this person. At this stage I noticed that there was only one visible CCTV camera that was above the front door and faced inwards towards the counter. I could see where CCTV cameras had been removed from other areas within the shop, I asked the male did the shop have a working CCTV system to which he replied no the cameras had been removed. I informed the male that there was a condition on the Premises Licence that CCTV will be in operation, he made no reply. Whilst I was dealing with the male my Trading Standards colleagues were dealing with the seized cigarettes and their associated paperwork the cigarettes were retained by Trading Standards, no further illicit tobacco products were discovered. Once all the relevant paperwork had been completed we left the premises and returned to Wellingborough Police Station.

I exhibit the following images;

DB/1, DB/2, and DB/3 from the rear store room area.

DB/4 and DB/5 are images of the Premises Licence Summary within the store.



Signature: 

Signature witnessed by:



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Correspondence address **15 Midland Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, NN8 1HA**

Role Resigned **Director**

Date of birth **January 1985**

Appointed on **27 April 2016**

Resigned on **7 October 2016**

Nationality **British**

Country of residence **England**

Occupation **Businessman**

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### **MAROUF, Faraidoon Abdullah**

Correspondence address **15 Midland Road, Midland Road, Wellingborough, England, NN8 1HA**

Role Resigned **Director**

Date of birth **July 1975**

Appointed on **7 October 2016**

Resigned on **29 June 2018**

Nationality **British**

Country of residence **England**

Occupation **Businessman**

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### **MENGHORI, Hazar Abdullah Rasool**

Correspondence address **15 Midland Road, Wellingborough, Northants, United Kingdom, NN8 1HA**

Role Resigned **Director**

Date of birth **January 1980**

Appointed on **8 April 2015**

Resigned on **27 April 2016**

Nationality **British**

Country of residence **United Kingdom**

Occupation **Businessman**

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**HASSAN, Taha Rashed**

Correspondence address **15 Midland Road, Wellingborough, England, NN8 1HA**

Role Active **Director**

Date of birth **July 1974**

Appointed on **29 June 2018**

Nationality **British**

Country of residence **England**

Occupation **Businessman**

**HUSSAIN, Rahil Tawfik**

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Trading Standards**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(Criminal Procedure Rules, Part 16; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9, Magistrates' Court Act 1980, s.5B)

**Statement of:** Jennifer Claire Mason  
(Name of Witness)

**Age of Witness:** (if Over 18  
over 18 enter "over  
18")

**Occupation of Witness:** Trading Standards Officer

This statement (consisting of page 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2022 (Signed):

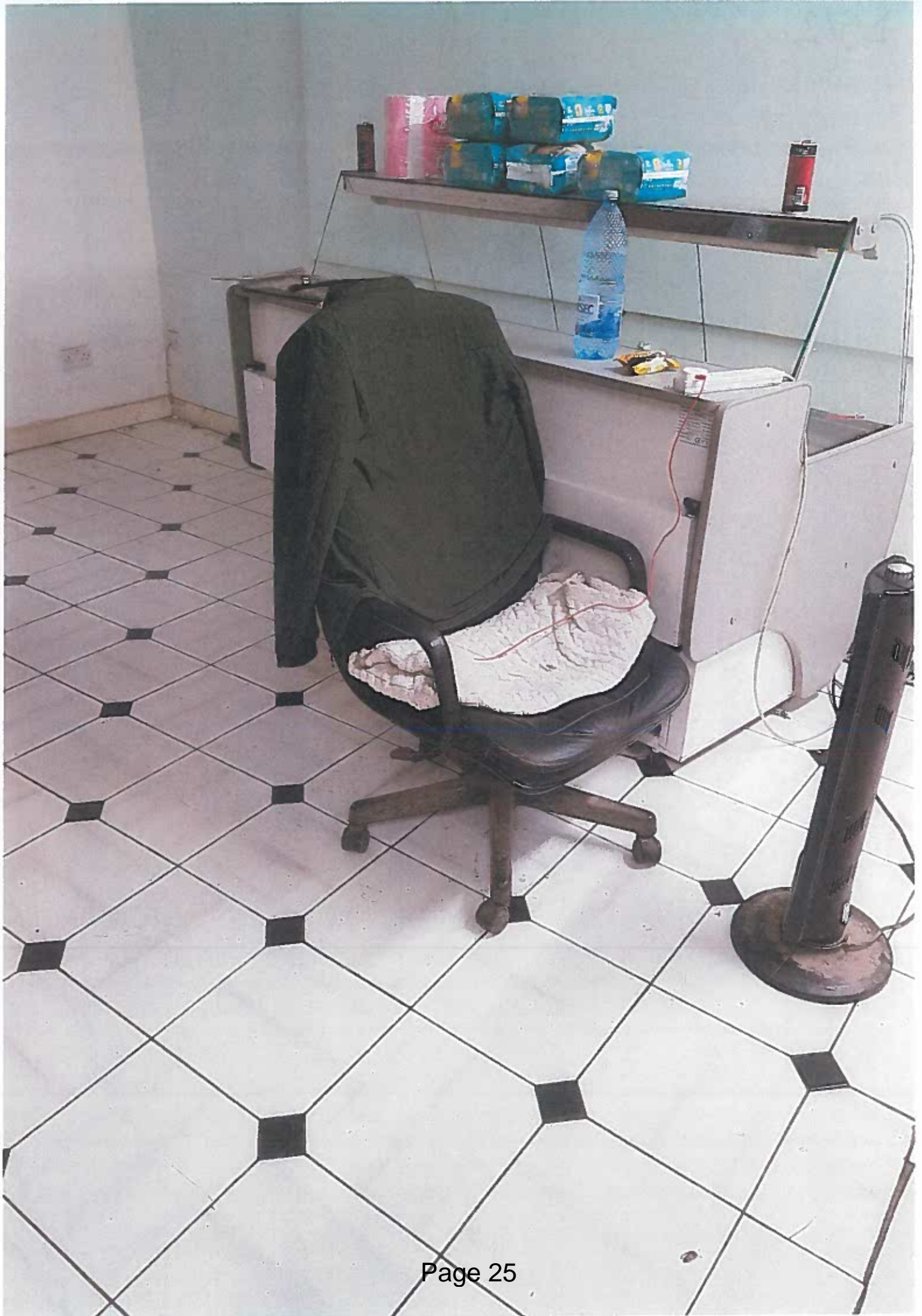
I am employed by North Northamptonshire Council Trading Standards Service as a Trading Standards Officer, based at Deene House, Corby. On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, accompanied by my colleague Luke TREWIN, we met with PC 113 BRYAN an Alcohol Licensing Constable with Northamptonshire Police. We carried out a joint inspection of Little Europe, 15 Midland Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1HA. The above colleagues and I entered Little Europe at approximately 11:15, where we introduced ourselves and showed our identification to the male behind the till area. PC Bryan went behind the till area and handed me a small black carrier bag which he had picked up off the floor I then noticed there was a gap between the door and the floor. PC Bryan tried to open the door behind the till, but it was locked and had a key code lock, PC Bryan asked the male to open the door which he did after two attempts to get the correct door code. PC BRYAN and Mr TREWIN went through the door and into a storeroom area. I followed shortly after, PC BRYAN advised me he could hear some movement from behind the door prior to him entering the storeroom. I then spoke to the male occupying the premises, at the time we entered, he gave me his name as Mr Sarwan Rasul HAMADI, he described himself to me as staff. Inside the bag that PC BRYAN handed me was 6 packets of 20 L&M Cigarettes, which I seized and produce as exhibit JCM/77251/1. I completed the necessary paperwork and handed copies of that paperwork to Mr

Continuation Statement of: **Jennifer Claire MASON**

HAMADI, PC BRYAN, Mr TREWIN and I then left the premises. The exhibits were then logged into the secure store.









Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Mr Faraidoon Marouf  
8 Dingley Court  
Peterborough  
PE3 7AL

Registered number of holder, for systems number, number charity number

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Part B

Premises Licence Summary

Borough Council of Wellingborough,  
Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP  
Tel 01933 231966  
[www.wellingborough.gov.uk](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk)

Premises Licence Number

14/02624/LAPNEW

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

Little Europe  
15 Midland Road  
Wellingborough  
Northamptonshire  
NN8 1HA

Telephone Number:

Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale of Alcohol  
Alcohol consumed off premises  
Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 23:00

The opening hours of the premises  
Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 23:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies  
Alcohol is supplied for consumption off the premises

Part 2

**Name, (registered) address of holder**

Mr Faraidoon Marouf  
8 Dingley Court  
Peterborough  
PE3 7AL

**Registered number of holder, for example  
(where applicable)**



Mr Faraidoon Marouf  
8 Dingley Court  
Peterborough  
PE3 7AL

Telephone: 01832 742102  
Email: [licensingunit.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:licensingunit.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk)  
Our Ref:  
Date: 14 April 2022

Dear Sir

**Licensing Act 2003: Surrender of Premises Licence**  
**Licence Number: 14/02624/LAPNEW Little Europe, 15 Midland Road,**  
**Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 1HA**

I am writing to advise that following receipt of your notice on 24/03/2022 the above premises licence is deemed surrendered.

You will now be removed from our invoicing system for future annual fee billing.

Please note, this letter does not waive any invoices for annual fees which may still be outstanding at point of surrender. If the due date for an annual fee invoice is prior to the date of surrender, you remain liable for the fee payment.

The Licensing Officer and the Police are aware that the premises licence for this premises has now been surrendered.

If you have any questions with regards this matter please do not hesitate to contact us by email to [licensingunit.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:licensingunit.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk) .

Yours faithfully

Julie Scott

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