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Dear All

I am instructed by Mr Gopalasingham Rajithkumar who, with his wife own and operate Grooms Newsagents at 2 Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth. The business is, as the name suggests, a newsagent and convenience store and sells alcohol and tobacco. Mr Rajithkumar reports that in recent months, a number of his customers have asked him for "cheap cigarettes" (meaning cigarettes that have been illegally imported). He does not and never has sold such cigarettes or tobacco but has noted a significant drop in his trade as those customers who asked for "cheap cigarettes" have not then bought the legitimate tobacco products offered by Grooms Newsagents. He did not know where these cigarettes could be bought until he became aware of the review application.

We note that the police assert that "there is known to be significant damage to local businesses who rely on sales of genuine tobacco to be sustainable". Groom's Newsagent is one such business and for that reason, Mr Rajithkumar wishes to fully support the view of the police that this is a particularly serious matter that undermines the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder and that the Licensing sub-committee should give serious consideration to revoking the licence.

Yours sincerely

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