

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday 20th June 2006

at 2.00pm

in Committee Room B

MEMBERS: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Griffin, Jackson and Morris

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. ITEMS FOR DECISION**
 - 3.1 Kullar News - *Head of Public Protection and Housing*

Licensing Act 2003

Procedure for Hearings

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a representative of the Democratic Services Section shall establish the identity of those present, who they represent and who intends, or wishes to speak.

1. The Chair's opening comments, including introduction of Members of sub-committee and officers present. Explanation of the decision to be considered.
2. Head of Public Protection and Housing outlines the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
3. Members ask any questions of the Head of Public Protection and Housing.
4. Applicants present their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
5. Questions by Members to applicant and/or applicant's witness.
6. Representations by responsible bodies and/or interested parties and witnesses introduced where appropriate.
7. Questions by Members to responsible bodies/interested parties and/or their witnesses.
8. Parties may question and clarify issues raised with the consent of the Chair.
9. If required, responsible bodies/interested parties to be given opportunity to sum up.
10. If required, the applicant to be given opportunity to sum up.
11. Members to have the opportunity to clarify any points raised. The Chair shall ask whether all parties are satisfied they have said all they wish to.
12. Members to go into closed session to deliberate.
13. Chair informs parties of their decision, with reasons.

Report of: Head of Public Protection & Housing

Subject: APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE – KULLAR NEWS, 122 WEST VIEW ROAD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for the review of a Premises Licence in respect of Kullar News, 122 West View Road, Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Party requesting review: Trading Standards
- Premises to which application for review relates: Kullar News
122 West View Road
Hartlepool

- 2.2 The current licence authorises the following activities: -

Supply of Alcohol (Off Licence)	Monday to Saturday	0800 – 2300
	Sunday	1000 – 2230
	Christmas Day	1200 – 1500
		1900 – 2230
	Good Friday	0800 – 2230

- 2.3 A copy of the Premises Licence is attached as Appendix I.

3. SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION

- 3.1 Trading Standards has requested a review of the Premises Licence on the following grounds: -

‘On 21st September 2005 the licensed premises supplied alcohol to a child of fourteen years of age.

Supplying alcohol to children can have a serious impact on anti-social behaviour in an area and be a nuisance to residents.

Selling alcohol to children can also place that child at risk, both in terms of their health and personal safety.'

3.2 Trading Standards has also provided the following additional information: -

'On 21st September 2005 the Trading Standards team conducted a covert test purchasing exercise using two fourteen year old volunteers.

The exercise involved supervision of the children as they attempted to purchase alcohol from off-licensed premises.

The children entered this premise during the evening of the 21st September 2005 and purchased two alcoholic beverages.

The sale was recorded on covert video camera. Proof of age was not requested by the staff member.

The store is owned by Tirath Singh Kullar and the licensee is Harvinder Kaur.

The wife of Tirath Singh Kullar, Narinder Kullar was successfully prosecuted for the offence contrary to Section 169A of the Licensing Act 1964.

Mrs Kullar was fined £250 for the offence and ordered to pay £440 in costs.'

3.3 A copy of the Application for Review is attached as Appendix II.

4. **ISSUES**

4.1 An application for the review of a licence is made under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application must be made by either a Responsible Authority or Interested Party as defined by the Act. Trading Standards is a Responsible Authority.

4.2 The application must also relate to at least one of the Act's 'licensing objectives'. These are: -

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm

4.3 The application has been advertised in the prescribed manner and two representations have been received.

4.4 The Head of Hartlepool Borough Council's Safeguarding and Review Unit, the competent body responsible for matters relating to the protection of children from harm, has made the following representation, which is also attached as Appendix III: -

‘In respect to the four licensing objectives, under the category of protecting children from harm, the implications of supplying alcohol to a minor places the child at risk, both in terms of their health and personal safety; alcohol can have a serious impact on anti-social behaviour in an area and be a nuisance to residents.’

- 4.5 Cleveland Police have made the following representation, which is attached as Appendix IV: -

‘Hartlepool Police have had significant problems with the irresponsible sale of alcohol to minors followed by the inevitable consumption and the disorder problems that follow.

Every weekend substantial police resources are deployed to tackle this problem. This has a number of consequences; police response times and resources are stretched to deal with under age drinkers who can neither take it nor hold it, often become aggressive, intimidate residents and people going about their lawful business and are often responsible for low level crime which has a deleterious impact on the quality of life for the law abiding majority.

Putting profit before tranquillity is neither sensible nor conducive to the public good.’

- 4.6 Following consideration of the application, relevant representations and any comments of the licence holder, Members may take such steps as they consider necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

- 4.7 The steps are: -

- To take no action;
- To modify the conditions on the licence (this may include altering or omitting an existing condition or adding a new condition);
- To exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- To remove the Designated Premises Supervisor;
- To suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- To revoke the licence.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That Members consider the representations made by the applicant, responsible authorities and licence holder and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

Appendix I

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THE LICENSING ACT 2003

PREMISES LICENCE (PART A)

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Premises licence number **HART/PS/022**

Part 1 - Premises details

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

Kullars News
122 West View Road

Post Town Hartlepool Post code TS24 0BN

Telephone number 01429 422032

Where the licence is time limited the dates

N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Alcohol Sales

Off-Licence

The time the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Alcohol Sales

Off-Licence

Monday – Saturday	0800 – 2300
Sunday	1000 – 2230
Christmas Day	1200 – 1500
	1900 – 2230
Good Friday	0800 – 2230

The opening hours of the premises

At the discretion of the licensee

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Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies	
Off Sales	
Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence	
Mrs Harvinder Kaur 122 West View Road Hartlepool TS24 0BN Tel: 01429 422032	
Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)	
N/A	
Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol	
Mrs Harvinder Kaur 122 West View Road Hartlepool TS24 0BN Tel: 01429 422032	
Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol	
HART/PL/029 Hartlepool Borough Council	
Date licence granted: 14 th July 2005	

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ANNEX 1 – Mandatory Conditions

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-

- a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
- b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence

ANNEX 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

1. Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied for Off Sales, except during permitted hours

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises, unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
- (b) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
- (c) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
- (d) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;

2. Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.

ANNEX 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

None

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ANNEX 4 - Plans

See attached

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Appendix II

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**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 Neil Harrison on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council Trading Standards Team
(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

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

122 West View Road, Hartlepool.

Post town Hartlepool

Post code (if known)

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

Harvinder Kaur

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

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 ☐
- b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises ☐
- c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises ☐
- d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises ☐

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) ☒

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below) ☐

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(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 Trading Standards Team, Hartlepool Borough Council. Civic Centre, Hartlepool TS24 8AY
Telephone number (if any) 01429 523567
E-mail address (optional) neil.harrison@hartlepool.gov.uk

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

On 21st September 2005 the licensed premises supplied alcohol to a child of fourteen years of age.

Supplying alcohol to children can have a serious impact on anti-social behaviour in an area and be a nuisance to residents.

Selling alcohol to children can also place that child at risk, both in terms of their health and personal safety.

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

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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

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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 *Neil Ham*

Date 24th April 2006

Capacity Trading Standards 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.

Copies of this completed application form must be sent to:-

The Licensing Team (HBC),
 Principal Trading Standards Officer (HBC)
 Development Control Manager (HBC)
 Principal Environmental Health Officer (Commercial Services) (HBC)
 Principal Environmental Health Officer (Environmental Protection) (HBC)
 Head of Safeguarding and Review (Licensing) (HBC)
 Cleveland Police,
 Cleveland Fire Brigade

Addresses for the above organisations are attached.

The Licensing Section
 Public Protection and Housing
 Hartlepool Borough Council
 Civic Centre
 Victoria Road
 Hartlepool
 TS24 8AY

Appendix III

Jayne Kreczak/HBCDomino To licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk
05/05/06 09:47 cc
 bcc
 Subject Fw: Review of Licence - Kuller News 122 West View
 Road

Jayne Kreczak
Licensing Department

Tel: 01429 523336

----- Forwarded by Jayne Kreczak/HBCDomino on 05/05/06 08:57 -----

lookedafterchildren/HBCDomino To Jayne Kreczak/HBCDomino@HBCDomino
Sent by: Lorraine Hutchinson cc
02/05/06 13:49 Subject Re: Fw: Review of Licence - Kuller News 122 West View Road [Link](#)

Hi

The Safeguard and Review Unit have received a copy of the above review.
The Head of this Unit Ann McMorris wishes to comment on the above: _

The trader of the above premises was caught selling alcohol to minors.

In respect to the four licensing objectives, under the category of protecting children from harm, the implications of supplying alcohol to a minor places the child at risk, both in terms of their health and personal safety; alcohol can have a serious impact on anti-social behaviour in an area and be a nuisance to residents:

The recommendation from the Safeguarding and Review Unit is to revoke the licence

Thanks
Lorraine Hutchinson
LAC Clerk
Children Services
Municipal Buildings
Church Square

Ext: 01429 523843
Fax: 01429 523905

Jayne
Kreczak/HBCDomino To Anthony.Green@cleveland.pnn.police.uk
 cc pbradley@clevelandfire.gov.uk, hpfs@clevelandfire.gov.uk, Paul

Appendix IV



"GREEN, Anthony \P0442\)"
 <Anthony.Green@cleveland.p
 nn.police.uk>

03/05/2006 09:35

To <Licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk>

cc

bcc

Subject RE: Review of Licence - Kuller News 122 west view road

Jayne

Hartlepool Police have had significant problems with the irresponsible sale of alcohol to minors followed by the inevitable consumption and the disorder problems that follow.

Every weekend substantial police resources are deployed to tackle this problem. This has a number of consequences; police response times and resources are stretched to deal with under age drinkers who can neither take it nor hold it, often become aggressive, intimidate residents and people going about their lawful business and are often responsible for low level crime which has a deleterious impact on the quality of life for the law abiding majority.

Putting profit before public tranquillity is neither sensible nor conducive to the public good. I trust that any measures imposed are sufficiently punitive to act as a deterrent to further offending.

Tony

From: Jayne.Kreczak@hartlepool.gov.uk [mailto:Jayne.Kreczak@hartlepool.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** Licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk
Sent: 02 May 2006 16:37
To: GREEN, Anthony (P0442)
Subject: RE: Review of Licence - Kuller News 122 west view road

Tony

You should have received an application from Neil Harrison, Trading Standards officer for a review of the licence for the above premises. I believe it is regarding under age sales.

regards
 Jayne

Please reply to this e-mail with your comments (licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk)

"GREEN, Anthony \P0442\)" <Anthony.Green@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>

28/04/06 15:58

To <Licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk>

cc

Subject RE: Review of Licence -