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Kayathri RAMESHKUMAR
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49 Havelock Street
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SN1 1SD

Date 24/01/17

Your ref

Our ref

Reply contact name is PC Michael DIFFIN MBE Police Licensing Officer

Dear Kayathri RAMESHKUMAR,

RE – Application for Premise Licence Review Havelock News 49 Havelock Street Swindon

Please find enclosed Wiltshire Police application and evidence to review the premises licence at Havelock News under the Crime and Disorder Objective of the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael DIFFIN MBE
Police Constable 1630
Police Licensing Officer.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

**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 PC 1630 Michael DIFFIN MBE on behalf of the CHIEF CONSTABLE OF
WILTSHIRE POLICE

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Havelock News 49 Havelock Street	
Post town SWINDON	Post code (if known) SN1 1SD
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Kayathri RAMESHKUMAR 4 Forsey Close Swindon SN3 5DQ	
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 881140231LAPRE	

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 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

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 1630 Michael DIFFIN MBE
POLICE LICENSING OFFICER
SWINDON POLICE STATION GABLECROSS,
SHRIVENHAM ROAD,
SOUTH MARSTON,
SWINDON,
SN3 4RB

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This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

This application to review the premises licence for Havelock News is based on evidence which shows a breach to the licensing objective of:

Crime & Disorder - Failure to comply with and implement conditions on a premise licence. Offences under Section 136(1) Licensing Act 2003.

Crime & Disorder - Evidence from local business that the premise is failing to promote the Crime and Disorder Objective of the Licensing Act 2003.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

Re: Licence Review – Havelock News 49 Havelock Street, Swindon.

Havelock News is a Licensed Premises and operates under a premises licence (881140231LAPRE) issued by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) on 10th April 2014. The premises licence holder is Kayathri RAMESHKUMAR. The licence was issued in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 to allow the sale by retail of alcohol Monday to Wednesday 0800 - 2300hrs, Thursday to Saturday 0800 - 2000hrs and Sunday 1000 - 2200hrs. The premise opening hours are Monday to Saturday 0800 - 2300hrs and Sunday 1000 - 2230hrs.

The Designated Premises Supervisor(DPS) is Kayathri RAMESHKUMAR.

On the 31st January 2017 Police Licensing Officers attended Havelock News, 49 Havelock Street to conduct a licensing check at the location at the request of Swindon Borough Council Officers who stated that they had been receiving reports from local businesses of increased numbers of street drinkers in the area and the anti-social behaviour that they tend to attract. On entering the location there was a lone male working behind the till identified as Mohamed RASEEK, he stated that he was in the process of buying the business from the current owner who he stated was a Mr Sathananthan RAMESHKUMAR.

As a result of this check the following breaches of the conditions on the premise licence were discovered.

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As a result of complaints received in the area statements have been recorded from

Vince AYRIS the owner of Ayris Ltd 46 Havelock Street, outlines issues in the local area as a result of alcohol related Anti-social behaviour and the link of the supplying of this alcohol to Havelock News and the impact that this is having on the local area and his business.(Annex 2)

Jane JENNINGS the owner of JJ's Hair Group 41 Havelock Street outlines issues in the local area as a result of alcohol related Anti-social behaviour and the link of the supplying of this alcohol to Havelock News and the impact that this is having on the local area and her business.(Annex 3)

The above evidence shows a clear failure of the premise licence holder to ensure that the conditions on the licence are implemented and a clear failure to uphold and promote the Licensing objectives as such Wiltshire Police are asking for the premise licence to be revoked as there is a clear failure to uphold the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Children from Harm.

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before ☐

If yes please state the date of that application Day Month Year

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

Please tick yes

- 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, 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 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature



Date

24/4/17

Capacity Police Licensing Officer

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

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. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF
WILTSHIRE POLICE FOR A LICENSING REVIEW OF HAVELOCK NEWS 49
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STATEMENT OF Police Constable MICHAEL DIFFIN MBE

I, **Police Constable 1630 MICHAEL DIFFIN**, Police Licensing Officer, Licensing Department, Divisional Police Headquarters, Gablecross Police Station, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 4RB will say as follows:

1. I am a Police Licensing officer for Wiltshire Police and I have been in post since April 2015. My role is to gather and collate evidence around licensing issues.
Prior to this I was the Night Time Economy Manager for Swindon Town Centre. I took up this position in 2012 and held this post until early 2015. I have been a member of the Wiltshire Constabulary since 2001 and have served all of my time in Swindon Town Centre.
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Statement of Truth

I confirm that the contents of this statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed..........
PC MICHAEL DIFFIN

Dated.....24/4/17.....

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STATEMENT OF VINCE AYRIS

I, VINCE AYRIS OF VINCE AYRIS LIMITED, 46, HAVELOCK STREET, SWINDON, SN1 1SD STATE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. I am the owner of Vince Ayris Limited, a Cobblers shop whose premises are situated at number 46, Havelock Street, Swindon. I have been in business at these premises since 1998.
2. Save where the contrary appears, the statements in this witness statement are made from my own knowledge.
3. For approximately the past 12/18 months we have been plagued almost daily by a large group of mainly males and a few females who congregate outside of the shops in Havelock Street drinking alcohol. They also smoke 'weed' in full view of persons walking by.
4. This group also shout and swear loudly in the street, both amongst themselves and towards passers-by.

5. Some of this group ride around on their bikes and are constantly preventing customers from entering shops in the street.
6. Several of the group, especially the males are always approaching shoppers asking for change. When the persons refuse they become extremely abusive towards them.
7. I have heard numerous shoppers offer them a sandwich instead of monies but they normally say they want the cash for vodka.
8. Approximately 4 weeks ago Brunel News which is situated at number 2D, Havelock Square was closed down. This shop had a licence to sell alcohol but the owner was very strict and refused to sell the local drunks alcohol.
9. Since the premises closed down the situation in Havelock Street has become far worse because the owner of Havelock News is supporting the drunks by selling bottles of vodka and single cans of strong alcohol to them.
10. The drunks are constantly going in and out of the shop buying 1 can of strong Polish beer at a time. Once they have finished that drink they go back in again and buy another with monies that they have obtained by begging.
11. This group normally arrive in the street around 8/9am and are still there when I leave my premises at 5.30pm.
12. The owner of Havelock News is always selling alcohol to the males even if they are drunk.
13. Over the past few months namely 2.22pm on the 15th March 2017 and 2.24pm on the 5th April 2017 there were 2 quite serious fights between this group.
14. During the afternoon of Saturday 15th April 2017 I was looking out the front window of my shop when I saw a youth outside with a small bottle of vodka and a plastic bottle of coke. I then saw him almost empty the bottle of coke and fill it up with the vodka.

15. He then continued drinking and approximately 90 minutes later I again saw him with a small bottle of vodka and a plastic bottle of coke. He then again almost emptied the bottle of coke and filled it up with vodka.
16. Lots of the group do this all the time so that when the Police attend they say they are only drinking coke.
17. On at least 3 occasions I have spoken with the owner of Havelock Stores and asked him to stop selling alcohol in single cans to the drunks. He always says that he will but never does. He is just paying lip service to me.
18. Other shopkeepers in Havelock Street are constantly complaining to me regarding the group in the street and the anti-social behaviour issues they cause.
19. Over the past few months numerous customers have approached me and told me that they are very scared of this group and don't like coming into the town centre as they feel so intimidated by them.
20. I believe this group definitely effect not only my trade but that of other shops in the area.
21. All of this has caused my customers, my staff and me a great deal of alarm, distress and harassment. I also fear for our safety. This behaviour needs to be stopped as soon as possible in order to prevent any further damage, worry, trauma or anguish.
22. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.



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Vince Ayris

Dated this 20th day of April 2017

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF WILTSHIRE
POLICE FOR A LICENCE REVIEW OF HAVELOCK NEWS, 49 HAVELOCK STREET,
SWINDON SN1 1SD.

STATEMENT OF JANE JENNINGS

I, JANE JENNINGS OF JJ's HAIR GROUP, 41, HAVELOCK STREET, SWINDON, SN1 1SD
STATE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. I am the owner of JJ's Hair Group whose salon is situated at number 41, Havelock Street, Swindon. I have been in business at these premises since October 2005.
2. Save where the contrary appears, the statements in this witness statement are made from my own knowledge.
3. For approximately the past 2 years we have been plagued almost daily by a large group of mainly males who congregate outside of the shops in Havelock Street drinking alcohol. They also smoke 'weed' and other drugs including Class A drugs such as heroin in full view of persons walking by. They are always jacking up in the nearby garages and back alleys.

4. This group are constantly shouting and swearing loudly in the street, both amongst themselves and towards passers-by.
5. Several of the group, especially the males are always approaching shoppers asking for change. They even bang on our window asking for money.
6. The drunks are constantly going in and out of Havelock News buying 1 can of strong beer at a time. Once they have finished that drink they go back in again and buy another with monies that they have obtained by begging.
7. This group can be in the street at any-time of the day. They are even in the street late in the evening when we close on a Thursday at 8pm. My staff are very terrified and intimidated of this group and I have instructed them to lock the door in the late evenings when they are around. They are still there when we leave my premises at 8pm.
8. The main cause of the problem in this street is the proprietor of Havelock Stores. He is always selling alcohol to the males even if they are drunk.
9. Other shopkeepers in Havelock Street are constantly complaining to me regarding the group in the street and the anti-social behaviour issues they cause.
10. Since this group have been congregating in Havelock Street numerous customers have approached me and my staff and told me that they are very scared of this group and don't like coming into Havelock Street as they feel so intimidated by them.
11. I believe this group definitely affect not only my trade but that of other shops in the area.

12. All of this has caused my customers, my staff and me a great deal of alarm, distress and harassment. I also fear for our safety. This behaviour needs to be stopped as soon as possible in order to prevent any further damage, worry, trauma or anguish.
13. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.


Jane Jennings

Dated this 28th day of April 2017

