Supplementary Papers for Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: Wednesday, 4 June 2025



Hillside Stores 289 Kinson Road Bournemouth BH105HE Please find below supplementary documentation submitted on behalf of the Premises in respect of this item.

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REVIEW APPLICATION – HILLSIDE STORES

SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER

Introduction

Although this application is brought by Dorest Police, the reality is that it concerns an allegation that the premises employed an "illegal worker". As members will have seen from the papers, many of the facts are disputed but before addressing those, I respectfully submit that there are several "red herrings" that should be discounted entirely before proceeding further.

It is perhaps of note that although the Immigration Service would have been perfectly entitled to bring this application for Review themselves, they have chosen not to do so and further, that the application is only brought some 5 months after the incident complained of.

Members are reminded that in making their decision, they should take into account the circumstances as they stand at the time of the hearing.

The "red herrings"

The dog

Quite why this is even mentioned is something of a mystery to me but is irrelevant.

The NO2 cannisters

There is no suggestion that these were being offered for sale and my client has offered a perfectly good explanation as to their presence (in connection with a legitimate business that he previously ran). Trading Standards appear to have no issue with this.

Alleged breaches of Licence conditions

These allegations are largely made by the Immigration Service and do not bear up to scrutiny:

Challenge 25 posters were displayed in accordance with the Licence There is no requirement to display the full licence – a summary is all that is required and that was displayed – visits by the Licensing Authority confirm that this and other requirements were complied with.

The offering of a bottle of (expensive) vodka as a "community raffle prize" is not a breach of the condition requiring alcohol to be sold at less that the complicated formula mandated by the mandatory conditions.

There is no requirement to have a "Licence on display by the till" nor

Was it a requirement not to have "a vape within easy reach of the countertop" - No! .

The Lottery Terminal

Thanks to the Immigration Service, my client has lost a valuable source of income despite there having been no proper investigation. This is not directly relevant to any of the Licensing Objectives but is a matter to be taken into account in determining what steps the Licensing Authority should take now.

The Licensing Objectives

It seems that no issues are brought regarding:

<u>Public Nuisance</u> <u>Public Safety</u> The Protection of Children from harm

The only objective that is engaged is that of <u>Prevention of Crime and Disorder</u> and even then, there is no suggestion of any disorder associated with the premises nor come to that, any "crime" other than the allegation of employing an illegal worker (an "overstayer as opposed to someone what entered the country illegally).

We accept that it is not the role of the Licensing Sub-Committee to determine whether or not my client employed a person who had no right to work in the UK and that this is something that will (eventually) be determined by the Court proceedings that my client has initiated.

The issue is simply what steps it would NOW be appropriate for the Licensing Authority to take to promote the Licensing Objectives given that the review was only commenced some 5 months after the "trigger incident" and that is now almost 6 months ago.

As things stand, my client:

- 1. Faces a fine of £40,000 (which he is challenging)
- 2. Has lost his Lottery franchise
- 3. Is fully compliant with the terms and conditions of his licence
- 4. Has incurred significant legal fees in defending his position

Despite what might be said by the Police regarding the viability of the business, if he were to have his Licence revoked, the reality is that the business would no longer be viable and local residents would be deprived of a much-needed convenience store.

It would, I respectfully submit, be both unreasonable and disproportionate to either revoke the licence or to remove my client as the DPS and, given the existing conditions attached to the Licence, the appropriate course is to do nothing.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT Claim Reference: M00BH220

BETWEEN: Sujeevan Muralimohan - Hillside Store Ltd (Claimant) -and-

The Government Legal Department (Defendant)

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUJEEVAN MURALIMOHAN

I, Sujeevan Muralimohan, of

make the

following statement in support of my claim. I am the holder of a Personal Licence since 2011, with no previous infractions or concerns noted on my record. The matters set out in this statement are within my own knowledge unless otherwise stated, and where so stated, I believe them to be true.

1. Incident Overview

On 7 November 2024, at 12:11 PM, my convenience store, Hillside Store, was visited by officers from the Home Office Enforcement Team. As recorded on their arrival form (EXHIBIT 1). I was on shift from 8:00 AM and was present at the premises at the time of the raid.

Upon entry, the officers proceeded to the rear of the premises where they encountered acknowledged their presence. He was then escorted by two officers to the front till area. Subsequently, he was pulled out and physically manhandled in a way that falsely depicted him as resisting arrest or attempting to fleeclaims which are entirely fabricated (EXHIBIT 2).

2. Treatment of

was arrested on suspicion of overstaying his visa. The investigation was conducted in English, a language that does not speak fluently. Despite me informing the officers of this, they proceeded without an interpreter. During the course of was intimidated into falsely admitting he was employed at my questioning, store—a statement he clearly denies in the CCTV audio recording (EXHIBIT 3).

Furthermore, the officers forcefully unlocked his mobile phone without consent. No evidence was recovered to suggest any link between and my business.

I repeatedly requested that the officers refrain from physically harming and that they move him outside the store to avoid disrupting business, as customers were entering. Following this, the officers turned their attention toward me and began asking irrelevant and accusatory questions relating to my Personal Licence-despite there being no Licensing Officer present to validate or assess my responses.

Questions included:

- "What do you do when training staff?"
- "What protocol do you follow when selling alcohol?"

I was informed I would receive a follow-up call for an interview, which never occurred. Instead, my informal remarks were **misrepresented** and used as **falsified evidence**, alleging that I had trained which is categorically untrue.

Despite offering access to my **CCTV footage** to confirm my presence on shift, the officers declined. They instead requested access to the flat above the premises to verify whether resided there. I explained that I had no involvement with the flat but nonetheless facilitated access by speaking to the tenants. A thorough search was conducted and **no evidence** was found linking to the property.

was removed from the premises after approximately two hours and was later released from custody. His official statement, taken **with the assistance of an interpreter**, made **no reference to my store** whatsoever (EXHIBIT 4).

3. Reputational and Financial Harm

Following this incident, my business and I were **unjustly reported** to several external authorities, including:

- Allwyn Lottery
- RSPCA
- Bournemouth Council
- Fire and Safety Services

Each of these authorities conducted follow-up visits. All, except Allwyn, concluded their assessments with **no concerns** and **no further action**. However, **Allwyn suspended my lottery services without conducting a proper investigation**, in direct contravention of their protocol. Despite repeated efforts to defend my position and prove my innocence, Allwyn permanently **cancelled my services**, which has had a **significant negative impact** on my business revenue (EXHIBIT 5).

The cancellation was solely based on **inaccurate and misleading information** provided by the Home Office Enforcement Officers and the outcome of the **civil penalty appeal**, which was itself based on false grounds.

In response to further allegations by the Enforcement Team made to Allwyn, I categorically deny any involvement in the sale of counterfeit cigarettes or nitrous oxide. If such an offence had occurred, I respectfully submit that the appropriate procedure would have been for the Enforcement Officers to seize the alleged stock and for Trading Standards to initiate an investigation or follow-up action, which did not take place.

As for the novelty vodka bottle, this item was part of a yearly charity raffle held at the store. During prior inspections, including those conducted by officials from Bournemouth Council, no concerns were raised in relation to this item or the raffle itself.

I strongly dispute the claim that the Premises Licence was not displayed at the time of the visit. This allegation is untrue. The licence has been prominently displayed at the premises for several years. In fact, it was the officers themselves who removed it from its position during the course of their questioning.

I am thankful to have had access to CCTV footage from the incident. Without it, I would not have been able to demonstrate the facts accurately or defend myself against the false claims made in relation to these events.

I am also deeply concerned about the information that was reported to Allwyn and used in support of the civil penalty—specifically, the claim that was working at the store on certain days and at specific times.

These assertions are entirely unfounded, and I am left questioning the origin and legitimacy of such claims, which have caused me significant distress and reputational harm.

I have completed the formal complaints procedure against the Home Office, and the matter is currently under review by the Independent Complaints Examiner for the Home Office (EXHIBIT 6). The response to my complaints were contradictive and changing.

Additionally, I have raised concerns regarding the officers' failure to follow proper protocol, including their omission in identifying themselves upon arrival and their failure to inform me of my legal rights during the encounter.

4. Fabricated Statement

A statement was allegedly taken from at the time of his arrest. I have been informed that this statement was signed **without the presence of an interpreter** and under pressure. This document was then used to falsely implicate me, despite being entirely inaccurate and uncorroborated by any credible evidence.

5. My Relationship with

first approached me **in early 2024** seeking employment. Although his documents at the time appeared valid, I declined to hire him due to his **limited English**, as customer service is a key priority in my business.

On a second occasion, when his immigration status was found to be invalid, I again refused employment. Instead, I offered humanitarian assistance by providing food, some clothing, and a lift to the train station.

He returned once more claiming he had left his documents in my car. However, in **April 2024**, my property was **burgled** while I was away with my family and my car was **stolen**. I explained this to him while we were chatting and having a cigarette outside the back of the store. It was during this conversation that the Home Office officers arrived and carried out the enforcement action. Incident reference number for burglary :

6. Conclusion

The conduct of the enforcement officers, both during and after the visit to my store, has caused me **severe mental distress** and **serious financial hardship**. I believe the actions taken against me were **unfounded**, **procedurally flawed**, and **disproportionately harmful**.

In conclusion, this entire incident has caused serious and lasting damage to both my personal reputation and that of my business. Photographs of the store and the enforcement action were taken and circulated on social media, further compounding the reputational harm. Additionally, misinformation reported to various authorities has led to financial losses for my business and has caused immense emotional distress to me, my family, and our newborn child.

All of this could have been avoided had the officers followed proper procedures or, at the very least, reviewed the CCTV footage which clearly shows who was working that morning. I must reiterate that was neither arrested while working nor found behind the counter in any capacity that could reasonably suggest he was employed at the premises.

A key point in this matter is that the civil penalty was issued without any substantive grounds or evidence that was employed at my store. This action appears to be the result of a failed enforcement mission, and instead of acknowledging their error, the officers involved appear to have tried to justify the operation by fabricating and misrepresenting facts to implicate me. I am deeply disappointed by the apparent misuse of authority demonstrated by the officers involved, and by their continued refusal to acknowledge or take responsibility for the errors made during the course of their actions.

I respectfully request that the court consider the evidence I have provided and acknowledge the impact these events have had on my personal and professional life.

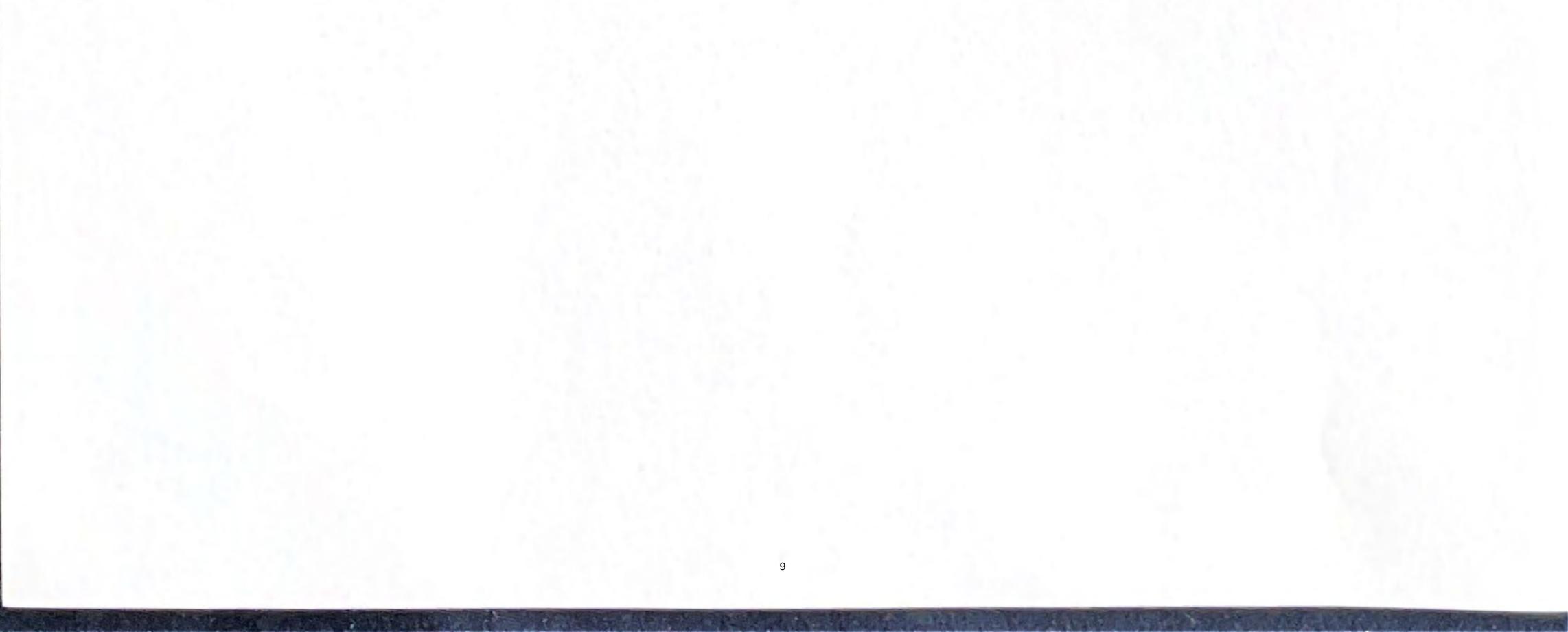
I respectfully request that the Court cancel the civil penalty issued against Hillside Store, as it is unsupported by credible evidence and has been challenged by the factual and substantiated material presented in this statement and accompanying exhibits.

Furthermore, in light of the significant financial and emotional hardship this matter has caused me and my family—despite my full compliance and cooperation—I seek any financial compensation the Court deems appropriate to help me recover and continue supporting my family.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: __



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S.V.D.L.No. 734/B1/2003 Shoolagiri, Krishnagiri Dt,

AFFIDAVIT

Residing at

.Do hereby solemnly

affirm and state on oath as follows

22.05.2025

- 1. That, I am Deponent Herein in this Affidavit.
- 2. That, I completed my 12th class in the year 2021 and for the higher studies I went to Swansea University, Scotland for the course B.Sc (Finance) and I was searching for an part time job in the beginning of 2024 and through my friend I got an information of an job and I got trainee appointment in that in Premier Shop in Bournemouth and the shop owner also knew Later in training provided by the shop owner in that I was rejected because my

English was not good at that time my BRP was in live.

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- 3. That, After three months later on March 2024, I went back to the same shop in search of job because owner was an well known person to my friend at that time shop owner verified my BRP and it was not in live. So, shop owner advised me to go back to my hometown in India. Later that he came to railway station to drop me to travel to my stay place by his car and by mistake I left all my original documents in the shop owner's car.
- 4. That, some days later in the April 2024.I was thinking of to go to my hometown in India and at that time only I recognized that I left all my original documents in that shop owner's car and I Immediately contact him through call but it was not reachable. So, I contact the shop and they said he is on vacation to his hometown Sri Lanka he will be back in couple of days.
- 5. That, After some days also I could not contact him so on 7th Nov 2024 I straightaway went to his shop for my original documents at that time only he said that when he was in his hometown for vacation his car was stolen in UK and my original documents was also missing and both were discussing about how to get back my original documents at that time shop owner went out the shop for an smoke and I was in store room and suddenly Home Office Persons came and I came out from store room and without any explanation they threaten me and man handled me to accept that I work in that shop and forcibly took me the upstairs house and threaten me to accept that I work here and stay here only and they arrested me forcibly man handled me without any explanation by me or shop owner.
- 6. That, Later they took me to police station and without giving me any chance to explain the situation they told to sign some papers and it was in English so I ask what are all these papers and why should I sign in these papers for that they told it's all just for formalities so sign in it and I signed by compulsion by the officers without knowing the paper's details and asked for an translator because I was not good in English to explain the papers details and my situation but they did not do that and they threaten me to keep quiet.
- That, Police said I accept that I work in that shop. So, during the interview I asked for that acceptance photo age because the whole station is surrounded with the CCTV cameras but they refuse to produce that to me.

8. That, after that I filed a case and came out, solved all the problems in my hometown and applied for a White Passport and got the same and came to my hometown in India.



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- That, My statement can be confirmed by reviewing CCTV at the Police Station that no interpreters were present or neither was I given time to read the statement to my knowledge.
- 10. That, I give full authority to access my case details from Home Office which can confirm my statement for the interview done with Interpreter.
- 11.That, I am ready to explain my entire situation in the shop and Police Station through video call or video conference if it is needed by the concern authority.
- 12.That, all the above content has been translated and explained me in Tamil and I accept the same and signed.
- 13. That, the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

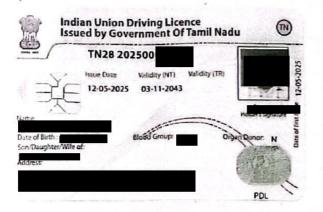
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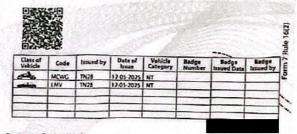
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From: Philip Day < Sent: 02 June 2025 13:42 To: GOSLING Gareth 2551 <.Licensing <<u>licensing@dorset.pnn.police.uk</u>>; Sarah Rogers -Licensing < Cc: Laceys Solicitors Licensing <<u>Licensing@laceyssolicitors.co.uk</u>>; Sarah Rogers -Licensing < SUJEEVAN MURALIMOHAN < Subject: Hillside Stores Licensing Review (MU300/2)

Dear Sgt Gosling and Mrs Rogers

Sgt Gosling: I have been trying to telephone you to follow up on previous emails and to attempt mediation but understand that you may not be available until the morning of the hearing. I had hoped that you would let me have the additional information requested in advance of the hearing itself but if you are unable to do that, I reserve the right to seek an adjournment (although that is something I would like to avoid if at all possible).

Looking at the Premises Licence, I now recall that it was I who drafted the original application (and the conditions set out in Annex 2). However, times have moved on and having regard to the matters raised in the review application, I propose this matter be disposed of by amending the conditions as follows:

Amend condition 2.1 so that it reads:

"A digital CCTV system shall be installed and then maintained in good working order. The system shall cover all public parts of the premises and externally, the entrance to the premises. Recordings shall be maintained for a minimum of 30 days. Facilities shall be made available for authorised officers to view recordings immediately on request and to be provided with copies of recordings in playable format as soon as is reasonably practicable, provided that any request to view recordings or to be provided with copies is complaint with Data Protection legislation. The PL:H, DPS or other senior manager shall check the CCTV system on a weekly basis and make a written record of any fault which must be rectified as soon as possible".

Delete condition 2.3 ("loss leader sales") as this is now covered by the mandatory conditions introduced in 2014 following the original grant of this licence.

Amend condition 2.7 so that it reads as follows:

"The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 policy so that any person attempting to purchase alcohol who appears to be under the age of 25 shall be required to produce photographic ID in one or other of the forms specified by the mandatory conditions before being served."

Replace conditions 2.8 and 2.9 with the following:

"All staff concerned with the sale or supply of alcohol shall receive training on restricted sales (i.e. to persons under 18 and persons who are intoxicated) and the terms of this licence before they commence their duties. Refresher training shall be undertaken at least annually. Written records shall be maintained of all staff training, kept on the premises and made available for inspection by authorised officers on request".

Amend condition 2.10 so that it refers to Challenge 25 signage (as opposed to Challenge 21).

For the avoidance of doubt, we would not agree:

Revocation or suspension of the licence.

Removal of the DPS.

Any variation to permitted activities nor permitted hours.

We would however be open to discuss any further amendments to the licence that the Police might request.

Mrs Rogers: Please can you include this email with the papers for members of the subcommittee, together with the skeleton argument that I attach.

Both: Please acknowledge safe receipt.

Regards

Philip

Philip Day Consultant Solicitor

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From: GOSLING Gareth 2551 Sent: 02 June 2025 15:24 To: Philip Day .Licensing <<u>Licensing@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk</u>>; Sarah Rogers - Licensing < Cc: Laceys Solicitors Licensing <<u>Licensing@laceyssolicitors.co.uk</u>>; SUJEEVAN MURALIMOHAN < BUSFIELD Louise 8952 < Subject: RE: Hillside Stores Licensing Review (MU300/2)

Good Afternoon,

This is the first opportunity that I have had to look at any of the vast amounts of correspondence and evidence that has been submitted to Dorset Police today. I have yet to review all of the materials due to other commitments and will unlikely do so until late afternoon tomorrow owing to other commitments.

A request has been sent to HM Immigration to assist with the enquiries made by Mr Day, however, the Officer in Charge is on Annual Leave and not due to return until Wednesday, when they are taking a break from their annual leave to hopefully be in attendance at the hearing. They may not be able to provide the full details requested by Mr Day within such a short timescale. The reasonableness of seeking mediation 2 days in advance of the hearing, expecting an immediate response and then suggesting that an adjournment might be sought will be for the members of the Sub-Committee to determine.

Dorset Police have been available for mediation for several weeks and have had some contact with Mr Mulalimohan in that time.

Dorset Police can confirm that there have been no visits since the date of the visit made by HM Immigration. I'm unsure whether it is relevant as to whether any other responsibility has conducted visits as only Dorset Police have made a representation.

The addition/amendment of conditions that are unrelated to the concerns that have been highlighted are of limited benefit and as Mr Day has made his position clear in respect of alternative disposals, I can see no starting point or likelihood of successful mediation in this matter, though we welcome any proposals that will address the concerns identified.

Finally, Dorset Police have been available for mediation and have served no new evidence other than to respond to the document that Mr Muralimohan submitted following receipt of the Review Application. Dorset Police note that CCTV evidence is being produced <u>2 days</u> in advance of the hearing in addition to a variety of other documentation which will take significant time to review. Any response to the submission of Mr Day may occur shortly before the hearing.

Regards,

Gareth





Police Sergeant

From: Philip Day
Sent: 02 June 2025 16:38
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Subject: RE: Hillside Stores Licensing Review (MU300/2)

Dear Sgt Gosling

With the greatest of respect, there has not been a "vast amount of correspondence and evidence that has been submitted to Dorset Police today". I have sent you CCTV footage which was referred to by my client in earlier correspondence and which confirms his earlier statements; his response to the additional statement that you provided to him on Thursday last week (which in turn refers to my client's email of 23rd April), two other documents (an affidavit and a copy of a Court Order) a skeleton argument and a mediation proposal. I would add that the links to the CCTV footage were in fact sent to you on Friday last week and I am sorry that your systems prevented you from downloading the same – as soon as you told me that, I sent the same in a different format.

My client has made it clear for some time that he does not accept what the Immigration Officers have to say and a request for their notes of interview is not unreasonable (but we can do without those if need be as I accept that it is not for the sub-committee to determine whether or not he committed an offence under the Immigration legislation).

I note what you say regarding mediation but given your stance - repeated in your additional material served on Thursday last and in this email chain - it is perhaps unlikely to succeed

unless perhaps you suggest what steps my client might be able to take to "address the concerns identified" (beyond those that I have sought to address).

I also note that the Police have not undertaken any further visits but the Licensing Authority have kindly confirmed that they have visited and found no breaches of licence conditions or other matters of concern. They have also confirmed that Trading Standards have no concerns (regarding the NOS containers, the "raffle" etc.).

This is relevant in that the sub-committee are entitled if not indeed obliged to take into account any matter of concern (or lack thereof) that might have arisen since the review proceedings were instigated and that is particularly relevant here given the assertions made both in the original application and the document you served last Thursday regarding alleged breaches of licensing conditions (all of which are denied).

I appreciate the constraints on your time and your workload. However, my client's livelihood is at stake here and having (unsuccessfully) attempted to deal with the matter himself, he cannot be blamed for making a (belated) decision to seek legal advice.

I would only add that if, instead of a long email exchange you could have found the time to telephone me, we could at least have agreed to narrow down the issues that the subcommittee will need to consider on Wednesday. In this respect, I trust that my skeleton argument is of assistance and perhaps you would do me the courtesy of letting me have sight of whatever it is that you intend to say at the hearing?

Regards

Philip

hillside stores 289 kinson road

To the respected committee members,

I am writing to you with a very heart and as a last hope that justice will be served for the following reason :

I have been severely punished for the offence I have not committed.

I would to stress on the point that no illegal immigrant was working at the store. I have been paying my taxes promptly and regularly. An arrest has taken place on the 7th of November but the individual was not arrested while working or in the retail area but home office is falsely accusing me. I would like to kindly bring to your attention that I have filed a case against home office which is with the Bournemouth County Court and I am waiting for a trial date.

As how Seargent Gosling Gareth suggests on his email dated 29th May 2025 " *I would* suggest that the focus of the hearing be in on licensing act 2003 concerns and not personal issue relating to the individual **alleged** to have been working at the premises"

Note

The dispute, if an illegal immigrant was employed or not, is the core issue in this case which is currently waiting trial but in the meanwhile statements of the police and Home office state in the public domain that he was employed which is misleading and unlawful. After damages have been done, the individual is now been referred to as alleged worker.

I would like to respond to the later dated 29th May 2025 which includes the repeated points of Officer Fiona Smythe:

The officers have been giving different versions of why force was required and non of them are true as you can see in the CCTV Footage. Fiona Smythe states " The use of force was necessary as view by officers involved; the individual had to attempt to assault my colluge immigration officer (IO) GREATBANKS in the face and had failed to stop using his phone despite being asked several times. Additionally, he refused to step out from behind the counter . Handcuffs were applied as he has attempted to harm an IO and he was considered as potential flight risk escaper."

Please refer to the CCTV FOOTAGE to analyse if a force was needed in the first place or if any assault was even attempted.

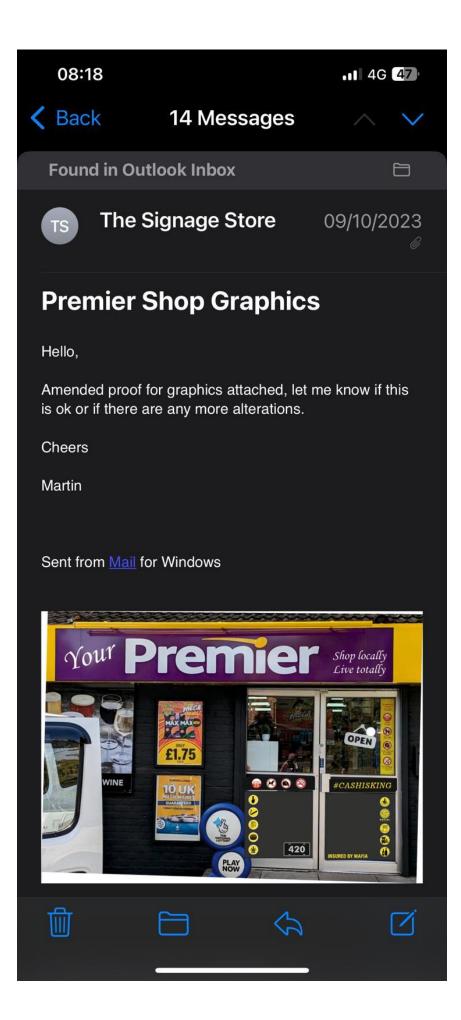
"2.10. Challenge 21 Signage (for example notices asserting "no proof of age - no sale" and "think 21") shall be displayed in prominent positions throughout the premises, including in particular at or near the till point, shop entrance and in areas where alcohol is displayed. Other than such signage, a notice stating the opening hours of the shop and such signs as may be required by law (for example the "No Smoking" sign), no notices or signs shall be attached or affixed to the entrance to the premises

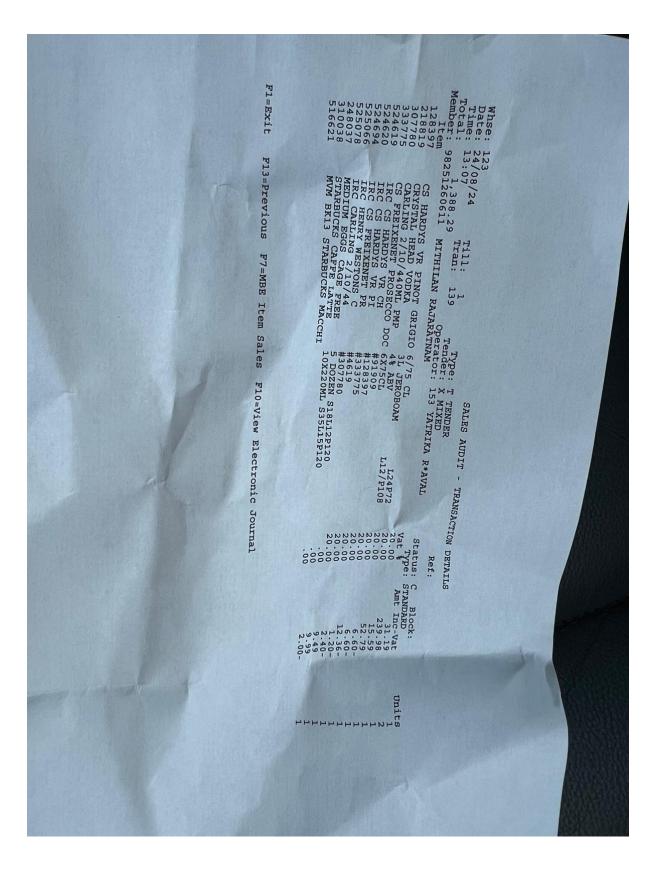
whenever the same are open so as to maintain as good an external view as possible. The photographs that I took at the time clearly show there was no Challenge 25 signage whatsoever on any of the coolers, which is "in areas where alcohol is displayed". All of my photographic images that I took at the time are contained within my Digital Pocket Notebook and are dated and timestamped. I do not understand what MURALIMOHAN is referring to regarding No Smoking signage or shop opening times, and what is supposed to have been fabricated as Officers have made no mention of this in any statements during or after this visit. There is reference to the No Smoking and Opening Times

in the Licence, so it may refer to that, but it was not of concern to Immigration."

This is what I mean by fabricated and exaggerated accusations and it shocks me how they can get away with such a false statement. The store only has ONE COOLER and the evidence submitted by the IO and Seargent Gosling Gareth clearly show at least one sign of Challenge 25 which contradicts with Fiona Smythe's statement that no signs were displayed whatsoever. My opening hours of the store, no smoking sign and challenge 25 sign are displayed at the store entrance and the sign board. Please see photo evidence taken in 2023 for social media purposes and email exchange between me and signage company will confirm that Fiona Smythes statements are fabricated.



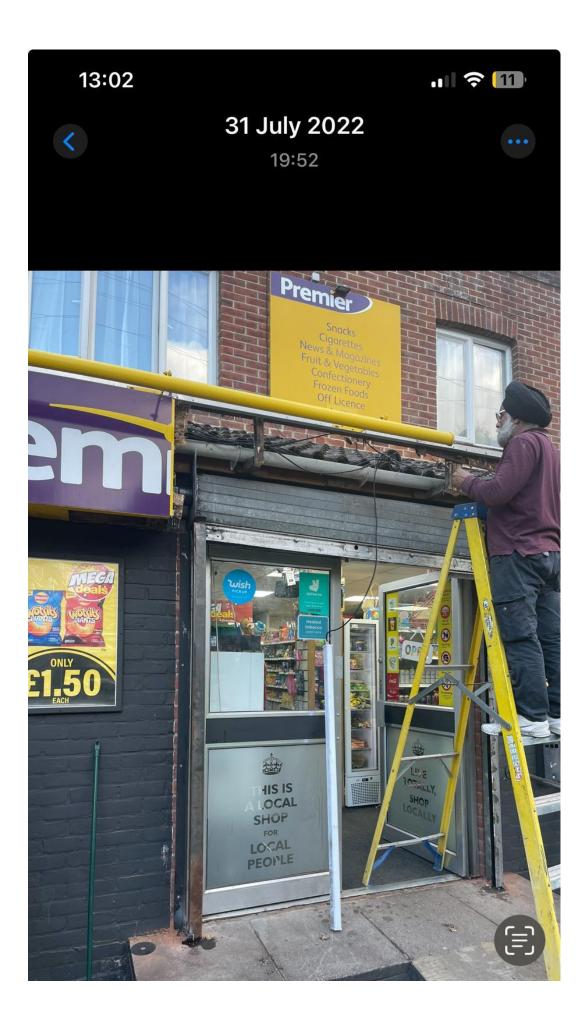




Skull Vodka and AU gift hamper accusations:

IO states its not bought from a legitimate company, bought from Costco which could have been confirmed with a little research before accusing an innocent mall business owner and the cost price being \pounds 120 as retail price is not necessary in this as it was for a raffle and not sale. If their concern really was about following the licencing, I can confirm the bottle was not displayed at the entrance or near the door.





Finally, I would like to address the major accusation of selling drugs and this accusation was made without any investigation or interview and reported to other authorities such as Allwyn and Bournemouth Echo which has cost me my reputation I build over the last 15 years. Now the IO and Gosling Gareth are stepping back from their statement and pushing this onto the shoulders of Trading standard. Such a serious life threatening issue should have been dealt with in first instance and sooner rather than 6 months on and no actions have been taken. If it was an referral then the IO should have let Trading standard do their job and release a statement rather than spreading speculations to third parties public and committee members.

Kind note committee members : The Gas was used by the Take Away 289B Kinson road and the stock was not within the premises license area, the IO trespassed into an area I had no right to access.

Out of the 8 pages only 2 refer to the concerns of the Licencing act 2003 which I have clarified and proven as fabrication but happy to cooperate if any further clarification or evidences are needed. Rather then taking accountability for the failed raid they are ruining a Families livelihood.

Thank you very much for your time in this matter.

Kind Regards

Sujeevan Muralimohan

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